

**CRD Conference Call**  
**AGENDA**  
**November 20, 2013 10:00 EST**  
**(209)-647-1000 926839#**

**Roll Call**

**Kenyetta Smith**

Crystal Tyler-Mackey  
Jimmy Henry  
Joy Moten-Thomas  
Kenyetta Nelson-Smith  
Mark Waller  
Michelle Eley  
Rachel Welborn  
Stacey McCollough  
Susan Jakes  
Tom Chestnut

**Minutes Update**

**Kenyetta Smith**

No revisions. Moved by Rachel Welborn, seconded by Stacey McCollough.

**Update from Advisors**

**Tim Cross, Lawrence Carter**

No advisors on call.

**Update re: SRDC Director Status**

**Rachel Welborn**

First date for applicant review for director position was in October 2013. They are currently in the process of setting up interviews for January 2014. Position still currently opened until filled. Original applicants were interviewed first.

**NIFA Update**

**Brent Elrod**

N/A

**NACDEP Update**

**Stacey McCollough**

Voting and nominations are open for the next flight of board of directors until December 15, 2013. The call for presentations is due January 10, 2014 for the 2014 conference. Please encourage persons in CED to submit a proposal.

The annual board retreat was in October 2013. Topics included traditional operational business, increasing membership, state affiliate implementation and increasing award participation. Also, NACDEP is looking at collaborating with Rural Regional Development Centers on their webinar series and rotating on a quarterly basis. NACDEP is also examining a more effective, sustainable committee structure and revenue for the organization.

**National CRD Program Leaders Call**

**Michelle Eley/Alison Davis/  
Stacey McCullough**

Call held on November 11, 2013. This group has been gathering at NACDEP for years because of convenience as many are supporters and members of NACDEP. The items this group discussed as objectives include:

1. Discuss CRD Indicators; update with working group from PLN.
2. Brent Elrod will provide an update on national program (topics include farm program as USDA try to connect with veterans opening opportunity for them to work in agriculture; farm/rancher program; SET; CAPE program). Afterward, fee based programming panel will talk about their experiences.
3. Discussion on future of CED programming. The three members asked to provide their perspective include Michael Wilcox, Michael Darger and Alison Davis.

## Plan of Work Update

- **Further Development of Regional CD indicators** **Susan Jakes**
  - National team meeting debate on whether or not to do pre-conference or suggest several workshops, poster or short presentations. Southern region not called together as of today. Group reconvene first of January.
- **State-level indicator collection: Status updates** **All States**
  - M. Eley asked had anyone taken liberties to add to the report generated during annual meeting.
- **Regional Project updates** **Rachel Welborn**
  - **SET**
    - New regions identified and started; working on indicators on current group.
  - **Ready Community Curriculum (*Conference Call on 11/18*)**
    - One pilot group trained over a month ago and in progress. The new project with 1890s webinar was held this week. It is a two year project working with existing staff; some 1890 partners showed interest in this project.
    - Will post PowerPoint from the 1890 webinar/conference call on SRDC website.
  - **RRDCs** given new opportunity around mental health in rural communities, specifically how rural communities find information on their own mental health and make decisions based on those indicators and moving forward. Both research and extension partners will determine how to develop tools, strengthen them, and utilize these tools in communities.
- **Survey of existing adult entrepreneurship training** **Chuck Stamper**

M. Eley in communication with Chuck about the survey; some information on survey on Adult Entrepreneurship Training will be documented in another report Alison presented which shared the type of program which exist across the region. Chuck not sure if that information is needed, Eley will get clarity on these issues.
- **County Commissioners** **Rod Clouser**

Rod not on call  
Stacey M.: Rod did forward the document to be completed on existing programming. She will forward what she has to the group.
- **Middle Management update** **Rod Clouser**

Rod not on call

## Next Meeting

**Next Conference Call, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am Eastern/9am Central**