

**Southern Region PLN
4-H Youth Development Program Leaders Managers Conference Call
November 12, 2013**

The Southern Region 4-H Youth Development Program Leaders met by conference call on November 12, 2013.

Members Attending

Pamela B. Arden	Prosper Doamekpor	Gladys Shelton
Carol Banesh	Rukeia Draw-Hood	Arch Smith
Kelli Batch	Woodie Hughes, Jr.	Cathy Sutphin
Chris Boleman	Charlene Jacobs	Noah Washburn
Tom Broyles	Amy McClune	Dorothy Wilson
Charles Cox	Shawn Moore	
Keith Diem	Boyd W. Owens	

Roll call was taken.

Items of business and discussions

P3WG Update

Chris Boleman is currently working with Lisa and others to develop a survey instrument. The purpose of the instrument is to develop action plan to narrow focus. The instrument will assess the priority needs of curriculum. The purpose is to not remove current curriculum but to prioritize the needs. The team hopes to have results for everyone in March. Chris will provide more information later as the project progresses

Southern Region Volunteer Committee

Charles Cox requested more information. Inquired about volunteer specialists wanting to create a volunteer advisory board. Arch Smith reported approximately 180 participants. He has not seen the evaluation summary. Arch also stated the plan is to continue hosting the meeting and the University of Georgia would absorb financial loss if any. Georgina, North Carolina, and Kentucky are taking leadership for the advisory committee. Noah Washburn commented on hosting a regional meeting in the western part of the region and including neighboring states. Monsanto funding was questioned. Charlene Jacob stated evaluations had been collected. A project was developed and will be implemented back in the states. The advisory committee is assembling a volunteer notebook. Cathy recently hired a volunteer specialists and the advisory committee made contact. It was also stated, there is no funding for a state symposium.

National 4-H Conference

Rukeia stated there was intent to contact 1890 institutions to ensure attendance of youth and college students. Another individual stated applications for facilitators and leadership team are located on the conference website. Youth wanting to be a part of the leadership team must have attended National Conference before. Facilitators are college level individuals and no experience with National Conference is needed.

Biennial Conference

Boyd Owen stated the conference will be held March 3-6 in downtown Charleston. The Marriott hotel has been selected. The call for proposals has been distributed. The cost for registration will be \$300.00 and the hotel will be \$142.00 per night. Registration will be collected through an online process. If a presentation is accepted, you are requested to be available for the whole conference.

4-H Headquarter Update

Amy McCune stated the information from ES237 will be posted in January. 2011 results have been posted to the site. Reminder that data must be collected from all states.

State Leader Meeting

Chris Boleman inquired about the status of the state leader meeting in DC. Questions pertained to a schedule. Arch Smith stated a tentative agenda was sent. Arch will forward the agenda to everyone on listserv. Woodie Hughes stated the meeting is scheduled March 10-13, 2014 in DC. There is discussion about including state 4-H foundation directors in the meeting.

North American

Charlene Jacobs discussed the development of expected guidelines for a MOU with the University of Kentucky being a sponsor. The proposal will outline duties of the University of Kentucky, North American, and state responsibilities. Charlene will forward draft proposal to the listserv. Please provide feedback if you deem appropriate. The goal of the MOU is to clearly state being responsible only for 4-H events and that there is no liability for events not associated with 4-H.

Listserv Additions

Cathy Sutphin reminded everyone that 4-H council members are not on the listserv. An email has to be sent directly to Christina Alford and others. Rukeia will follow up to ensure the National Council members are added to list serv.

Conference Call Agenda Items

Send agenda items to Rukeia Draw-Hood for January 14th conference call by January 10th.

New Conference Call Number

For the January conference call, please dial 712-432-0931 as the old number is being replaced November 26th.

Meeting adjourned.