

CRD Conference Call
November 21, 2012 10:00 EST

Present on call: Stacey McCollough, Beverly Samuels, Brian Whitacre, Rachel Welborn, Bo Beaulieu, Susan Jakes, Mark Waller, Rod Clouser, Deborah Tootle

Minutes Update
Not present

Michelle Eley

Update re: DC representation
NaCo, and NaTO conversations

Bo Beaulieu

A chance to sit down with NIFA representatives including Beverly Samuels
NIFA CRD reps are brainstorming how to support the regional development centers, but not in a decision making role to fill Sally's position. All of the NIFA staff want to support the Regional centers, but must juggle existing responsibilities and support best they can.
Summary of Hill visits

Update from Advisors
Not on the call – no updates given

Joe Zublena, Lawrence Carter

CD Program Leaders: Meet @ NACDEP or CDS?

Bo Beaulieu

Group met before NACDEP and the group wants to continue this discussion next year. At NACDEP that group decided that because of Glaaxy, the group wanted to meet at the CDS mtg. To meet more folks within CDS and possibly explore joint membership, but NACDEP/ JCEP wants to encourage attendance at Galaxy. So we polled SR-PLN members about where the national PLN mtg should be held, the following were the comments:

- It is not sure logistically if we can meet at Galaxy – that was a concern logistics and scheduling.
- Stacey said we do have facilities to meet at Galaxy with the NACDEP allocation at Galaxy.
- Why don't we have one at both meetings at possibly get a more diverse group of program leaders.
- Agreed - NACDEP would like to see more program leaders as members of NACDEP to get more engaged.
- Others prefer CDS, and would advocate for one meeting to get more consensus.
- Rachel suggests we pose to the national listserv with the option to mark NACDEP, CDS, both and comments.
- Concerned about splitting it to dilute the results.

- Possibly ranking the options. Which would you be most likely to attend? We really want the most folks. There might be a lot of variability of votes based on region due to location and we really want to get a good cross country representation.

Reminder: Both NACDEP and CDS's call for papers are out, be sure to share across your states.

Plan of Work Update

- Regional CD logic model / indicators

Like having broader so that states can pick the ones most relevant to their programs

There might be some interest in trying to do a trial run in the southern region states – we are hoping after the early December call to send out the short list to start collecting

Mike shared concern of national system without more consensus on indicators, but the group decided are just going to have to start collecting and moving forward. Brian – wants to start the trial run – we will report out in Dec with results of call. Brian – we could put out a spread sheet. Brian is going to create one, send it out and we can aggregate it.

- Regional Project updates

Deborah Tootle / Bo Beaulieu

- SET

Are doing a phase 4 and getting ready to revamp – hoping to announce in early 2013. External evaluation team has prepared a final draft of initial report. Phase 3 states are now having early site visits to see how things are going to help get feedback to make the programs stronger.

- Ready Community

Deb – have added some states in the pilot, presented at TOAC and the EDEN conference. Folk are excited to see something focused on communities within the disaster work – they are adding a process of adding a module on drought planning – they are going to take the framework for ready community and apply it to drought as an add on module.

Rachel – Montana is way out ahead -had 300 participants show up for a recent event. Hoping they will do a webinar. One of the early communities that had originally got involved was Breezy Point with was devastated in Sandy.

- Survey of existing adult entrepreneurship training Al Myles

Not on call

- Southern CD agent training

Alison Davis

Not at call

- Middle Management update

Rod Clouser, Brian Whitacre

A call has gone to all SR-PLN chairs and vice chairs and have asked for a point person to partner with us on this issue and provide an update on the issue. At this time there have been no other point people identified. Remind of issues – NACo summer meeting issues relating to Extension paying more attention to issues of their priority issues within Extension and middle managers

action item to bring more visibility, FTE and budget to CRD in southern states – maybe wanting to put together a virtual resource and virtual training module for CRD in the south

New Business

- PLC Committee update

Joy Moten-Thomas, Rod Clouser

Theme of next years meeting will be heavily slanted towards urban programming. Rod suggests that we look at common themes tools and programs to keep the whole group engaged. We should know in a couple weeks. Rachel says that it is just one suggestion. So talk to Rod if you have any priorities for next PLN mtg.

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January 16, 2013 10:00 am EST

Submitted by Susan Jakes

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