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NOTICE OF A MEETING
REGIONAL DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
100 Liberty Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

SPECIAL MEETING

March 7, 2023, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

AGENDA

- 2:30 – 2:40** **Welcome** – *Chair Brad Ebersole*
- 2:40 – 3:45** **Regional Data Agenda Update Working Group**
- 3:45 – 4:00** **Next Steps / Feedback**
- 4:00 pm** **Adjourn**

Please notify Lynn Kaufman at 614-233-4189 or lkaufman@morpc.org to confirm your attendance for this meeting or if you require special assistance.

The next RDAC Meeting will be Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 1:00 pm @ MORPC.

William Murdock, AICP
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Hybrid Meeting

Regional Data Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

May 9, 2023

Members Present

- Liz Curtis, ESC of Central Ohio
- Council Member Christina Drummond, City of Powell
- Chair Brad Ebersole, Consolidated Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Bill LaFayette, Regionomics
- Doug McCollough, City of Dublin
- Kier Scott, Workforce Development of Central Ohio
- Rick Stein, Urban Decision Group

Staff Present

- Kerstin Carr
- Dave Dixon
- Ethan Hug
- Lynn Kaufman
- William Murdock
- Adam Porr

Meeting Called to Order at 2:30 pm.

Welcome

Regional Data Agenda Update Working Group

Chair Ebersole and Dave Dixon introduced the updated draft of the Regional Data Agenda. The current draft aligns with other MORPC agendas (e.g., Sustainability, Public Policy) and incorporates measurable outcomes. A prioritization process was used to identify high-impact objectives, while a “future roadmap” preserves other valuable ideas for later implementation.

The agenda is organized around five activity categories:

Convene and Collaborate

- Priorities: regional partnerships, community engagement, and information sharing.
- Roadmap items include: DEI learning community, public-private partnerships, and smart mobility insights.
- Objectives are not mutually exclusive; many overlap to promote collaboration across sectors.

Educate and Inspire

- Priorities: addressing bias, exploring AI applications, and inspiring novel analytics.
- AI discussion included concerns over bias, misinformation, and lack of centralized expertise.
- A Member emphasized regional coordination on AI to avoid fragmented efforts.
- Roadmap items: data literacy, state of regional data, and capacity-building programs.

Scale and Support

- Top objective: tracking job quality and equity, followed by general support and evaluation of pilots.
- Focused on piloting initiatives and supporting scalable projects.

- Emphasis on sustaining successful pilots long-term and avoiding resource-intensive failures.
- A Member suggested including “talent” in the theme to reflect workforce development.

Expand and Include

- Priorities: partnering on digital equity, improving access to MORPC data, and identifying regional data needs.
- Members and staff discussed clarifying and refining the “identify data needs” objective—currently vague and broad.
- Roadmap items: collaborative analytics and data exchange support, particularly focused on equitable inclusion.
- Clarified MORPC’s role as partner rather than direct provider in some equity efforts.

Secure and Protect

- Priorities: building internal cybersecurity capacity, partnering on regional cybersecurity, and providing technical resources.
- Emphasis on prevention, response, and recovery in the face of data breaches.
- Members suggested edits to better reflect system “resilience” and ensure access to recovery assistance.
- Committee members supported the inclusion of cybersecurity recovery planning and best practice promotion.

Next Steps

Dave summarized the progress: approximately 87-90% of the agenda is complete. Two items require further revision for clarity: “Identify Data Needs” and “Inspire Novel Analytics.” The final agenda draft will be presented at the June 6 RDAC meeting for Committee approval. Once approved, it will be forwarded to the MORPC Commission for adoption at their August meeting. Members were invited to begin considering Working Group formations to align with the Agenda's initiatives.

Adjourned.