



**Southern Region Program Leadership Committee Meeting
April 20, 2017**

Minutes

Participants:

- ANR –Tom Melton and Louie Rivers
- COM – Elizabeth Gregory-North
- CRD – Iris Crosby
- FCS – Leslie Speller-Henderson
- 4-H Youth Dev – no representatives
- IT –Rhonda Conlon
- MM – no representatives
- PSD –Celeste Allgood

AEA: No representatives

ASRED: Paul Brown

SRDC/MSU: Vicki Vaughn Rachel Welborn

1. Elizabeth Gregory North provided a welcome. The February minutes were approved as presented as was the agenda.
2. Update from AEA – No report
3. Update from ASRED - Paul Brown – ASRED is meeting next week.
4. Overview of Committee Plans of Work – Where could cross-committee work happen this year? This will be discussed after a conversation with the keynote presenter.
5. Conference Planning – updates and confirmations
 - Conference theme: **Engaging Communities: Worth Doing Together**
 - Our priorities:
 - Promote multi-state cooperation
 - Anticipate emerging issues
 - Implement actions to address these issues
 - Promoting cross committee work
 - Pre-Conference Session:
 - Jeannette Johnson, Organizational Development Officer
Tarrant County, Texas
 - General topic: Leadership development and succession planning

Elizabeth is working with her to get a short description.

- General session agenda:

Opening General Session

8:00 Introductions and Welcome

8:15 Charge: Carolyn Williams, related to theme, keynote, and PLN

8:30 Keynote Presentation & Interaction

10:00 Break

11:45 Lunch (with 4 Ignite Sessions)

- Keynote speaker: Rich Harwood, The Harwood Institute
- How to carry keynote theme through rest of conference? Paul, Elizabeth, Vicki, and Dave Shideler will work on this.
- Newcomer Orientation (Iris, ChaNae, Dave, Rich, Elizabeth) – Elizabeth will set up a conference call to discuss.
- Program Committee Chair Training (Laura, Celeste, Elizabeth, Rachel) – The team will meet soon to discuss.
- Ignite Sessions (Rachel, Iris, Celeste, Tom, Rhonda) – Rachel sent out a reminder last week. So far no proposals have been submitted, but aren't due until April 28th. If we do not get enough applicants, we can resend with the suggested topic list.
 - Take only the very best
 - 4 at lunch Tuesday; 4 at lunch Wednesday
 - Proposals due April 28

6. Future Joint Meeting Site Plans – Vicki Vaughn

- 2019: none of the suggestions submitted by PLN members had space or availability for the meeting. Vicki found two other hotels with comparable prices and available space: The Westin at Canal Place in New Orleans and the Hyatt Regency in downtown Atlanta. PLN recommended putting these into the rotation if they pan out. Vicki is planning to have a site visit to the locations.

7. Program Committee Reports

- ANR –Tom Melton and Louie Rivers: On March 10th, we had a call about pesticide drift and are continuing to work on meeting on June 27-29 with North Central and South ANR in DC.
- COM – Elizabeth Gregory-North: The team is continuing work on the competencies we've discussed before. We should have more to show in August.
- CRD – Iris Crosby: CRD is continuing to make progress on its plan of work.
- FCS – Leslie Speller-Henderson: We met at DC and are continuing to explore child development through the lens of community development. A discussion



protocol is being piloted at four universities: University of Kentucky, Prairie View A&M, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, and Louisiana State University. We also discussed SERA 47 to ensure FCS is represented. We have also worked to connect health specialists across the region.

- 4-H Youth Dev – no representatives
- IT –Rhonda Conlon: We met last week and continue to work through our plan of work. We are working with Ed Tech learning group with eXtension on a catalog of technology solutions. We discussed opportunities for professional development within the committee and discipline.
- MM – no representatives
- PSD –Celeste Allgood: Virtual Summer School is being planned for August. We are doing a survey of expertise within our committee to help newcomers network quickly and find help as they begin working.

8. Other Business

- Future PLN Agenda Study Group: Paul Brown, Ron Brown, L. Washington Lyons, one more from AEA, Iris Crosby, Tom Melton, Pam Ardern, Celeste Allgood, Terrence Wolfork, Laura Stephenson: The group has been analyzing the existing structure to see how the time could be redistributed to allow ample time for the committees to work. The committee came up with a list of questions that need answering before proceeding:
 - Can the PLC complete their preparation before PLN and not need to meet on Monday?
 - Can we get by without a preconference?
 - Can newcomer orientation be handled by videoconference ahead of time?
 - Can we do without a general session?

Discussion points:

- We'd need to ensure there is ample time to meet reporting requirements.
- One of the values of the newcomer orientation is the face-to-face meeting time.
- Is our culture receptive to change or as a whole, are people satisfied? Some want a tightly scheduled event while others prefer a more relaxed schedule.
- Paul will be presenting to ASRED next week and will report back to this group in June.

9. Adjourn

REMINDER – The next conference call will be held Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 9:00 Central. Please call 641-715-3276 and enter participant code 1068380#