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NOTICE OF A MEETING
REGIONAL INFORMATION & DATA GROUP WORKING GROUP
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
111 LIBERTY STREET, SUITE 100, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
MUSKINGUM CONFERENCE ROOM

November 21, 2019, 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome & Introductions**
- 2. Review Draft Charter**
- 3. Elevator Speech**
- 4. User Group Participant Candidates**
- 5. User Group Meeting Examples**
 - a) Additional Format Examples from Members**
- 6. Discuss Report for December 11 RDAC Meeting**
- 7. Next Steps**
- 8. 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 Date and Time of the next
Meeting of the Regional Information & Data Group Working Group
will be January 8 at 3:00 pm.
OSU Center for Urban and Regional Analysis (CURA)
0126 Derby Hall, 154 N. Oval Mall, Columbus, OH 43210**

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- Posting problems to solve / solutions to problems:
An attendee would write a problem to be solved on a post-it note. Another attendee would write a solution to a particular problem on another post-it note. A facilitator may review notes from all attendees and match problems with solutions. Bringing the two attendees together creates an opportunity to both network and to solve a problem.
- Short, informal presentations and/or sharing of interesting videos

Members decided to research meeting formats and discuss at the next Working Group meeting in November.

Next Steps

Members discussed the need for an elevator speech to use in approaching RIDG candidates. Gene Oliver volunteered to write the speech and to present it at the November meeting. Liz Whelan will work on the RIDG Charter, and she and Gene will share ideas for the elevator speech and the Charter via email prior to the November meeting.

Liz volunteered to present a framework for the RIDG Charter at the next Working Group meeting.

Adjourned at 4:30 pm.



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REGIONAL INFORMATION & DATA GROUP (RIDG)
User Group Charter

BACKGROUND:

The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) is established through the effort of a working group in support of the Regional Data Advisory Committee's (RDAC) goal in the 2019 – 2020 Regional Data Agenda that MORPC foster collaboration among local governments, partners, and stakeholders to enhance the use of data in Central Ohio. Under that goal, the RDAC identified an objective to convene meetings of local government staff responsible for creating and maintaining the region's data resources.

One action item in support of that objective, and identified as a priority by the RDAC, is to support the creation of a new Central Ohio data user group. The Regional Information & Data Group accomplishes that objective.

PURPOSE:

Local, state and federal government create a wealth of data through their administrative processes that can be used to support the creation of solutions that address the social, economic, and other challenges in the public domain. The Regional Information & Data Group (RIDG) serves as a forum for sharing knowledge resources across organizations to enhance the ability, as a region, to use data to inform and improve planning, policy, and other decision-making that affects residents now and in the future. RIDG serves as an opportunity for local government and other interested professionals to convene on a quarterly basis.

RIDG OPERATING GUIDELINES:

Content

RIDG meeting content will be created in alignment with the purpose, outlined above. A few key emphasis areas are outlined as follow:

1. Share information across organizations about data resources

This may include:

- a. Information sharing around data quality and limitations
- b. Collection and maintenance of a working, crowdsourced data resource inventory
- c. Opportunities to identify opportunities to improve or expand local data collection to meet cross-organizational needs
- d. Expose students and new professionals to data resources and guidance on appropriate data use

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2. Expose local and public data users to technical skills and resources

This may include:

- a. Demonstrations of new software or other technologies around data management, analysis, or visualization
- b. Opportunities to share or seek support around specific technical data challenges (e.g. best practices for cleaning or transforming data, methods for statistical analysis, etc.)
- c. Mock data challenge exercises as an opportunity to innovate and exchange ideas and solutions around data problem solving

3. Identify opportunities for collaboration and redundancy reduction

This may include:

- a. Regular report-outs of key challenges organizations are working on provides opportunities to partner and collaborate on shared objectives
- b. Regular conversations around data or analysis produced by an organization could be useful to another practitioner and reduce redundancy of effort
- c. Models for analyzing data (e.g. R or Python scripts) shared across organizations

Format

RIDG meetings will have an agenda, and may include a combination of facilitated discussions, exercises and/or presentations. The RIDG Working Group will continue to provide guidance and direction for meeting format and content in at least the first year of operation (2020).

Schedule

RIDG will meet for two hours once per quarter, beginning in January 2020. Meetings will be scheduled to avoid conflict with the Central Ohio GIS User Group (COGUG) to allow participants to attend both meetings. Meetings will be scheduled during regular business hours.

Participants

Participation in RIDG will be free and open to all. Participation will be solicited from known professionals in the region who work with data to solve problems within the public domain.

Communication

RIDG meeting schedules and minutes will be posted on the MORPC website. A list of RIDG participants will be maintained by MORPC staff and upcoming meeting invitations and agendas will be distributed to that list each quarter, as well as other correspondence as needed. The RIDG Working Group will support with soliciting participants within the first year of operation (2020).

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Good Morning Everyone,

Unfortunately, I don't think I'm going to be able to make it there in person today. We have our Planning Commission meeting tonight and a few last minute kinks need worked out; I should be able to call in though. That said, attached are a few informal thoughts on meeting formats. I wanted to provide these ahead of time to expedite the topic later on. If you can't tell from the descriptions, they mostly revolve around trying to get people a little more comfortable in more relaxed, intimate groups/settings in an effort to get the silent majority to contribute. It also puts more of a focus on learning, problem solving, and professional growth - albeit in an informal manner.

Let me know if you have any questions in the meantime.

Thanks,
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-----Original Appointment-----

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Thu, Nov 21, 2019 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM EST

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/268649413>

Join the conference call:

Meeting Formats

Problem Solving:

A semi-generic issue that typically occurs in workplaces related to data (can be management/organization of, application of, procurement of, etc.) is presented. Attendees break into teams of 4-6 (depending on how many in total) and develop an approach and solution to the problem. Topics can be submitted ahead of time by attendees and restrictions/barriers to solution are encouraged to generate more outside-the-box solutions. The topic should also be generic enough that 1) it's can be applicable to anyone without convoluting the purpose with extraneous details, and 2) that it can, for the most part, conceal who may have submitted the issue to maintain a degree of anonymity (to avoid a lack of participation by those afraid of spotlight).

Workshop Series

Randomly generated groups (to avoid participants with too similar of backgrounds/organizations) have to come up with an idea for a short "workshop," and then execute it. This can occur over time and be folded in with other meetings throughout the year. For example, on the first meeting, we form our groups (assigned through numbers, names in a hat, whatever) - preferably we would have about 4 groups total. The final meeting of the year would be a longer meeting – 2 hours – and each group has a 30 minute "workshop" to present. Topics could be anything from the utilization of a particular specialized program or how to use traditional programs in underutilized ways, a particular method of quantifying data, proper ways to interpret data, etc.

"Thanksgiving" Conversations (name made up)

A few select topics from current events, locally or otherwise, are presented in brief format at the beginning of a meeting. Typically these topics will be somewhat controversial. Attendees get a vote - any particular way, post-its, raised hands, whatever. And the meeting organizer/chair/whomever sparks the debate and acts more as a moderator while attendees contribute their thoughts. To make this more effective, tables should be arranged in a thanksgiving dinner table style. You could even try and make it a pot-luck type to encourage people to relax a bit, thereby generating more conversation. The initial topic doesn't have to be maintained. It acts more as just a catalyst to generating an ongoing conversation.