

CRD Conference Call/Web Meeting
June 8, 2017
Minutes

Attendees: Crystal Tyler-Mackey (chair), Stacey McCullough (secretary), Alison Davis, Dave Shideler, Rachel Welborn, Steve Turner, Michael Wilcox, Dan Kahl, Susan Kelly, Susan Jakes, Andrea Scarrow, Chris Cotton, Edwin Jones, Rod Clauser

Opening Business

Crystal Tyler-Mackey called the meeting to order. Stacey sent minutes from the previous meeting. Steve identified some typos that need to be fixed. Any additional changes should be sent to Crystal or Stacey.

NIFA Update - Brent Elrod

- Brent was unable to be on the call.

NACDEP Update – Susan Kelly

- 2017 NACDEP Conference is next week. Registration is between 350 and 400, including 224 NACDEP members at last count.
- State program leaders meeting will meet at NACDEP on Sunday at 1:00-4:00. States have been asked to submit 1-page reports. Thirty-two reports have been submitted so far. Michael Wilcox share that he and Bo will be leading a discussion on partnering with 1890 and 1994 institutions. They have reached out to Michelle Eley and John Phillips to discuss ways to do this. Chris offered to follow up with Michael. Alison indicated that the planning committee intended for the discussion to also include other partnerships.
- The 2018 conference will be held in Cleveland, OH and the 2019 conference will be held in Asheville, NC.

PLC Committee Update – Dave Shideler

- Conference registration has been open for about a month. It is being held in Fort Worth.
- Elizabeth North and Dave Shideler are holding a Zoom with the keynote speaker (Rich Harwood) at 2:00 today to discuss incorporating committee work into his presentation. Committee members interested in participating can contact Dave for connection information.

SRDC Update – Steve Turner and Rachel Welborn

- Steve is continuing his tour of the region with recent visits to Florida A&M, University of Florida, Texas Prairie View and Texas A&M. He plans to revisit University of Tennessee and Southern University in light of new leadership.
- SET Phase VII has launched. In light of changes at USDA Rural Development, including elimination of the undersecretary position, they will be conducting a follow up evaluation of Phase V regions since it included the largest numbers. A second evaluation round of other SET regions may follow.
- The RRDCs will visit Washington, DC in June.
- SERA-47 will have its second annual meeting on August 1-2 in Atlanta. Travel funds are available for official members.
- The Rapid Response Report on Civil Dialogue and Race Relation was submitted to ECOP. The group is applying for an AFRI grant.

- The broadband curriculum team in reconvening to update the materials. The group is meeting during NACDEP Tuesday morning at NACDEP. There has been some turnover in that group, and the South is underrepresented so anyone interested in joining is welcome to do so.
- An ECOP survey around big data recently went out.

North Central Update – Michael Wilcox

- NC region. Grants, under \$30k, require collaboration across Universities. This time around, making funding available to focus on a specific issue. Program leaders are in the process of determining this year's issue.
- Professional development – There are quite a few people who are not able to go to Montana. The region is looking at offering two regional professional development opportunities, one in the Great Plains and the other in IN, OH, IL.
- The region is looking at refining some of their CRD indicators.
- Roberto Gallardo is moving to Purdue University with Purdue Center for Rural Development.

Plan of Work Update

- a. Convene working group regarding child poverty.
 - Energy fizzled.
 - LSU, Pine Bluff, Prairie View and UK led some conversations. No clear “next steps.”
 - Alison followed up suggesting CRD would have to lead the initiative because the discussion has been limited to the family-level.
 - Crystal would like to continue the conversation. North Central is focusing on this as well.
- b. Continue in CRD indicator work and growth.
 - July 1st, indicators are due. Rachel will send out a reminder.
- c. Encourage and support collaboration with ANR and FCS on local foods systems efforts, including the proposed SERA, and other efforts.
 - Work continues with SERA 47.
 - Group will meet August 1st and 2nd. SRDC have some travel dollars.
 - Writing an AFRI grant.
 - Leadership positions have stepped down, so looking for others to step up.
- d. Identify best practices for building CRD capacity.
 - Alison is working on including indirect costs to include in the budget tool. Alison will send template to Ed Jones for his input.
- e. Host monthly webinar series.
 - Last 3 scheduled before PLN. Rachel will bring participation numbers to PLN.

Conference/Video Call Schedule: 9:00 a.m. Central/10:00 a.m. Eastern

- Thursday, July 13, 2017
- SR-PLN 2017 Conference: August 21-24, 2017 Fort Worth, TX. Dave talked about the preconference for PLN in Fort Worth on leadership development

Meeting adjourned.