

Native American Task Force meeting minutes - April 27th, 2017

- Call to order - present: Annie Jones, Kenzie Carlson, Cathy Techtmann, Steve Nelson, Brian Gauthier, Eloisa Gomez, Katy LaRoque, Crystal Lepscier, Theresa Curtis, Matt Calvert, Dave Berard, and Pat Goggin
- In-service discussion – “Working effectively with tribal communities”
 - Joint training with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource Water Team folks, some UW-System attendees, and interested UW-Extension colleagues – slated for early October 2017 in LCO
 - Related 10 year⁺ history of doing this in-service for Extension colleagues and a quick overview of what we cover in the 2-day training
 - Pat shared an update with task force members on the training preparations he is working in partnership with WDNR colleagues Kathy Bartilson, Cherie Hagen, and Shelly Allness.
- Discussed GAP analysis (Next Generation)
 - Dave gave a short update on where the Next Gen process currently sits in relation to NATF goals
 - Working on maximizing partnerships with tribal colleges and communities – task force still has a goal of getting at least one Extension educator in each tribal community (if wanted)
 - We discussed how tribal communities are being built into the new strategy for UW-Extension moving forward
 - Discussion on tribal staff staying put in their communities with the new alignment to a specific program area if not already identified; communication with tribes best achieved via individual to individual relationships
- Native Nations/UW System work group and action planning
 - Matt updated the task force on happenings related to the action plan of the Native Nations initiative; he explained the Cooperative Extension role in the new plan areas of need and where the task force can assist with supporting similar goals between partners
 - Annie shared how she has been meeting with assorted UW-Madison partners engaged in tribal communities to learn about what they are working on statewide in relation to Extension programming.
 - Brian asked about the new focus of the PEOPLE program (Pre-college Enrichment Opportunity Program for Learning Excellence), taking a more urban focus this year
- Local updates:
 - Annie J. – talked through with task force how her new role is going and the upcoming CNRED call to share NATF activities and partnership opportunities with CNRED colleagues on June 7th monthly conference call
 - Dave B. – busy with Next Gen activities
 - Steve N. – Mini pow wow at the local school (Laona) as part of community coalition a great success-two more scheduled for Wabeno and Crandon schools; rustic road designation being finalized aka Wolf River Scenic Byway
 - Cathy T. – provided assorted grant work and other updates related to G-WOW project and climate change EE projects with assorted partners from around the state and tribal communities; organizational development session for GLIFWC biological services; NGLVC energy exhibit news
 - Matt C. – gave update on Joy’s FERTEP position with engaging youth and the resubmitted grant for next 4-year period—super local support voiced for Joy’s work and projects; reported on other statewide 4-H and youth related programs like culture camps, curricula, food initiatives, etc.
 - Kenzie C. – shared that things are going well in new position with Forest County Potawatomi Community; greeting and meeting assorted people in community such as tribal farm project participants, helping them assess the layout and repositioning of operational grounds

- Katy L. and Eloisa G. – shared happenings from Milwaukee area extension office, including food wise educator support on connecting to area elders and other Native American clients; tribal foods and cultural sharing ideas with Milwaukee area nutritionists
 - Pat G. – Indigenous arts and sciences workshop in LDF; Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC) points of interest around GLRI defunding, water quality, and habitat restoration; wetlands training with WTCAC; lakes conference a success/shared archive
 - 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
 - Crystal L. – efforts to work with Stockbridge youth development; title 7 Shawano community HS and sturgeon ceremony participation
 - Teresa C. – meeting June 13 of Food Wise partners, educators, and work group members; “working across cultures” list development tips and concepts to assist educators
- Other
 - No other items were brought up for discussion

Conclude and travel home!

Respectfully written and submitted by Pat Goggin