



**Agenda for the NSF Workshop on the Future of Observatories in the
Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences**

February 8-9, 2012

Stafford I Building, Room 920, National Science Foundation, Arlington
4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230

Wednesday February 8

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| 8 a.m. | Continental Breakfast |
| 9 a.m. | Welcome by Myron Gutmann, Assistant Director, SBE Directorate |
| 9:30 a.m. | Report on the results of the October 2011 and December 2010 Workshops and Discussions: Emilio Moran, Sandra Hofferth, and Barbara Entwisle |
| 10:00 a.m. | Presentation of Day One objective: What information would we need to develop two different types of plans that are statistically sound and representative of the US population? A discussion of the types of questions and parameters that matter to the different research communities, based upon discussions at the October 2011 workshop. Sandra Hofferth |
| 10:15 a.m. | Question for the statisticians. What information would statisticians need to develop two alternative sampling designs?
Professor Steven Heeringa and Professor Colm O'Muircheartaigh |
| 12 noon. | Lunch |
| 1:00 | Members of the group continue discussion (1) of the key parameters on which the research communities would need to have some variability for scientific questions and (2) the sampling units that are needed to address them. |
| 2:30 p.m. | Afternoon break |
| 2:45 p.m. | Continued discussion of the specific types of questions and parameters needed to establish a study design. |
| 4:30 p.m. | Summary of the day's discussions |
| 5:00 p.m. | Adjourn |
| 6:30 p.m. | Dinner at Pinzimini, Westin Hotel |

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Thursday February 9

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| 8 a.m. | Continental Breakfast |
| 9 a.m. | Day Two objective: Develop a few potential designs and assess the trade-offs each one offers. |
| 12 noon. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Discuss the next steps to flesh out the sampling design. |
| 2 p.m. | Preparation of specific recommendations regarding the next steps to flesh out the sampling design. |
| 3 p.m. | Adjourn |