

**Community Development Committee
Agenda
March 31, 2010
9:00 a.m. Central
605-475-4860, participant code 235023#**

Participants

Barbara Canada	Greg Taylor
David Hughes	Debra Tootle
Notie Lansford	Rachel Welborn
Sally Maggard	Michael Wilcox

- I. Approval of minutes http://srpln.msstate.edu/crd/jan10_mins.pdf - Minutes were approved as presented
- II. Reports:
 - a. NACDEP-Deborah Tootle: Have over 200 registered and tours are full.
- III. Work Plan Reports
 - a. Foundations of Practice, Training Delivery Level 1: **Complete**
 - b. Foundations of Practice – Levels 2 & 3: Nothing to report
 - c. Business Retention and Expansion: Alan Barefield and Sandra Thompson conducted a BREI training on February 2-3, 2010 for Tuskegee University's extension personnel. Sixteen individuals participated in the training.

BREI Fundamentals Course Evaluation Results

Tuskegee University / February 2-3, 2010

Course objectives were clear:	6.40 of 7.00		
Information provided was useful:	6.40 of 7.00		
I learned something new:	6.60 of 7.00		
Instructors knew the material:	6.67 of 7.00		
Instructors involved the participants:	6.87 of 7.00		
Overall, I rate this course as:	6.47		
This course was:	Too Long – 1	Too Short – 0	Just Right – 12
Certification is important to me:	Yes – 14	No – 0	
I am interested in advanced education:	Yes – 13	No – 0	

- d. Turning the Tide on Poverty: Rachel – Eight pilot sites are at various stages of the process. Three have completed the Action Forum and are forming action teams, one is planning for the Action Forum, two have just launched Study Circles, and two are planning to launch Circles in April. A new webpage has been established to showcase the work of the pilot sites: <http://srdc.msstate.edu/tide/>
- e. E-Commerce training: Rachel – A national team of e-Commerce Extension educators have been identified through the four RRDCs (5 per region) to participate in a national training event to help move the e-Commerce curricula out to communities across the nation. These training teams will be developing region-specific strategies for implementing training.
- f. Work cross-committee with 4H on youth entrepreneurship: CYFAR has a session planned on youth entrepreneurship. If anyone on the committee is able to attend, please report back to the group
- g. Cashing in on Business: No report
- h. Document regional CRD staffing and funding: Mike Wilcox is working with a graduate student on a survey that will be distributed nationally. Mike resent the last version this morning. Please review and provide feedback by noon tomorrow.
- i. SRDC “Leadership Education for the 21st Century: Article by Ken Pigg is complete and undergoing final revisions.
- j. Seek funding opportunities for regional programming: Rachel
 - i. USDA Rural Development – National pilot project to develop a partnership between the USDA Rural Development and the RRDCs/LGUs. Initially, eight pilot states have been identified. Pilot sites within each state will be selected through an application process to participate in the training and implementation phases. Southern pilot states are Louisiana and Kentucky.
 - ii. FEMA Regional Catastrophic Grant Program – National project to build bridges between Extension Service and FEMA through the Regional Catastrophic Grant Program. Two sites have been selected in the South: Norfolk and Houston.

IV. Other Business

- a. Southern Regional Convening, May 11-12, Charlotte, NC - Rachel. Information was sent out through the listserv yesterday about this opportunity. The purpose is to build networking and partnership opportunities throughout the Southern Region in Community Development. More information is on the SRDC website: <http://srdc.msstate.edu/srrc>
 - b. Bonnie Teater Community Development Lifetime Achievement Award – Nominations for the 2010 award will be reviewed today and award announcement is planned for NACDEP in April 2010.
 - c. NIFA Priorities: Dr. Ron Brown has challenged the PLN committees to begin considering identifying 2-3 common indicators that align with NIFA Priorities that could be used to measure regional impacts. Sally will bring this discussion to NACDEP for further consideration.
- V. Next CRD Committee Calls: Please make note of future CRD Committee calls and plan to join: **May 26th** and **July 28th**, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Central Time. The call in number is noted at the top of these minutes.