

October CRD Conference Call/Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, October 17, 2018
2 PM Eastern/1 PM Western
MINUTES

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Attendees: Alison Davis, Stacey McCullough, Mark Waller, Steve Turner, Carolyn Stuart, Russ Garner, Amanda Philyaw Perez, Brent Elrod, Sreedhar Upendram, Michael Gutter, Matt Fannin, Rod Clouser, Joy Moten-Thomas

I. Opening Business

Stacey McCullough

- a. Approval of July Minutes – Motion to approve (Steve), motion seconded (Michael), minutes approved.

II. Administrative Advisor Updates – Advisors not in attendance

III. NIFA Update

Brent Elrod

- Director Dr. J. Scott Angle has been nominated and will be sworn in, starts last week of October
- Proposed NIFA relocation, bids closed on the 15th. NIFA created three teams: Process, People, Place. Staff will not know what communities submitted interest but will be vetted at Secretary-level and a decision will be made after the 1st of the year.
- NIFA Listens is underway, thanks to CRD for pushing that out to the nation. Steve Turner is going to New Orleans this week.
- Under Continuing Resolution until 12/7/18.
- Farm Bill is stalled, mandated programs have lapsed, so no new announcements.
- Two new RFA's: Enhance Ag opportunities for Military and Veterans, (Nov 1st, webinar), eXtension (later winter for release of RFA).
- New cooperative agreement with USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) focused on field staff training to improve customer service, effectiveness and efficiency. Russ is working on behalf of the south to lead logistics side. This will be a 3-day training where extension personnel will be invited to the 2nd and 3rd day.
- A new cooperative agreement with FSA led by NCRD focusing on farm stress associated with a struggling farm economy (harm to self or others). Michigan State will be modifying a curriculum for FSA staff. In year 2 there might be a train-the-trainer effort across the country.
- USDA working with Department of Justice around elder justice, leading to a summit in Des Moines 11/14-11/15. There might be opportunities for FCS and CRD new collaborative programming efforts.

IV. 2019 NACDEP Update

Amanda Philyaw-Perez

- Because of Hurricane Florence the NACDEP board meeting was cancelled and postponed until December 4-6th.
- Nominations for several board positions are open: Pres-elect, Secretary, Treasurer and 1890 rep. Please submit names to Trudy Rice or Amanda.
- Regional reps hosting zoom sessions between conferences to increase engagement. Amanda sent out email to the Southern region on 10/16.
- NACDEP 2019 – June 9-12 – Asheville.

V. PLC Committee Update

Mark Waller

- PLC meeting tomorrow (10/18).
- PLC face-to-face meeting 11/29 - 11/30 fly in Atlanta.
- Reminder that conference next year 8/19-8/22 in New Orleans.

VI. SRDC Update

Steve Turner

- Annual meeting in Arlington VA next week (Tues, Wed Thurs). Wed is dedicated to visits with agency leaders and other non-governmental agencies.
- OPPE around country, January to March (2 in each regions, 6 total). The Southern locations are Atlanta and Houston.
- Coming Together for Racial Understanding went well with over 70 people in attendance.
- CREATE BRIDGES is a workforce development project piloted in three states: Oklahoma, Kentucky, Arkansas funded by the Walmart Foundation. This is a 3-year project focused on workforce development for the retail, tourism, accommodations, and entertainment industries.
- Continuing to support work around heirs properties (see plan of work update).

VII. NC PLC Committee Update

Stacey McCullough

- Talked about NIFA listens, group letter where many from the region would sign.
- Reviewing collaborative opportunities between FCS and CRD, Stacey agrees to share preliminary Southern efforts with NC PLC group.
- Opportunity Zones, communities may not be actively engaging or thinking about the ramifications of new investment, not all investment is great? Social ramifications?
- NACDEP Post-conference workshop, looking through material and trying to figure out what to do with it from a programmatic perspective

VIII. CRD Plan of Work

- a. Future of Extension white paper
 - Stacey will get white paper out soon
- b. Regional summary of each institution's programs and resources (President's Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity) – Alison
 - Alison sent the survey to the CRD program leader listserv last week. So far 5 have responded. The survey includes new questions related to the Rural Task Force
 - Brent announced the USDA has stood up implementation teams for nine identified priorities. Brent is on the innovation team.
 - Once survey is complete and report is finalized, Brent can help promote within NIFA
- c. Share CRD programming across the region – Stacey
 - Ongoing with CRD leading webinars and providing content for Around the South
- d. Continue in CRD indicator work and growth and explore opportunities for greater participation – Sreedhar

No new updates
- e. Continue conversation with Middle Managers (including PSD representation) pertaining to CRD 101 training – Stacey
 - Stacey is waiting to hear from MM's as a follow up to the discussion.
 - Rod and Mike G. will follow up with MM program chair
- f. Offer a multi-state CRD 101 agent training – Alison
 - Alison has no news
 - Stacey shared that the Foundations of Practice Community of Practice, led by Heidi M. and Mary Peabody, has a new matrix that highlights modules and training mediums (webinars, face-to-face, etc).
- g. Joint CRD/FCS Projects
 - Heirs Property (Russ) – 40 individuals from 19 LGUs, launch survey to identify research and partners. Got a good feel for who was doing what, including LGUs and NGOs. New steering committee (non-profits, 1890s and 1862) was created. Submitted AFRI seed proposal in August. There will be a meeting in Atlanta in December with the new steering committee.
 - Economic Mobility – no updates
 - Food Systems – no updates

h. List of CRD priorities for NIFA Listens – Stacey

Steve sent his comments and ECOP's via email

Joy - We think about the product, not the individual, limited resource producers have health, housing, education, and financial issues that affect them as the individual. Focus on the farmer, the household, the family and community.

Alison - Reiteration of Steve's comments about the integration of the social and behavioral sciences

Joy – Food deserts

Michael – Lack of access to services and connectedness

Stacey – leadership element is critical, helping to build local capacity is critical

IX. Other Business

Matt Fannin – Visit with the National Academies and Science and the Gulf Research Program. In the next 18-24 months they are planning to allocate \$200 million to ocean systems and \$200 million into human systems (long-term panel data set for looking at metrics at the sub-county level in coastal regions). The goal is to try to identify non-market based metrics important to research and outreach.

NSF – Investing in *Coastline and People*

Brent – NOAA – Engaging Sea Grants around coastal tourism

Meeting adjourned.

Next CRD Zoom on December 19 at 1pm Central, 2pm Eastern