

## AGENDA

### 4h: Southern Region 4-H Conference Call

November 9, 2010

Please call 712-451-6025 and enter participant code 572585#

All calls start at  
8 a.m. Central / 9 a.m. Eastern  
Nov. 9, 2010  
Jan. 11, 2011  
Mar. 15, 2011  
May 10, 2011  
Jul. 12, 2011

### **2011 Joint Meeting -- PLN**

The week of August 22, 2011 in Fort Worth, Texas

Attending:

Chair: Marshall Stewart, NC

Advisor: Beverly Sparks, GA

Recording: Susan Holder, MS

Thearon McKinney, NC

Janet Fox, LSU

Noah Washburn, Ark

Brian Helms, Ark

Pam Ardern, Clemson

Charlene Jacobs, KTY

Prosper Doamekpor, Tuskegee

Boyd Owens, SC State

Lamar Adams, Auburn

Javiette Samuel, Tennessee State University

Marshall Stewart, NC

Chris Boleman– TAMU

Keith Diem, University of Florida

Steve Sutton, University of Tennessee

Dorothy Wilson, Langston University

1. OJJDP Grant – Fox for Tassin  
Purpose of agenda item is to gather Information.  
Situation: National 4-H Council will be distributing \$5 million from the Department of Justice to replicate the 3 pilot programs.

The three model programs are:

- [4-H Mentoring: Youth & Families With Promise](#) (4-H YFP) from Utah State University,
- [Tech Wizards](#) from Oregon State University
- [4-H Living Interactive Family Education](#) (4-H LIFE) from the University of Missouri.

State topics of interest:

Clemson – Technology

Auburn – Mentoring

Louisiana – Mentoring (using existing staff, social work background)

Issues: Tight time line. No published RFP at this time. Hiring staff vs. buying out time.

Information gathered about the grant at recent NAE4-HA Conference: \$80,000 per state. Two sites in each state. 30 participants per site. RFP to be released within next week.

2. 4-H Camp Training Opportunity – Stewart
  - Topics to include camping and other topics such as attracting other audiences to 4-H Center (off-season programming)  
7 States interested in forming a discussion group  
ACTION: Ken Burgess, NC, will convene the group. He will be the lead facilitator. A conference call for state staff interested in these and other camp/conference center issues that impact camps and camping programming will be called by Ken.
3. 4-H/IRS Issue – Boleman, TAMU  
***On going “Hot Topic”. Will be placed on each call’s agenda.***
  - Issue of great interest at recent National meeting of LGU attorneys. Many states looking at a separate 501-3 (c).
  - Report of where states are in process:
    - NC – Issue capacity. NC Extension – getting its own 501-3 (c).  
Working with other extension groups: Master Gardeners, etc.  
Walking through options with University Attorneys. Long-run: need funding to managing the process. Centralized money management in

one account per county. Slow process. Thoughtful and take time in making a decision.

- Still issue: USDA responsibility.
  - Issues:
    - Cash management policy within Extension – that employees don't manage money.
    - Management fees instated by University.
    - Counties will have a greater money management authority than in the past. No way to avoid increased need for oversight with new rules.
  - Alabama has completed plan and submitted to USDA-NIFA. Audited by Auburn – Central administration. Each club has a separate "line" in a Quicken book-keeping system. County has responsibility for book-keeping function.
  - Florida working with 4-H Foundation, trying to avoid University management fees of 11%.
  - Arkansas is looking at a Group Exemption for Extension. Not forming a 501 c-3.
4. 4-H Governance Follow-up – Nichols & Boleman
- Lamar suggested a joint group of Directors and SPL's to talk with 4-H national partners. Feedback from USDA – 4-H Headquarters will work to put group together.
  - Visioning/Communication face-to-face meeting was suggested.
  - Chris will follow up with Kirk Astroth and Lisa Lauxman.
  - New Issue: National 4-H Council owning intellectual property. LGU major discussion in area of copyrights, intellectual property and technology transfer.
  - Next Steps:
    - i. SR representatives to be aggressive in moving the process forward.
5. Other Issues?
- Dorothy Wilson – PLN representative.
    - i. What do we think of accomplishment reports given to PLN and value? Are they useful?
      - Feedback: Value of PLN is the face-to-face meeting. Reports are only visited prior to annual meeting, not used as a planning tool.
      - Action Items and report to Directors at PLN has value, accomplishment reports are not considered a good investment of time and energy.
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