



MINUTES: GIS Interest Group Meeting, Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 2:00 PM

Group Chair: John Cunningham

DISCUSSION	
1.0	<p>Welcome:</p> <p>Members: <i>Ainslie Butler - SMDHU, Alberta D'Souza – YRPH, Andrew Harris – LPH, Anjali Pandya – DRPH, Busola Ayodele – DRPH, David Guillette - RPPH, Desiree Sutton - RWPH, Jason Letchford - HRHD, John Cunningham - SEPH , Ryan Waterhouse – NRPHD, Shanshan Zhao – NBPS</i></p> <p>Guests: <i>Gabriella Christopher – RPPH, : November McKinley - HRPB</i></p> <p>Regrets: <i>Renate Van Dorp</i></p>
2.0	<p>Volunteer to take minutes:</p> <p>Recorded minutes: Unable to share due to local IT policies. Will send out transcript with these minutes.</p>
3.0	<p>Additions to & Approval of Agenda:</p> <p>Additions: No additions.</p> <p>Approval: David G approved the agenda.</p>
4.0	<p>Business arising and action item review:</p> <p>4.1. Review action items: N/A</p>
5.0	<p>Items for decision:</p> <p>5.1. N/A</p>
6.0	<p>Items for discussion:</p> <p>6.1. Great discussions around a host of different topics. Thanks to everyone for their participation. Here are the topic areas we covered and links associated with those topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Environics Community Health database.▪ Communicating spatial uncertainty.▪ Creating composite indexes: PHUs developing spatial indexes for specific program areas.▪ How do we avoid ecological fallacy in our analyses?▪ Spatial epidemiology – identifying and communicating disease clusters. When to use spatial statistics.

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	Links: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Making CCHS analysis faster and easier to repeat ▪ Create a composite index ▪ Creating a composite index using ArcGIS best practices
7.0	Standing agenda items: We had a great discussion on topics of interest submitted by GIS-IG members. Feel free to forward topics to me for the next meeting. We will have a combination of topic discussions and a short presentation at our December Q4 meeting.
8.0	Presentation: N/A
9.0	Next meeting date, time and location: Teams poll to follow for meeting in December 2026.
10.0	Adjournment: