

Community Development Committee
Minutes
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Participants:

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Jenny Fertig
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Greg Taylor
Sandra Thompson, *Chair*
Debra Tootle
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- I. Approval of minutes <http://srpln.msstate.edu/crd/minutes.html>

- II. Reports:
 - a. AEA Administrative Advisor –Lawrence Carter
This summer, AEA will meet in Baltimore in June. We will be identifying funding that can be applied for regionally. Many AEA participating in the first annual goat conference in Tallahassee.
 - b. ASRED Administrative Advisor – not on call
 - c. NIFA – not on call
 - d. NACDEP-Deborah Tootle – We had a fantastic turnout for conference. We have a good new Board with lots of energy from the meeting. Harry Crissy is the new southern regional rep. (hcrissy@clermson.edu Phone 843-722-5940, ext. 134)

- III. Work Plan Reports
 - a. Foundations of Practice, Training Delivery Level 1: **Complete**

 - b. Foundations of Practice – Levels 2 & 3: Bo Beaulieu
The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development will take the lead on this next level under the leadership of Mary Peabody and Heidi Mouillesseaux-Kunzman

 - c. Business Retention and Expansion: Sandra – Development team has added some advanced courses and is working on revising the basic material. Alan is teaching advanced courses today. Tuskegee BRE training participants are actively working.

 - d. Turning the Tide on Poverty: Rachel
Of the eight initial pilot sites, six have moved to Action Phase with very positive initial projects selected. The SRDC has been approached by the MS School Board Association to put this project into 10 of the 29 failing school districts beginning this fall. The SRDC will continue the research component with the schools. The SRDC hopes to conduct a broader regional training during the next year.

 - e. E-Commerce training: Bo
A national training team has been selected to participate in a training in July to explore the curricula on the site as well as to think through how these materials could be put into use in a greater way throughout the nation. The south has five representatives.

- f. Work cross-committee with 4H on youth entrepreneurship: Nothing to report
- g. Cashing in on Business: The curriculum has been completely revised except two chapters. Our editor and webmaster are working to introduce some technical elements that will make the product web-based.
- h. Document regional CRD staffing and funding: Bo
Twenty-two states have responded so far, nine in the South. Michael Wilcox sent a note to the CRD committee with a copy of the survey and invitation. Bo will find out which states have not reported so that CRD committee members can encourage responses.
- i. SRDC Leadership Education for the 21st Century: Nothing to report
- j. CoP on Disaster Resilient Communities: Deborah
We are working right now to pull together existing materials related to communities and disasters. Please let Deborah know what you have available so that they can begin to populate the site with “ready to go” material. We have a good draft of a curriculum. Deborah would like to ask this group to review and make recommendations.
- k. Seek funding opportunities for regional programming: Bo
 - i. USDA Rural Development – Next week, eight teams from selected pilot states will be participating in a training to launch a pilot initiative called Stronger Economies Together (SET), based somewhat on Know Your Region (EDA). The material has been completely revised by a national team. States are AZ, NM, LA, KY, PA, OH, MO, and WV.
 - ii. FEMA Regional Catastrophic Grant Program – Each of the four RRDCs is working with one or more of the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness initiative to explore ways to integrate the strengths of CRD with the strengths of the FEMA planning process. In the south, we will be working with Houston and Norfolk. One concern expressed in the Houston initial meeting was that CRD and FEMA do not provide consistent messages to the community regarding preparedness standards. The committee agreed that taking this concern to EDEN would make sense.

IV. Other Business

- a. Southern Region Program Leaders Network Conference, August 23-27
Registration open: <http://srpln.msstate.edu/>
- b. Bonnie Teater Community Development Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients.
This year’s recipients were Sue Williams from Oklahoma State University and Sandford Dooley from Louisiana State University.