

**Regional Data Advisory Committee
Working Groups & User Groups Status
April 1, 2025**

Working Groups:

Cybersecurity Working Group

Staff Lead: Dave Dixon

Goal 5: SECURE & PROTECT -- Promote renewed focus on the security and resilience of systems and data through best practices and policy reviews with local governments and other stakeholders in the region.

Quarterly Update Summary: The Working Group supported one session on cybersecurity basics at Data Day 2025, which was well received and reasonably well attended. Cyber Ohio members released and shared out information on Aggregate Pricing Guide for cybersecurity services to MORPC's Board in February. The Group is currently developing a plan to roll out OC3's cybersecurity "First Aid Kit" and monthly "Cyber Tip of the Month" content intended to provide education and opportunities for further engagement, especially from resource-constrained local governments.

RDAC Discussion Item: How much value would your community or organization find in receipt of a steady stream of brief cybersecurity tips vetted by industry experts, intended to be shared with your community or stakeholders?

Updates:

- Working Group switching strategy to sharing information, resources, and funding opportunities out, as opposed to focusing on drawing members in to sign up for more in-depth one-on-one consultation. To date a total of six organizations have engaged after the kickoff event last Fall.
- Paul Kamenan with ODAS has stepped down from the Working Group but offered to remain a resource for future collaborations.
- MORPC's Strategic Director of Technology, Matika Fields, will be facilitating the Cybersecurity Working Group beginning next month.

Data Day Working Group

Staff Lead: Jordan Inskeep

Goal 1: CONVENE & COLLABORATE -- Foster value-added interactions among local governments and other stakeholders to enhance the use of data through robust sharing of best practices, analytics, and research in support of improved data-driven decision making in our region.

Quarterly Update Summary: Planning for Data Day 2026 is underway. The Working Group is still looking for individuals who are interested in being part of the planning process, NO EXPERIENCE WITH DATA REQUIRED. We are also beginning to identify themes and potential keynote speakers. See below. Any other questions or suggestions regarding Data Day, please contact Jordan Inskeep jinskeep@morpc.org.

RDAC Discussion Item: We would like your input on themes and keynote speakers. Let's discuss: What makes a theme or a keynote speaker a good one? Please take a few minutes to fill out [this form](#) or go to <https://forms.office.com/r/LQ1z4MLNMC> or scan the QR code.



Updates:

- Beginning planning for Data Day 2026.

DEI & Data Working Group

Staff Lead: Dave Dixon

Goal 4: *EXPAND & INCLUDE -- Identify barriers and provide solutions to improve inclusive and equitable data access across our region.*

Quarterly Update Summary: Three equity-centered sessions were facilitated or presented by Working Group Members at Data Day. Overall session attendance and feedback were positive. The Group has discussed the pros and cons of generating original content, and is considering different project types for next steps, with one contender being to leverage data to identify opportunities to improve underserved communities' access to greenspace and trails. The Group is also recommending a name change to the "Data for Access and Opportunity" Working Group.

RDAC Discussion Item: Feedback on the potential new name, and potential next project is most welcome.

Regional Data Coaches Working Group

Staff Lead: Raj Roy

Goal 1: *CONVENE & COLLABORATE -- Foster value-added interactions among local governments and other stakeholders to enhance the use of data through robust sharing of best practices, analytics, and research in support of improved data-driven decision making in our region.*

Quarterly Update Summary: The Working Group launched two Office 365 listservs, "Regional Data Coaches" and "Regional GIS Coaches," at Data Day, with 41 individuals signing up as of this report. The listservs were promoted at RIDG and COGUG meetings using QR codes, with ongoing efforts to create engaging content. Additionally, the Working Group hosted its first 2025 outreach pop-up event at the Columbus Metropolitan Library – Parsons Branch on March 20, and continues to develop plans for future outreach activities.

RDAC Discussion Item: What strategies or recommendations does RDAC suggest for sharing content and resources to ensure that the listservs remain active and engaging? Specifically, are there particular types of content, communication practices, or resource-sharing methods that RDAC finds most effective?

Updates:

- The Working Group launched two distinct Office 365 listservs, "Regional Data Coaches" and "Regional GIS Coaches," at Data Day. As of this report, total 41 individuals have signed up for the lists.
- MORPC staff added new members to corresponding listserv, pairing account creation with the welcome email to ensure new members receive instructions immediately upon joining. The WG discussed ensuring compliance with the CAN-SPAM Act for easy opt-out options, potentially using a support ticket system for opt-outs.
- Members promoted the Working Group and the listservs at RIDG and COGUG meetings using QR codes for easy sign-up. The WG discussed the need to gather or create content for group communication to keep the listserv members engaged. The Members and MORPC staff already posted contents to both listservs.
- The Working Group hosted the first 2025 pop-up event for community outreach at Columbus Metropolitan Library- Parsons Branch considering adequate parking availability on March 20 from 10 am -11.30 am. Members continue to work on outreach plans for 2025.
- Next Working Group meeting will be held April 3.

