

CRD Conference Call
AGENDA
March 20, 2013 10:00 EST
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Roll Call Susan Jakes
Rachel Welborn, Mark Wall, Stacy McCollough, Beverly Samuel, Brian Whitacre, Brian Calhoon, Susan Jakes, Rod Clouser

Minutes Update - Not on, minutes Michelle Eley
are posted

Update from Advisors Joe Zublena, Lawrence Carter
Sequestration will be 5-7% for Smith Lever funds

Update re: SRDC Director Status Bo Beaulieu
Plan for search? Still in wait and see period, Sumner Davis (extension appt the director of center for government vitality) will be the interim, next week is Bo's last week. Major projects will move to Rachel as the project director – this should be a smooth transition. SET is going to be split, between Bo in his new position and SRDC.

Update re: National Voice for CD Bo Beaulieu
Thanks Beverly for joining calls. Tag team leadership approach. Pat Hipple is over the regional rural development centers. The vacancies at NIFA are currently not being hired.

Volunteer opportunities for Galaxy Conference Stacy McCollough
NACDEP and JCEP presented a letter to ECOP to investigate the need of CD nationally and the leadership needs. This info was in the recent NACDEP newsletter for more info. There is no timeline for response or gathering of more information by ECOP.
NACDEP at Galaxy this year. Board was in Pittsburg recently. They are organizing several CD tours that will be held on Monday before the conference and they encourage us to explore them. There is a CRD state program leaders Monday 8-10 am at the Wyndam Grand hotel. The tours are directly after. There is a large need for NACDEP volunteers, these are all in the recent NACDEP newsletter. Please check them out and volunteer. There will be board mtg s and an awards banquet. Agenda is on NACDEP.net <Galaxy>. The new officers go into office in May, Alison Davis, Notie Lansford, and Kenyetta Nelson-Smith from the southern region Its time to renew your membership now – so please do so. Jenny Fertig has left Extension and now Glenn Muske is going to serve as NACDEP secretary.

Plan of Work Update

- Regional CD logic model / indicators Susan Jakes
We have an active committee of Aida Balsano, Mike Waller, Rachel Welborn, Alison Davis, Susan Jakes. There is a webinar next week to explain the measurement of the indicators in the North Central region, Rachel will send out the link.

Susan is going to work with Rachel to make sure the simple list of SR indicators is posted on the SRDC link, Rachel is going to put up the link to the webinar
- State-level indicator collection: Status updates All States
Brian has begun to put up information
Need to start gathering data by the August mtg.
- Regional Project updates Rachel Welborn
 - SET – Applications for Phase IV states are under review, including both new and returning states
 - Ready Community – pilots are continuing to work through the process.
- Survey of existing adult entrepreneurship training: Al Myles – not on the call. Brian will follow up
- Southern CD agent training: Rachel Welborn – conversations are continuing with University of Florida to provide CRD training this summer. Florida is interested in providing this training for their Extension agents but are interested in opening slots for those outside of the state.
- Ideas for engaging County Commissioners – Several in the region are working on this, but nothing to report at the moment.
- Middle Management update Brian Whitacre, Rod Clouser
 - State-level Program Overview to share with educators (Excel file) – add in your top 2-3 CRD programs and return to Brian. This will form a foundation of top CRD programing. Please reply back to Brian by the end of March.
 - Brian is visiting with the chairs of the various program committees to identify volunteers to assist with this work.

New Business

- PLC Committee update – Rachel Welborn: The conference planning is moving rapidly forward. Registration should be open in the next few weeks.

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May 15, 2013 10:00 am EST