

Meeting Minutes
Delaware Population Consortium
October 27, 2011
Room 321, Haslet Armory
Dover

Attendance:

Barbara Gladders, Chair, Public Health	Don Berry, DOE
Ed Ratledge, UD CADSR	Mike Duross, DeIDOT
Janelle Cornwell, City of Dover	Dan Blevins, WILMAPCO
Marlena Gibson, Vice Chair, DSHA (via phone)	Laura Simmons, OSPC
Kelly Crumpley, Kent County	Terry Pepper, DSHS
Jim Galvin, D/KCMPO	

Notably Not Attending: Derrick Lightfoot, Wilmington

The final 2011 meeting of the Delaware Population Consortium (DPC) was called to order by Chair Barbara Gladders at approximately 10:07 AM. All attending introduced themselves.

The **August 11, 2011 minutes** were considered and a motion to approved was made by Dan Blevins, seconded by Mike DuRoss and unanimously approved.

Barbara Gladders asked **Ed Ratledge** to brief the members on the outcome of the projections development process.

Most importantly, this will be the last series that includes 2000 through 2009 data.

Because of changes in RACE reporting, Ed had to go back to the beginning to establish the new baselines. One of the implications is that it will change the number of households for the projected population. He is confident that the population projections (as distributed) are now accurate. Some much of the households information id based of the probability of being a head of household by age. The new changes will have to be reconciled with the birth & death rates.

Employment projections proved difficult, in part because of the influences of the national economy on Delaware employment. Ed expects the unemployment rate to settle to approximately 6% by 2015 and has projected only as low as 5.5%unemployment for the years beyond. Thus, the new “normal”, or full employment, is expected to be about 6%. The projections work out that New Castle County will lose 5,000 jobs by 2040 and Kent County will gain approximately 5,000 jobs. Sussex County will hold at their same level.

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Ed requested all review the numbers distributed on 10/27/11 and let him know of any problems. He expects to resolve the Household projections issue within a few weeks, hopes to reconcile the vital statistics inconsistencies and have a final assessment of interstate and intercounty commuting.

Barbara Gladders made a motion to provisionally accept the projection process and final numbers that will result from the changes described above, seconded by Kelly Crumpley and passed unanimously.

Dan Blevins was nominated as the Vice Chair/Chair Elect by Ed Ratledge, seconded by Kelly Crumpley and passed unanimously.

Jim Galvin was nominated to continue as secretary by Barb Gladders, seconded by Don Berry and passed unanimously.

No next meeting was scheduled. It will be left for Marlena Gibson, as the new Chair, to schedule. Ed mentioned that with the release of the new MARS data, he would like to meet a bit earlier in 2012 than typical. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM by consensus.

Respectfully submitted: James J. Galvin, Jr. AICP