

**Southern Region Program Leadership Network  
Conference Call Minutes  
July 9, 2017 ♦ 8 a.m. Central, 9 a.m. Eastern**

**Participants:** Kevin Allen, Oklahoma State University; Richard Clark, University of Tennessee; Woody Hughes, Jr., Valley State University; Mitzi Downing, NC State University; Arch Smith and Sue Chapman, University of Georgia; Dorothy Wilson, Langston University (Oklahoma); Jodi Black, Central State University (Ohio); Pam Ardern and Ashley Burns, Clemson University; Tiki Winston, University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff; Chris Decubellis, University of Florida; Doug Swanson, National 4-H Headquarters NIFA/USDA; Molly Greg, Auburn University; Kanitra \*\*\*, National 4-H Council

Arch Smith called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. (EST).

### **National Program Leaders Meeting 2017**

Pam informed the group that the hotel room block, for this year's national program leaders meeting, is full. The committee is working to secure additional rooms.

### **National Program Leaders Meeting 2018**

The date for the 2018 National Program Leaders Meeting will be February 26 – March 1, 2018, location TDB. Arch asked for a volunteer, from an 1862 university, to serve as our Southern Region rep on the 2018 Planning Team. Mitzi Downing, NC State University volunteered.

### **PLWG Update**

Doug gave an update from the June PLWG meeting in Minnesota. The group is working on aligning existing working groups / committees as well as discussing gaps and areas of need. Two (2) short-term working groups have been created and need Southern Region Representation. If you and/or your university has someone you would like to nominate for one of these groups - please send their names to Arch and Doug by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Opportunity 1: Curriculum Study Group**

- Seeking 1-2 representatives from each region.
- Length of service – September 2017 through May 2018 (9 months)
- Purpose – To explore the feasibility of developing a system or process for 4-H to easily, effectively, and efficiently adapt third party curriculum and learning materials to positive youth development standards. In addition, if determined to be feasible, outline how those materials could be shared within 4-H name and emblem regulations.
- Skills desired in regional representatives – Knowledgeable in learning and teaching theory and best practices, and have direct practical experience in 4-H programming. Strong skills in research and writing will be helpful. Representative may be of any position of professional staff as deemed appropriate by the region.

### **Opportunity 2: Teaching Models Task Force**

- Seeking 2-3 representatives from each region.

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- Length of service – September 2017 through February 2019 (18 months)
- Purpose – Create a series of research based documents related to the various models of teaching that can be used to achieve the [4-H Learning Experience](#) for diverse audiences that are culturally responsive and language appropriate. This includes but is not limited to racial and ethnic identity development, inquiry based learning, service learning, project based learning, social justice learning, and demonstration learning.
- Skills desired in regional representatives – Knowledgeable in learning and teaching theory and best practices, including individuals with extensive knowledge on the research with diverse audiences, and have direct practical experience in youth programming that is inclusive of individuals with experience working with racially, ethnically and culturally diverse youth. Strong skills in research and writing will be helpful. Representative may be of any position of professional staff as deemed appropriate by the region.

**NAE4HA Conference – Nov. 12-14, 2017 / Indianapolis, IN**

Doug announced that there will be several special sessions on Tuesday of NAE4HA (including guest speakers) on the impact of Bullying, Micro-Aggression, Civility / Civil Discourse, etc. Additional information will be released in the coming months.

**ECOP / National 4-H Congress Update**

Arch announced that ECOP has dissolved the National 4-H Congress Board and that a new committee will be formed. The “Youth Design Team” structure will remain. Additional information about this will be available at our National Program Leaders Meeting in August.

Arch noted that we need to talk about the discussion surrounding the term “Citizenship” during the National Program Leaders Meeting in August.

**National 4-H Council Youth Advisory Committee**

Kanitra noted that the new eleven (11) member National 4-H Youth Advisory Committee was recently announced and that the southern region was well represented.

**PBS: American Graduate Day**

Doug provided us with information on *American Graduate Day*. *American Graduate Day* is a live – stream broadcast program that features leading education, media, celebrity figures and youth who share inspirational stories from across the nation. This year’s event will take place on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Doug will send out additional information about this program and share how 4-H can nominate youth with unique stories for spotlight.