

Conference Call 09/05/01

NPIRS Processing

Comprehensive Registration Export: NPIRS had initial planning meeting last week in which three areas were identified for preparation: Registration processing program; file movement and handling, and server space/structure requirements. Recommendation has been made that no change be made to the Registration processing program. The concern is that because the program is very complex, any tweaking may introduce problems. Strong suggestion with some agreement is that we just store the additional fields before any processing is done so we have data there that we need down the line. At the very least we will archive the raw data. Although the Registration Re-export Workgroup role is to get the data exported, we may need to get them involved in what we do with it when it's here -- we want the program people involved in the processing decisions.

Data Warehouse

Exports: PCC export is complete for 8 of 9 sites. Choctaw is not yet complete because of equipment difficulties at the site; this is providing us with useful information about the sort of things we will run into with the complete reload. Regis export is complete but records have some issues that Karen is working with George (field names, etc.) Penobscot – nothing yet. Have CHS FI, CHS638, and Denrun raw data ready for the warehouse. Number of CHS638 files seems low and incomplete, but they will serve as a sampling. Lori will do another export from Cherokee – for modified records, by delaying a second go-round on PCC so we hope to get some modified records. AIB is still incomplete with developer working on problems; completion expected by this Friday.

Metadata Mapping: PCC source to target 90% complete, done today. Registration source done; starting target today.

Hardware: Space is getting tight downstairs; Stan has asked Joe to estimate our PDW needs.

Unduplication

Plain vanilla will be used for reports this fall will be Last Name, First Name, DOB, Gender, SSN. Vality will be used in the early January run of User Pops.

Karen's presentation of probabilistic unduplication: we have two problems with these presentations. This is an implementation issue and not a high level IHLC issue. Second, we don't have time to prepare this presentation and it would take a week of Karen's dedicated preparation time which will set back the other projects she's working on. The presentation to Stat Officers appropriate because they need to be a part of how Vality and the algorithm are implemented. Senior management need to know so they can communicate effectively with groups whose numbers have changed. We believe this presentation should be done later, closer to report production in January. We suggest that the Statistical Officer group include adequate representation of technical tribal people to

make sure they're involved in the implementation discussion. Stan, Rus, and Gary Hartz will do a conference call to resolve the dates of these presentations. We might bring someone from Vality to help in discussions with tribal leaders who need more communication. Patricia emphasized that this is just a technical issue, but, cause it's a better method, it is anticipated that numbers will go down. We've made a commitment to unduplicate and now have a tool to better implement it; changes in numbers should be expected.

Access to Data

Still waiting for Gary Hartz's signature. We will continue to forward requests for data to Edna Paisano, the system owner, until the letter is signed.