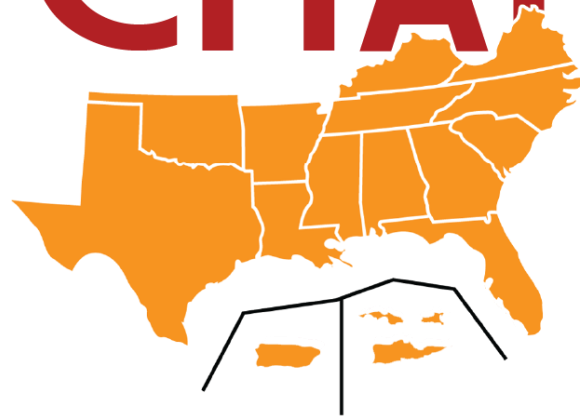


Opportunities in Transition:

DRIVING CHANGE



2020

SR-PLN, AEA, ASRED

Joint Virtual Meeting

August 24-27

Actions & Accomplishments

Action Items



Action Items

ANR Committee

- **Background:** Extension systems across the region shifted to digital delivery platforms for programs this spring with little opportunity to consider methods for evaluating programs delivered in this manner.
- **Committees Involved:** ANR (will convene), CRD, IT, MM, COM, FCS, 4-H, PSD
Project leadership will be determined on the first call.
- **Action Requested:** Create a Southern Region working group to determine best practices in virtual program delivery, challenges, and evaluation / impact reporting. This could require travel funds, when travel becomes an option. AEA & ASRED consider appointing an administrative advisor to this group.
- **Timeline:** Working group formed by October 1.

Opportunities in Transition:



Action Items

MM Committee

- **Background:** Extension organizations across the region face similar challenges related to face-to-face group engagements during COVID. Baseline procedures for common group interactions that may be replicated across states would be useful.
- **Committee Involved:** Middle Managers
- **Action Requested:** Endorse the development of common baseline procedures for group engagement (i.e. 4H, Master Gardener, volunteers, FCS, commodity groups/ boards, etc.)
- **Timeline:** January 2021



Accomplishments



Accomplishments

ANR Committee

- Contacts for industrial hemp were obtained for each state/territory; the Southern Region Hemp Collaboration e-mail listserv and Google Drive were developed to provide regional platforms for interaction, and; a survey was disseminated to learn about the characteristics of hemp in each state, how hemp programming is taking place, and information needs.
- Extension resources and contacts were identified and shared from a survey report conducted by ASRED for ECOP National Farm Mental Health Initiative and NIFA Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network competitive grant awards.
- Several Southern states have developed post disaster ag and natural resource loss estimate forms that include varying details of information gathered by Extension educators and their state agency partners.
- ANR Directors were surveyed to determine how to market and strengthen our regional efforts in Extension water resource programming. Authors are considering publishing the results in the Journal of Extension.

Opportunities in Transition:



- Created a promotional video that encourages Extension professionals to utilize ADA and 508 compliance training. These will be made available to other committees.
- Identified competencies and learning objectives for scientific writing.
- Developed #Hashtag campaign for use regionally and nationally:
#extensionhasanswers



Accomplishments

CRD Committee

- Offered a multi-state CRD 101 and facilitation training in Texas in November 2019. In total, 30 people participated from 11 states.
- Provided topical webinars to showcase resources and programming in the South (Housing, Resilience, Census 2020).
- Contributed monthly features in SRDC's *Around the South* with a distribution to approximately 900 individuals.
- Collected and compiled 2019-2020 CRD indicators, including a one-page highlighting CRD's response to COVID-19.



Accomplishments

- Submitted \$40M grant to National Institutes of Health – COVID-19 Racial Disparities and Testing with Clinical and Translational Science Awards Network.
- Encouraged participation in the NIFA panel reviews with 3 participants on 6 different panel reviews.
- Supported and promoted the National Census.
- Maintained the mapping of FCS efforts, which helps in obtaining extramural funding.
- Adapted and maintained limited resource education initiatives through COVID-19 pandemic.



Accomplishments

4-H Committee

- **Volunteer Conference of Southern States** was completed Sept 26-29th, 2019 in GA with 3 countries represented (including the US) and 23 states (which includes KS with the military partnership). A VIRTUAL conference is scheduled for 2020.
- **National 4-H Food Challenge** was completed in Oct 2019 led by Texas 4-H. The 2020 event has been canceled.
- **Civil Discourse Coming Together for Racial Understanding** – 13 southern region states completed national training and most have conducted at least one session in their state and virtually.
- **The Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference** was completed in September 2019 with 8 states and 415 participants. A VIRTUAL conference is scheduled for 2020.



- Created a Microsoft Teams channel where IT Committee members can upload technology related grant opportunities to be shared.
- Created a document of Best Practices related to IT security.
- Created a repository summarizing various IT services in response to the unprecedented COVID-19 situation. The information was also used to create an EXTension Talks video.



Accomplishments

MM Committee

- Completed quarterly video conferences and trainings;
- Completed summary of opioid programs across the region;
- Shared strategies for onboarding on new agents;
- Shared collaboration tools across region;
- Planned MM biennial conference for April 5-8, 2021 Nashville, TN;
- Shared professional expertise across states on leadership and professional development topics.



Accomplishments

PSD Committee

Conducted 2020 Virtual Summer School (July 13-17) – Extension Programming Through the Lens of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

762 unique attendees (new record!)

PSD Virtual Summer school recordings: <https://naepsdp.org/Webinar-Archive>



Information Item



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FCS Committee

- **Background:** FCS recognizes the need for improved integration of multi-disciplinary and shared programming and communication among key personnel to improve our responsiveness to funding, capacity building, partnerships and emerging issues.
- **Committee Involved:** FCS Committee
- **Plans:** The committee will create a regional collaboration platform to include the following:
 - Create a Teams Page for PLN and Extension specialists' shared resources and calendar with channels for nutrition, health, food preservation and finance (and other emerging issues).
 - Create abstracts about the programs being conducted and emerging issues – list specialization to determine what trainings can be provided.
 - Conduct shared trainings for subject matter programs based on needs assessments.

- **Timeline:** Teams Page established by 12/2020; All Teams Page trainings done by 03/2021; Initial shared trainings done by 08/2021.

