

31 August 2017 - Native American Task Force meeting notes
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College

- Call to order - present: Ariga Grigoryan, Kenzie Carlson, Annie Jones, Cathy Techtmann, Brian Gauthier, Will Andresen, Dave Berard, Pat Goggin, and Amber Marlow.
- In-service discussion – “Working effectively with tribal communities”
 - Pat shared an update with task force members on the training preparations we are working in partnership with WDNR colleagues Kathy Bartilson, Cherie Hagen, and Shelly Allness and Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College Dean Amber Marlow; he reviewed the draft layout/agenda for day 1.
 - Task force members together fleshed out a draft of the day 2 layout/agenda and talked it through with Amber. Day 2 combines a Medicine Wheel break out session with discussions around action planning for new partnerships with tribal communities and local success stories with additional cultural activities designed to create deeper understanding and to provide an opportunity to learn more about tribal traditions.
 - Logistical support needs for the training and the registration process was also discussed by the group.
- Discussed transition to the Next Generation model – Dave B.
 - Dave gave a short update on where the Next Gen process stands and our transition to the new model for Extension in relation to NATF goals
 - Dave discussed how we are trying to meet our budget targets and that new area directors are coming on line; most of the transition planning is done but some process decisions are still coming (ex. new office of financial development).
- Native Nations/UW System work group and action planning
 - No update at this time.
- Local / partner updates:
 - Will A. – Will shared how he is excited to be back with CNRED in his new interim role as program leader for CNRED; he is focusing on budgets and helping staff transition to the new model.
 - Kenzie C. – helping with several different strategic planning efforts with Forest County Potawatomi Community members and tribal offices—small steps with a growing baseline of information that can be used going forward with decision-making. The new tribal farming operation is doing well and is ahead of schedule with its initial goals for production.
 - Annie J. – dropped off call before local updates
 - Dave B. – setting up his new office at the LCO College; working with college leadership on several fronts including helping with strategic planning and supporting the campus in their efforts to seek reaccreditation.
 - Cathy T. – provided assorted grant work and other project updates related to National Park Service G-WOW video project, “Hear the water Speak” unit development, estuary education with 20+ women participants, and EE programs with Bad River school groups. Cat also shared that the organizational development / shared leadership session for GLIFWC biological services went very well with Brian’s help—something to continue to build on going forward.
 - Brian G. – he enjoyed working with Cat and GLIFWC too—a prosperous session. He is busy supporting LDF community initiatives around youth, families, and challenges with drug use and other gang type activity in the community leading to a state of emergency scenario with significant repercussions. He

also shared outreach efforts around helping community members to understand their lagoon system maintenance needs with stormwater and the EPA standards followed with that long-term water structure in the community. This discussion included a forum with Moss Lake members and other community folks number some 70+ interested people.

- Ariga G. – working hard on putting her portfolio together for tenure consideration. She has been busy helping Sawyer County to examine the impact of local foods and farmer's markets to local economies and community health goals. Their team is interviewing market vendors and farm logistics with baseline questioning to help bolster local efforts around food production, technical assistance to support economic growth, and healthy living—different modes of community support are emerging.
- Amber M. – (Dean of Continuing Education and Customized Training with LCO College) we have been busy getting their new wing of classroom up and running this semester along with a new café. Gearing up for ricing excursions with students and staff. Discussed some intern possibilities being explored with Ag. Equity Program, US Forest Service and GLIFWC (Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission). Also, working with First Americans Land-grant Consortium (FALCON) conference.
- Will A. – shared his progress in his new role as interim CNRED program leader and helping with transition to Next gen model.
- Pat G. – Indigenous arts and sciences workshop in July at LDF a great success with 20+ educators and youth; Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC) update given.
- Brian G. – State of Emergency facilitation in home community b/c of recent challenges – facilitation of meetings, council discussions, etc.; helping record and report progress and needs going forward of the community

- Other

- No other items were brought up for discussion

Conclude and travel home!

Respectfully written and submitted by Pat Goggin