

Southern Regional State 4-H Program Leaders
Tuesday, January 11, 2011
8AM Eastern

Scheduled Conference Calls

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

All calls start at
8 a.m. Central / 9 a.m. Eastern

Jan. 11, 2011
Mar. 15, 2011
May 10, 2011
Jul. 12, 2011

Attending:

Charles Cox, OKLA

Keith Diem, Florida

Marshall Stewart, NC

Charlene Jacobs, KY

Dorothy Wilson, Langston

Steve Sutton, TN

Cathy Sutphin, VA

Mark Tassin, LA

Pam Ardern, SC

Claudette Smith, NC

Janet Fox, LA

Arch Smith, Georgia

Recording: Susan Holder, MS

Chair: Marshall Stewart called meeting to order.

1. Updates from states on 4-H/IRS issue:
Deadline for report from LGU to USDA for January 14th.

- Charles Cox shared experiences in Oklahoma. Ask for an up-date from Virginia, possibility of 501 (c) 4. Cathy from Virginia stated after review that they found it not a viable option. Still struggling. Many have conversation with 501 (c) 3 for Foundation. Issues with hiring someone to management.
Oklahoma: move money into agency acct. ¼ counties and applying for a group exemption number through OKLA 4-H Foundation. Issues with current checking accounts. Challenge: every small community has a 4-H booster club (FFA joint) FFA reluctant in moving forward with Ag Teachers. All will be moving under school. Major step.
- Hybrid choice for Florida. Florida 4-H Foundation applying for a GEN exemption number. Local vs. part of Florida 4-H Foundation. Each entity will file to IRS separate. Local control.
- NC GEN number under NC Extension for 4-H and other entities i.e. Master Gardeners. Issues: book-keeping & fund raising. NC legal counsel says they are responsible for 4-H. Possible for 4-H to get an exemption from
- KTY broadening to all extension entities. Four financial pieces must be filed annually. Come under county board.

2. Planning for August PLN Conference

- Dorothy Wilson gave a report on PLN meeting to be held in Ft. Worth Aug 22-25, 2011. Should have info on web posted by SRDC. Registration this year will not refundable. Cross committee work important. Wednesday afternoon cross-committee work. Conference hotel: Hilton.
 - Room arrangements for joint meetings need to be pre-arranged with SRDC.
 - Orientation will be continued.
 - Marshall will communicate with National partners and any other resource persons that are needed to move forward on conversations.
 - Ideas:
 - Competitive Grants – assistance for multi-state grants
 - USDA – Lisa Lauxman
 - National 4-H Council
 - Specifically: OJDDP funding and Coca Cola funding and future

3. National 4-H Council Strategic Planning

- New Structure of PWG and Working Group
Marshall and Mark – conference call on Friday with National 4H Council on 3-5 year plan for Strategic Planning. Including: customer service & services that can make State 4-H Leaders jobs easier. Concerns about programming in its role in the strategic planning process.
 - Item of information. For further in-put through Mark or Marshall.
 - Currently USDA is working to re-do working group. Putting Public/Private/Partnership working group to include: Director’s working group, PWG, National 4-H Council and USDA. Fill in governance issue concerns. Pick up on existing structures and representatives.
 - Effort to move forward on strategic planning, continuity and governance.

4. National Leadership MTG – Chevy Chase, MD

- February 28th – March 3, 2011

- National 4-H Conference Center in Chevy Chase
- Monday evening – opening reception
- Downtown – NIFA offices for one day session -- Tuesday
- Registration on web

5. Up-date on Seafood Cook-off – Mark Tassian