# **Douglas County Complete Count Committee Meeting**

Bennington Public Library, 11401 North 156th Ave

Bennington, Nebraska 68007

Monday, March 9th 2020 | 10:00 - 12:00 PM

## **Agenda**

## Last Meeting Recap

- Heather Engdahl (Census Director, Nebraska Counts)
  - Working with ten counties, Nonprofit Association of the Midlands, and other organizations. NE Counts is also doing canvassing, phone banking and door to door effort.
- The Census Bureau has a recruitment map that tells the pay rate and recruitment goals. They are still looking for more representatives, the pay rate has been increased to \$21.50 - \$23.50 per hour, postings can be found at 2020census.gov/jobs

#### Census Updates

- Congressman Don Bacon's Office had a meeting at Ralston Public Library, they have a pre-recorded PSA with the congressman, looking for a date to record a PSA with the community, having connection with translation.
- Due to the Coronavirus, the Census Bureau is crafting a outreach plan
- 1-800 numbers will be available for assistance in 13 languages.
- Information on counting <u>All Military Service Members and Their Families</u>
- Information on 2020 Census Mailings
- The committee has set a goal of an 80% self-response rate

#### Strategic Communication Plan: March 12th- April 1st

- Census Infographics
  - They are modular for use of physical mailings, email or able to be put on a meeting agenda.
- Census Email Banner
  - Instructions on how to add to signature of email will be sent out along with the banner
  - o Consistent use of Census branding will be used as well

- Prepackaged Social Media content that can be shared continuously
  - Remind the public that this effort is not just for funding but as a voice that we have in government
  - Materials & Topics needed
    - Miliary and/or specific areas of confusion on whether or not to respond
    - Radio stations locally spreading information. TV & print ads as well.
    - Any information is good information
- Prepackaged Census created content
  - Center for Public Affairs Research (CPAR) has gone through Census Bureau provided content and has provided a great source for materials.
  - Other populations for materials: displaced peoples, elderly, schools, any hard to count groups
- Distribution of materials
  - Making it convenient and able to share in multiple modes
- Responding to Fake Information
  - o Disabling comments on social media will be the best choice.
  - Removing, reporting, and hiding comments are best for personal/commercial use but not for congress/city use.
- Engagement Opportunities
- Events
  - Potential Douglas County Press Conference
  - Press Conference or Kick off in your community

### **General Updates**

- March 27-29 is the Census Bureau National Faith Initiative
- Real Time Response Rate Mapper, Stay up to date with a map of self-response rates from across the United States and your community <a href="https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates">https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates</a>
- **CPAR has created an events calendar**, this calendar will hold important dates and events that are going on in the state that can correlate with census activities. The calendar can be found on the CPAR website: <a href="mailto:cpar.unomaha.edu/2020census">cpar.unomaha.edu/2020census</a>
- Douglas County website for Census 2020, general information on the 2020
   Census, information by CPAR, and a hub for the Douglas County Complete Count
   Committee meeting notes. Can be found on the Douglas County Website:
   douglascounty-ne.gov/census-2020

Next Meeting: Monday, March 30th 2020 at 10:00 am, Place to Be Determined