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Utah Population Estimates Committee

MINUTES
December 8, 2000
10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Committee Members

Present:

Natalie Gochnour,	Chair
Walter Busse,	LDS Church
*Jeffrey Duncan,	Utah Dept. of Health
Scott Festin,	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ken Jensen,	Dept. of Workforce Services
Patricia Johansen,	Utah Office of Education
Pam Perlich,	Bureau of Econ. & Bus. Res.
Jim Robson,	Utah Foundation
Blake Smith,	Questar Gas
Mike Toney,	Utah State University
Tom Williams,	Utah Tax Commission

Staff:

Neil Ashdown, GOPB
Peter Donner, GOPB
Lisa Hillman, GOPB
Lance Rovig, GOPB
Robert Spendlove, GOPB

Absent:

Brad Barber
*Barry Nangle, Utah Dept. of Health
Ross Reeve, GOPB
Courtney White, Utah Board of Regents

* Jeffrey Duncan filled in for Barry Nangle at the UPEC meeting

Welcome and Introductions - Natalie Gochnour, Committee Chair

I. Approval of November 24, 1999 Minutes

Ken Jensen made a motion to *approve the November 24, 1999 minutes*. Mike Toney seconded the motion. The motion passed.

II. Census 2000 Update

A. Response Rates

The response rates to the 2000 Census have been better than expected. They surpassed the rates recorded in the 1990 Census. The increase rate of response is attributable to efforts from the Census Bureau, state and local governments, and from various interest groups throughout the state.

B. Count Review

The Census Bureau program of reviewing and clearing 2000 Census data for release is proceeding very well. The program is approximately half finished, but the next few months will be very important as the final numbers, in the format that they will be presented to the public, will be reviewed by GOPB staff in Washington, DC.

III. Evaluation of Methods Used to Produce State and County Estimates

Peter reported on a plan to evaluate the methods that have been used to produce state and county population estimates during the decade of the 1990s. A subcommittee will be formed to consider the current methods, along with any methods that can be used in the future.

IV. Consideration of 2000 State and County Estimates

Because of the slated release of 2000 Census data on April 1, 2001, any population estimates that are produced at this point will have a very short shelf life. The data may also cause problems if data users confuse UPEC 2000 estimates with Census 2000 counts. For this reason, a list of UPEC staff recommendations was proposed to address the situation (See Attached). The staff recommendations present a timeline for the analysis of 2000 Census data and for the development of subsequent population estimates in the near future.

Mike Toney made a motion to *accept the UPEC staff recommendations as presented to the committee*. Scott Festin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attachment

UPEC Staff Recommendations December 8, 2000

1. Agree upon July 1, 2000 State and county estimates for testing purposes only (Winter 2000)
2. In the interim, endorse CEA short-term state forecast (2,156,000), and UPEC 1999 county estimates (Winter 2000)
3. Receive State and county-level 2000 Census population counts (April 1, 2000)
4. Prepare intercensal estimates (Spring 2001)
5. Reconvene UPEC to finalize intercensal (including 2000) estimates (Spring 2001)
6. Test methodology and evaluate accuracy (Summer 2001)
7. Employ methods in developing 2001 estimates (Fall 2001)