

AGENDA**The Next NSFG: Integrating a Household Survey with New Approaches for Data Collection**

Meeting held April 30, 2018 (9 am to 5 pm) – May 1, 2018 (9 am to 2 pm)

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Purpose

The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) of the future will continue to be a household-based survey using in-person interviewing as the primary mode of data collection. However, to address challenges for response rates and data quality, this expert work group is convened to explore new approaches for data collection to complement the household-based survey.

Desired Outcomes

- Achieve a better understanding of selected data collection approaches
- Learn and discuss benefits and challenges of each for NSFG subject areas
- Learn benefits and challenges of each data collection approach for implementation in the NSFG
- Develop suggestions for the most promising data collection approaches for achieving NSFG goals:
 - How to use them to best leverage the core survey content
 - How to use them to preserve and enhance data/sample quality as indicated by response rates, non-response bias, and cost feasibility

Participants

- Researchers and senior survey staff with pertinent experience on data collection approaches under consideration to complement NSFG's household-based design
- Experts in survey research, including directors and principal investigators of surveys that collect data on national samples of U.S adolescents and adults.
- Representatives from NSFG, OPA, and Atlas Research

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Day One – Monday, April 30, 2018	
9:00 am	Welcome, introductions, sharing of goals for the meeting <i>Anjani Chandra, NSFG; Kate Ahrens, OPA; Jamie Hart, Atlas Research, Facilitator</i>
9:15 am	Overview of NSFG <i>Anjani Chandra & Joyce Abma, NSFG</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • general background • design/content summary under current contract • basic survey plan envisioned for next contract • brief summary of ideas and input so far on potential new features
9:45 am	Section 1: Use of other survey modes, such as internet/web surveys, to complement household interview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert sharing of background and examples from other surveys • Discussion of specific applications to NSFG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What other modes would best complement the information collected in the existing NSFG household interview information?
10:45 am	Break
11:00 am	Section 1 (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of specific applications to NSFG (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In what ways could other modes be used? (e.g., data collection from non-responders; more focused or follow-up content for specific subgroups; enhanced data collection for particular topics) ○ How would other modes, particularly web, reduce respondent burden? In what ways would they affect response rate? How to address potential coverage issues? ○ How could other modes such as web enhance data quality in the face-to-face interview by addressing non-response and non-response bias?
12:00 pm	Break for Lunch
1:00 pm	Section 2: Use of follow-up surveys for selected topics or subsamples (perhaps involving other survey modes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert sharing of background and examples from other surveys • Discussion of specific applications to NSFG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the considerations for interview mode for a follow-up survey (e.g., web, face-to-face, etc.)? What are the advantages/disadvantages of each? ○ What types of NSFG information would benefit the most from a targeted follow up interview approach? What are the optimal intervals for a follow-up survey on these topics? ○ How would these follow-up surveys be proposed, funded, vetted, and implemented? ○ When would these follow-up survey data be released, and by whom? (If by NCHS, would they be expected to be released with main survey data)?

3:30 pm	Break
3:45 pm	Section 3: Inclusion of supplements or modules that may be administered once or periodically <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expert sharing of background and examples from other surveys • Discussion of specific applications to NSFG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What types of topics have typically been used for modules/supplements in other surveys? What types of NSFG information would benefit most from a module/supplement format? ○ What are the advantages/disadvantages of using modules or supplements to collect reproductive health information? ○ How often would modules/supplements be released into the field? Would supplements work within the NSFG given our annual sample sizes and 2-year data release intervals? ○ How would modules/supplements be proposed, funded, vetted and implemented?
5:00 pm	Adjournment

Day Two – Tuesday, May 1, 2018

9:00 am	Reflections on Day 1 and Charge for Day 2 <i>Jamie Hart, Atlas; Anjani Chandra, NSFG; Kate Ahrens, OPA</i>
9:30 am	Discussion and synthesis of Day 1 topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Compile list of suggestions for NSFG team to pursue further ○ Rank list of suggestions in terms of ease, cost, and improvement in survey quality or response rate ○ Discuss cross-cutting issues in topics covered separately in Sections 1-3
10:45 am	Break
11:00 am	Discussion of any other topics
12:00 pm	Break for Lunch (available on site)
12:30 pm	Next steps <i>Jamie Hart, Atlas; Anjani Chandra, NSFG; Kate Ahrens, OPA</i>
2:00 pm	Adjournment

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