

ONYSGISA Regional COVID Coordination Call: January 13, 2020

Attending

Liz De Geronimo

Jim Daly

Doug Schuetz

Ross Baldwin

Mary Susan Knauss

Frank Winter

Ana Hiraldo-Gomez

Mary Susan Krauss

Karyn Tareen

Alan Leidner

Notes

Frank Winter reported that GIS support is now emphasizing supporting the COVID vaccination initiative and that cluster maps had not been updated since December 18th. Points of Vaccine Distribution are now being mapped. Frank also said that NSGIC, NAPSG and URISA (the organizations that form the Pandemic GIS Taskforce) were expected to submit a response to the RFI issued by the Open Geospatial Consortium for a Health Disaster Spatial Data Infrastructure. Frank said he would be reaching out to the health data science community.

Doug Schuetz was interested if counties might be able to use any State tools and data to keep tabs of vaccinations in their areas, so underserved neighborhoods could be identified.

Alan described the OGC RFI which calls for insights for the types of data and applications that would support diagnostics, PPE, equipment and treatment supply chains. Also, data about those being tested, those testing positive and those being hospitalized; and the kinds of location support that should be given contact tracing applications.

Mary expressed concern about whether the results of the RFI would actually be implemented and whether federal/state/local adoption of the same data

standards was a real possibility. Alan said that USGS and other federal agencies were supporting this initiative so there was real hope that it would lead to useful actions. Frank noted that the Geospatial Data Act compels adoption of standards at the Federal level.

Alan invited COVID Committee members and all members of NYSGISA and GISMO to provide RFI input. All inputs should be sent to Alan (leidnera@nyc.rr.com) and Ross Baldwin (rbaldwin@southamptontownny.gov). Inputs should be concise and can target (as few as) one or more of the RFI data domains. Alan and Ross would organize responses into a unified document, giving full attribution to each, individual contributor. The synthesized document would be posted to Google Docs for final edits. The RFI responses are due by January 29th. Ross requested that all inputs from NYSGISA be submitted to Alan and Ross by January 22nd.

We all welcomed Ana Hiraldo-Gomez back to the Committee after a leave of absence.