

**Gateway ESSENCE Operations Council (GEOC)**  
**January 27, 2010**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Hilda Adams, Kelly Fluharty, Alison Tucker, Chae Li Yong, Kelly Krahl Zara, Marsha Wild, Lina Chavez-Hauser, Lillie McDaniels

Alison opened the meeting. Skipped approval of minutes as last official meeting was in June 2009. Since then, several people have changed positions.

Update of IL hospitals

We are still waiting for Anderson who is waiting for Meditech before going live.

Future GEOC meetings

We tentatively will meet on **THIRD** Wednesdays quarterly. We will discuss with Cindy to coordinate with the epi meetings.

SPSS and GIS training

Hilda is checking into options for sites. She also suggested people try free ESRI (online) self-study courses. She will recommend which modules people should view prior to the training. The group discussed various issues we would like for Lance at EWG to teach. The epis are supposed to check with their counties to see if they can have shape base files for GIS. If their counties cannot provide them, EWG can help.

Potential GIS training locations

Allied Health (Nursing School)  
ESRI

Potential SPSS training locations

SLU SPH  
Allied Health (Nursing School)  
Temporary access from SPSS

Update from Hilda

We discussed the use of unspent funds. Hilda mentioned Amy Kelsey's email that Forest Park Hospital is submitting a flat file instead of "real time" data to ESSENCE. Hilda will contact Forest Park to see if they are interested in going "real time."

STARRS would like to hear instances where Gateway ESSENCE was helpful. The epidemiologists will keep track and submit them to GEOC.

Meeting was adjourned.

**Future Meeting Dates:** To Be Determined