

SRPLN April 21, 2020: Zoom Meeting

In attendance:

Leslie Speller-Henderson Tennessee State University
De'Shoim A. York; Southern University
Brent Elrod, NIFA
Karla Shelnett University of Florida
Kimberly Baker - Clemson University
Denise holston—LSU AgCenter
Barb Struempfer Auburn University AL
Mike Gutter, University of Florida
Kathy Hosig; Virginia Tech
Jorge Atilas, OSU Extension, Oklahoma
Matt Devereaux, University of Tennessee
Allisen Penn, University of Georgia
Rosalind Dale, 1890 Advisor- N.C. A&T
Bethany Eigel, Virginia Tech
Jacquelyn White Prairie View A&M University
virginie Zoumenou University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Kimberly Davis, Florida A&M University
Brenda Martin, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Sarah Kirby, NC State University
Claudette Smith N.C. A&T State University
Kendra Zamojski, UF
Gina Peek, Oklahoma State University
Rosalind Dale
Rich Bonanno
Michael Gutter, University of Florida
Michelle Parisi, Clemson University

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Michael Gutter/De'Shoim York: Welcome and Introductions

New Business: Updates

1. 1890 Administrative Update – Dr. Rosalind Dale
 - a. Extension Excellence Award nominations due May 1
 - b. A request is going out for \$80M to support extension in light of COVID-19
 - i. \$11.5M will go to 1890s
 - ii. Portion to Tribal
 - iii. Remaining to 1862s
 - c. Conference scheduled for June 2020 in Orlando has been postponed
 - i. New date July 25-29, 2021 in Orlando
2. 1862 Administrative Update – Dr. Rich Bonanno
 - a. In the process of putting together the \$80M request
 - b. Updates about food supply concerns
 - i. Problem is at the processing level
 - ii. Processors are exploring new ways to package and distribute to consumer market – watch for:
 - 1) Direct sales off of transport trucks
 - 2) Repackaging of foods could cause food safety concerns
3. Updates from NIFA Representative **Brent Elrod**
 - a. Relocation of NIFA headquarters has impacted fund availability and NIFA will try to prioritize the release of funds

- b. New RFAs opportunities related to COVID-19 – quick turnaround dates (June 4th) – please distribute
 - i. NIFA’s primary focus during the remainder of FY20 continues to be on release of one-year annual funds, peer review panels for two-year RFAs with established timelines, Farm Bill implementation, rebuilding the agency through recruitment, hiring, and workforce development, and COVID-19 response.
 - ii. NIFA COVID-19 page: <https://nifa.usda.gov/coronavirus> ; NIFA Deadline Extensions due to COVID-19 <https://nifa.usda.gov/announcement/nifa-deadline-extensions-due-covid-19>
 - iii. To address COVID-19 research questions related to food and agriculture, an early response deadline for this SBIR Phase I RFA is available for proposals in SBIR topic areas; most relevant topic areas are 8.3, 8.5, 8.6, and 8.12.
 - iv. Added 4/17/2020: Rapid Response to Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) Impacts Across Food and Agricultural Systems (Due Date 6/4/2020) to the AFRI Foundational and Applied Science RFA See <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/program/agriculture-and-food-research-initiative-afri>
- c. Announcements of new hires for National Program Leader and Division Director positions are forthcoming in April and May. A second announcement for NPL positions under both the Biological and Social Science Specialist categories will post soon. For a list of current (and future) postings, bookmark <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/career-opportunities>. The most up-to-date organizational chart is available at <https://nifa.usda.gov/resource/nifaorgchart>.
- d. The permanent KC HQ location is at 805 Pennsylvania, KC, MO. The projected move-in date is September 2020.
- e. Skill development, housing: If you have curriculum/programs to share, please share
- f. Questions?
- 4. Update from Board of Human Sciences –
 - a. Jorge – board of human sciences: members agreed/voted on signing letter to support request of additional \$80M from NIFA to Extension
 - b. Introduction of Dr. Gina Peak – will be stepping into Jorge’s participation in the group
 - c. If interested, consider getting involved in Board of Human Sciences (organization that advocates for FCS)
- 5. PLC updates – Mike/Leslie
 - a. Leslie: conference considerations
 - b. Thoughts/discussion? – will continue to consider

New faces/attendees?

- c. Dorothy Wilson from Langston University

Covid-19 Discussion

- a. Partnerships and innovations/how are we adapting? New opportunities with online trainings, etc. – other thoughts? Send to Leslie or Michael
- b. Jorge interested in ways to handle “Zoom tired” – share best practices?
- d. Allison Penn – UGA – collaborating across the state lines – how much are we duplicating efforts - NCU is sharing food safety resources; how can we collaborate more effectively so that we’re not duplicating efforts? – discussion
- e. Jorge – encourage county educators to report NOW for \$80M request before April 27th

Next meeting: Reviewing the 2019-2020 Plan of Work/Annual Accomplishments and updating the 2020 Plan of Work/Annual Accomplishments

Adjourn 1:59 pm