

29 June 2017 - Native American Task Force meeting notes  
Menominee Community College

- Call to order - present: Theresa Curtis, Matt Calvert, Ariga Grigoryan, Kenzie Carlson, Annie Jones, Cathy Techtmann, Brian Gauthier, Sofie Teller, Dawn Doperalski, Jennifer Gauthier, Brian Kowalkowski (Dean of Continuing Education at Menominee College), and Pat Goggin.
- Native Nations/UW System work group and action planning
  - Matt and Annie shared an update on their involvement and support on behalf of UW-Extension in support of the UW-Strategic Plan efforts to engage more effectively with tribal communities. The “2017-19 Native Nations UW-Working Group” report, a follow up document to the listening sessions conducted by UW-Madison in tribal communities, was discussed. Priorities within the strategy were discussed, especially those with UW-Extension/NATF linkage. Currently getting feedback from tribes on draft action items. Annie is helping with the communication piece of the strategic planning effort.
- 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 the training as it stands for Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
  - Logistical support needs for the training were also discussed by the group.
- Discussed transition to the Next Generation model – group
  - The group discussed preparing a memo to Dave B. and Karl Martin on NATF concerns and goals for Next Gen and the importance of keeping in mind the sovereignty piece when thinking about partnerships between UW-Extension and tribal communities.
  - Jennifer is concerned about not fully understanding what the new model is asking of her team going forward in the new model—how do we at least keep the positions we’ve built foundationally to date. Looking for more clarification on budget impacts to tribal positions statewide and where tribal Extension offices fit into the new model.
  - Brian Kowalkowski – expressed concern over keeping momentum going forward with building Extension / Tribal Colleges partnerships—formalizing a communication plan with tribes and tribal colleges ahead with be crucial—we can’t drop the ball with Extension presence.
- Local / partner updates:
  - Jennifer G. – budget process underway; looking for Food Wise Coordinator currently. The rhythm of the office and staff is coming together within the community stronger than ever.
  - Dawn D. – working with several 4-H clubs in Keshena and Neopit. Working with language activities in high school. Garden club activities in Keshena and Neopit were well attended. Just had 3<sup>rd</sup> session of “Strong Woman” a success.
  - Cat T. – working on video project with National Park Service on G-WOW material and “How-to do” a climate change G-WOW Institute and place-based sharing with Will Steger. Climate camps with kids; working with Carroll College class on special session in Bad river community. Leadership training for GLIFWC in the works.
  - Pat G. – working on transitioning his lakeshore training to the Cooperative Extension WISMOP platform for online education.
  - Kenzie C. – working with Natural Resource Division on strategic planning efforts and Executive Administration is interested in getting more help with their long-term planning efforts as well.

- Theresa C. – shared her work with the Food Wise work group and how they are rebooting with folks from around the state to bolster it as an active group working on food in assorted cultural scenarios. Came up with mini questionnaire to help visiting new cultural partner audience and tips for building new relationships with groups of different cultural backgrounds.
  - Brian K. – the college is in the process of searching for a new president after Dr. Fowler’s retirement last year; he has been working on 6-month training/coding for the college to bolster certification opportunities on campus along with creating more internships with local partners in the area.
  - Cathy T. – dropped off the call before we had local reports.
  - Brian G. – discussed the opioid challenges in his community that they are facing along with the rest of the state in many rural areas; the issue needs to be effectively addressed locally or it can undermine many other efforts in our communities. It is a good example of a challenge that UW-extension can assist with looking ahead. He also discussed their wild rice program and focus groups they recently completed with their Cultural Committee looking to enhance the local ricing beds in the community.
  - Annie J. – exploring an app for language learning in a game format—going out into the environment like Pokémon to get youth enthusiastic about language learning.
  - Ariga G. – conducted a mini leadership program in spring with many of the 12 participants from a financial background; the training worked through the Colors personality exercise, generational context and differences, conflict management 101, emotional intelligence ideas, among others. It looks to be a 1 credit course going forward.
- Other
    - No other items were brought up for discussion

Conclude and travel home!

Respectfully written and submitted by Pat Goggin