



## Southern Region – PLN Leaders Conference Call

Thursday, November 15, 2012

9:00 am CST/10am EST

1. Roll Call
  - a. Dr. Gina Eubanks (Advisor)-LA
  - b. Lisa Washburn, OK
  - c. Beverly Samuel – USDA Liaison
  - d. Jenna Anding (for Pete Gibb) – TX AgriLife Extension
  - e. Carol Rice – TX
  - f. Jorge Atiles – OK
  - g. Kris Grimes – KY
  - h. Krystal Smith – WV
  - i. Amy Simone – calling Dr. Elizabeth Bolton, FL
2. 1862 PLC Report: Representative not able to join the call.
3. 1890 PLC Report: (**Dr. Kris Grimes**): Job description, preparing for the December Conference in Atlanta, going over the upcoming PLN Conference in Nashville. During that time, there will also be follow-up the proposed POW. It will be significant to have keynote speaker – recommendations, therefore any ideas for the keynote speaker or agenda items should be forwarded to Dr. Grimes. The winter PLC meeting will be held from December 5 – 6, 2012, in Atlanta, GA.

Caroline Crocoll announced NIFA staffing changes during the annual APLU meeting. Alisha Shipley is the new contact for Military Programs/CFP Brent Elrod will be responsible for strategic partnerships.

K. Grimes: stated that one of the major AFRI – limitations of FCS to apply for January 10, 2012. It was introduced if the group would prefer to conduct a webinar in order for the FCS PLN to learn more and all seemed to agree. K. Smith, has made contact with individuals at NIFA to determine how this would work best at this point, thing are still pending. Ms. Beverly Samuel: Offered to talk with someone to assist with the webinar.

K. Grimes: There will be a phone call about the cross committees. There will be committee chairs. This call will be occurring soon and Dr. Grimes will contact Rachel Welbourne to determine when. The question to address is, what could be done within the Southern Region as it related to cross-committee objectives?

C. Rice discussed, Donna Martin in Texas has a major Military Families Programming. The group should contact B. Elrod. There will be \$22 million distributed for military families. Military families work and FCS best practices should be the focus.

4. **Dr. Eubanks**, introduced the discussion surrounding-the Federal budget and session on the last day of the APLU Conference. Possible approval is may not be until January. Keeping positive to where the Congress and President come to an agreement.
5. Minutes from the meeting in Orlando (August 2012) were approved.
6. The SRPLN, still needs to answer the question regarding the 100 celebration ***How has Home Economics/Family and Consumer Sciences advanced society over the years and what is in our future? We will gather 100 advances by HE/FCS to use in commemorating our accomplishments in 2014.***

Also, North Carolina has previously sent forward emails requesting support in this capacity.

7. **Dr. Jorge Atilas** – discussed Board on Human Science Annual meeting. He informed the group registration was open and also hotel rooms could be reserved at this time. The information can be found on BOHS.org. Program Speaker – Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy’s wife (Gita). The spring meeting will be held in DC, February 20-22, 2013. K. Smith has been recommended to call Carol Kellett, Executive Director – BOHS. NOTE: January 2013, Guidelines due April 2013 for the following year. University of Arizona/Dr. Lynn Borden / BOHS Engagement, award winner 2012
8. **Ms. B. Samuel** @ USDA: discussed the progress of the America Saves initiative. She stated that Susan Shockey conducted a new presentation. She has offered to send the presentation out to all the Program leaders following the call to use at their discretion. She has also had conversations with Dr. Crocoll: Ms. Samuel made mention that the Farm Bill expired on September 30, 2012. Authority for mandatory program expired. We are now operating under the continuing resolution and may continue spending only at the 2012. Budget cuts for travel have been implemented for NIFA staff and they are uncertain about the status until Congress has approved the pending budget. Finally, she asked that FCS Program Leaders provide ideas of how the NIFA staff can be more supportive to the needs of the Southern Region.
9. State Reports
  - a. Lisa Washburn. – ARK, nothing to report
  - b. Barefoot-Clemson, Hiring FCS Extension Associates with a food safety focus. Getting ready for interviews.
  - c. A. Simon – FL, working on a 5 year road map – long range plan. 3 FCS, Family, Youth & Community. Solicitation for AP.

- d. Kris Grimes – KY, had to leave the call
- e. Jorge Atilas – OK, finally came to the point. Investing in evaluation web base system, incorporated programmatic impact data – educator appraisals, research based, hiring.
- f. Dorothy Wilson – OK, new changes form
- g. Brian Calhoun – VA, FCS Associate Director, has seen a growth in FCS Agents covering entire State. They now have 40 Agents and more to be hired. There will also be hiring for a Human Development Specialist. A family financial management position is being staffed to work in food safety. They will also work across all program lines.
- h. Carol Rice – TX, on target to have 130,500 child care providers on line course and they are anticipating there will be 200,000 completions by the end of the year. They also have a workforce of 190 FCS Agents.
- i. Krystal Smith-WV, Adult EFNEP Paraprofessional being hired following the holiday break. The first joint FCS/4-H position was also created and filled this year. WVSUES also has a pending hire of Extension/Research Specialist, requiring RD/PhD level background.  
NEAFCS 2015 – There will be a letter submitted by the FCS Statewide Association to host the conference in WV.

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