Workforce Tracking Working Group

Staff Lead: Adam Porr

Goal 3: SCALE & SUPPORT. Support a holistic approach to how the region captures and evaluates job quality data and equity gaps in the workforce system, empowering local governments and workforce boards to pursue coordinated strategies toward better employment outcomes.

Quarterly Update Summary: We developed a draft [set of job quality “fact sheets”](#), each focused on a different job quality standard, which provides context, data, and links to other resources related to that standard.

RDAC Discussion Item: We recognize that job quality is a complex topic and that different organizations wishing to promote quality jobs have different interests and constraints. Consequently, the “fact sheets” are intended to serve as general references as well as models which could be adopted or adapted by organizations to serve their unique purposes. Thinking about the organization you represent and the interest it has in job quality, do you feel that the fact sheets could be useful to your organization either as-is or as a starting point for a derivative resource?

Updates:

- We revisited who our target audience should be and what our form our product should take.
- Our target audience will be institutions which engage with employers (rather than employers themselves), notably workforce development boards, economic development organizations, and local governments.
- Our first product will be a series of “fact sheets”, each focused on a different job quality standard, which provide context, data, and links to other resources related to that standard. We created [drafts of five such fact sheets](#) focused on living wage, comprehensive benefits, schedule predictability, safety and security management, and amplifying labor force participation, plus an overview document.
- Two of our Group Members traveled to Miami in February for the Results for America Job Quality Fellowship convening. They sought feedback on our work from the other participants and learned about the work of those participants.
- On March 20, the Group will discuss the feedback and other lessons learned, after which we will revise our project plan to reflect the knowledge we’ve gained and our revised scope.

User Groups:

Central Ohio GIS User Group

Staff Lead: Cheri Mansperger

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Quarterly Update Summary: We had a very well-attended meeting on February 26. Notes from the meeting can be found here: [02-26-25-COGUG-Notes-FINAL.pdf](#) The next meeting is May 21.

RDAC Discussion Item: No items to discuss with RDAC

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Quarterly Update Summary: Previous RIDG meeting – February 12, 2025, hosted students from The Ohio State University in the Master of Translational Data Analytics program. They discussed their plan for analyzing parcel data from Delaware County’s auditor for property tax productivity; "value per acre." Their discussion included how they addressed challenges that arose during data exploration and analysis. Their work is informed by prior art conducted by the firm Urban3 that has shown built environment developed prior to the proliferation of the automobile tends to produce much more tax revenue per acre than auto-oriented development and also costs less for provision of municipal services. Consequently, pedestrian- and transit-oriented development patterns tend to be more fiscally sustainable for communities. Additionally, newer and wealthier neighborhoods tend to be subsidized by older, poorer, and sometimes “blighted” neighborhoods.

The next RIDG meeting will be on May 14, 2025. Staff is currently discussing with RDAC Chair Christina Drummond on presenting at the next meeting. The proposed topic is:

While APIs, Persistent Identifiers (PIDs) and standardized metadata facilitate impact data use at scale, substantial time and human resources are required across legal, privacy, and data teams to authorize, track, normalize, compile, and link sensitive metrics received from an ever-increasing number of platforms and services.

In this presentation, Christina Drummond will highlight outputs and lessons learned from \$1.3 million of Mellon and National Science Foundation R&D investment that has advanced a neutral, global data intermediary infrastructure to facilitate machine actionable impact data sharing between parties, supported by compliance and trust controls. Foundational research and results from a national infrastructure workshop will be summarized, prior to an introduction of the OA Book Usage Data Trust’s efforts to develop and pilot a minimum viable “International Data Space” in line with emerging European requirements for certifiable data-intermediary infrastructure. Christina Drummond will introduce the emerging Dataspace Protocol and provide history around its Reference Architecture Model, prior to noting how both are being adapted for use by scholarly communications stakeholders seeking to exchange more granular, sensitive metrics in a more timely fashion to support higher quality analytics.

RDAC Discussion Item: Future topics for meetings: Does anyone have a topic they would like to learn or hear about? Does anyone have a project or data work they want to showcase themselves or can make the connection/ introduction?

Updates:

- Need to work on RIDG Charter to propose/get a consensus on moving forward with a relaxed Steering Committee & RIDG (co-)Chair(s).