

CRD Conference Call

AGENDA

May 21, 2014 10:00 Eastern/ 9:00 Central

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Roll Call

Kenyetta Smith

Buddhi Gyawali
Crystal Tyler-Mackey
Dr. Steve Turner
Dave Shideler
Joy Moten-Thomas
Kenyetta Nelson-Smith
Mark Waller /Tracey Davis
Michelle Eley
Rachel Welborn
Rod Clouser
Stacey McCollough

Minutes Update

Kenyetta Smith

Update from Advisors

Tim Cross, Lawrence Carter

No advisors on call.

Update re: SRDC Director Status

Rachel Welborn

The director search is still active. Interviews were completed with an offer made to one candidate but was not accepted. Search committee decided to continue the search. Please submit information of anyone interested in this position.

Dr. Turner appointed as Interim Director of SRDC. Mississippi State appoints persons for one year terms. Sumner appointment expired.

NIFA Update

Brent Elrod

Brent E: Encourage responses to state programs. What could NIFA do as a federal agency to assist in opportunities and putting together a good application?

There are a variety of opportunities open on USDA site for rural development. Many renew on an annual basis. Individuals were encouraged to look at these opportunities. Brent also offered to put a webinar together to give five minute descriptions of each program.

Rachel W: Interested in hosting regional and national webinars. Collaborations may be helpful.

Michele E: Stated that maybe there should be a scheduled a meeting at the annual conference to discuss options.

NACDEP Update

Stacey McCullough

Conference about a month away June 22-25, 2014. PLN meeting Sunday June 22, 2014. Early registration ended. NACDEP 2015 in Little Rock, AR in South. Mobile workshop offered at this year's conference. Joint conference in 2016 with ANREP in Vermont. Exploring conference with CDS in West for 2017.

NACDEP logo contest had 11 entries. Committee vetting submissions currently and will submit suggestions to board to vote afterwards.

There was a member survey launched with topics including conference interests and webinar topics in conjunction with RRDC's.

New historian for NACDEP is Kevin Andrews from Texas (Southern Region).

National CRD Program Leaders Meeting

Alison Davis

June 22, 2014 – Grand Rapids, MI @ 1-4PM

Documenting Impacts and Telling our Story:

- **CRD FTE report** **Brent Elrod/ Rachel Welborn**
 - Numbers: Look at numbers to explore and see what is learned.
 - Knowledge Areas: look at what your university is reporting in CRD activities.
- **State Level Indicators Collection** **Susan Jakes**
 - We are working to gather information to have plan together prior to PLN meeting. Would like a working draft to report for this meeting. Two things needed: 1) quarterly spreadsheet with four tabs, one for each quarter. If you don't report quarterly, that is ok, as long as numbers are recorded. If you can only complete part of them, that is ok; and 2) FTE's and Knowledge areas. Want best numbers in to report at NACDEP.
 - Other things needed for this report is very short summary from each state. Highlight one theme your institution/state has done really well, in 2-3 sentence max. Table will include indicators, numbers, quality map and each state highlighted on back. Turn in within next two weeks. One state completed all work by April 15, 2014 deadline.
- **Southern CRD program survey** **Alison Davis**
 - June 4, 2014 deadline to have all information submitted.

PLN Meeting Overview

Jimmy Henry, Rod Clouser

Rod: Things are finalized for our Texas meeting. Registration is now open. Hotel discussion will be held during officers meeting later today. More time allocated from committees this year. Officers are asked to be there on Monday.

Rachel: Officers should be at the PLC meeting before the meeting on Monday afternoon. Time should be invested at officers meeting as opposed to focus on agenda. PLC voted over a year ago for a hotel rotation every 4th year. The 2016 hotel recommendation link is on the website for those interested in hosting the annual meeting. The requirement is sub or sub-hub airport location must be in that town in order for PLN to come into your state.

Michele: PLN registration is open today. Officers meeting is today at 3PM.

Plan of Work Update

- Regional Project updates Rachel Welborn
 - SET IV region launching first sessions; Site visits to past regions during summer; interviews and focus groups also. Potential for additional funding in near future.
 - Ready Communities: 1890s participating. Another cohort in mid-process. A call is later today.
- Survey of existing adult entrepreneurship training Chuck Stamper
 - Chuck sent email stating Entrepreneurship included in a report by Alison.
- County Commissioners Rod Clouser
 - Nothing received recently. Problems on date of call and some participants missed the call. Will edit and send complete list to participants.
- Middle Management update Rod Clouser
 - N/A

Next Meeting

Next Conference Call, July 16th at 10am Eastern/ 9:00 Central