***TAMS Steering Committee Call Notes***

**December 15, 2021 @ 10AM PDT**

Attending: Andy Bessler, Sandra Brozusky, Christal Black, Chuck Buckler, Pat Childers, Ann Marie Chischilly, Vallen Cook, Hayden Hardie, Lori Howell, Carma Huseby, Josie Kamkoff, Mehrdad Khatibi, Mike King, Chris Lee, Angelique Luedeker, Laura McKelvey, Mike Natchees, Camille QuickBear, Tanda Roberts, Melinda Ronca-Battista, Darlene Santos

**Opening Business**

 Roll Call was completed, and there was a quorum of voting members.

The agendawas approved.

The 2021 Fall October and November notes were approved.

**EPA Updates/ITEP Updates/Ex-Officio Updates –** Pat Childers

1. EPA Updates:
* ARP – BIL Funding to provide electric school buses
* Change to PPG requirements to zero percent match; some PPG requirements will allow to funds to be put into unfunded program
* Big Executive Order from the President to all the agencies on consultation; asking agencies to do a better job on consultations; OITA has been taking the lead on consultation requirements; need to fix how we do consultations
* Direct implementation in Indian country; what to measure to make sure that we are doing our jobs in the areas where we are supposed to be doing it
1. Other Ex-Officio Updates: No updates

**TAMS Center Updates/Business**

1. AIAQTP Courses – Curriculum Review Project: Tribal Needs for professional development in air quality – Christal Black, Mehrdad Khatibi, Bill Auberle, Laura McKelvey
* AIAQTP courses and curriculum review work
* Working on plan for next fiscal year; having internal conversations
* Bill Auberle and Laura McKelvey to help facilitate that process through a series of meetings
* Plan to engage the SC members, NTAA executive committee and other tribal groups on feedback on how we move forward with training and professional development for tribal air program folks
* Laura provides overview of the ITEP Tribal Development Program Chart
* Goal is to review and develop the curriculum and technical support plan for tribal professional development
* Put together a long range plan that meets the needs of tribes and make sure that the curriculum that ITEP delivers is responsive and effective at the same time
* Identify tribal needs
* The plan needs to be based on the needs of the tribes
* Information pulled from a number of different places
* Comments from the courses
* AIAQTP best practices for course delivery
* TAMS Needs Assessment
* Feedback from NTFAQ 2021
* Proposed Menu of Air Quality Training
* Courses for training for Alaska DRAFT
* AirKnowledge FY 2022-2024
* Identify Tribal Audiences
* Virtually all tribes and Alaska Native villages
* Tribal Officials with interest/responsibility for environmental programs
* Tribal staff having, or with interest in an air program 103/105 grants
* Tribal staff needing specialized technical training and support
* Identify Overarching Curriculum needs
* Indoor Air Quality
* Climate Change
* Mobile sources
* Technical support/training
* Regulation and permitting
* Pollutant Health Effects
* Alaska Villages’ needs
* Radon and radiation, etc.
* Team Discussion to set priorities
* Priority 1 A topic that MUST be included in TPD23
* Priority 2 A topic that SHOULD be included in TPD23
* Priority 3 A topic that NEED NOT be included in TPD23 for one or multiple reasons, e.g. not important enough; not necessary in FY23, but perhaps FY24 (not annually); offered/provided acceptably by others; doesn’t belong in AIAQTP
* Training and Support Methods
* Effective
* Efficient
* Best practices
* Individual course decision
* Course development on delivery decisions
* Creative support methods e.g. Mike and Angelique
* TPD23 Draft
* External Review
* Comments
* Final Plan
* Parking Lot of Related Topics; may need to have special planning process and discussion
* Credential Program
* Review and Revise Best Practices
* AIAQTP Staff Development Plan
* Technical capacity building mission creep
* Get external review and feedback on the curriculum; will incorporate comments to develop the final plan by springtime
* Laura mentioned this is the big picture of where we are and wanted to make sure that SC members are involved and are aware of the effort
* Ann Marie mentioned hybrid workforce at NAU; one of the issues that NAU is looking at is offering hybrid solutions to all workforce at NAU; it’s going to be national due to the pandemic; building communities both online and hybrid; how do we do that effectively
* Angelique explained current training for EI Fundamentals and EI Advance; both are intensive self-paced online trainings; there is not a lot of interaction with the instructor or with the students with other students
* Planning to modify EI support to increase engagement with tribes
* Idea to implement in early 2022; review of EI courses hybrid approach; more interaction with instructors and students
* Pat mentions potential good topic for a workgroup to discuss further; ensure data is being captured so tribes are getting recognized for their hard efforts working with Angelique
1. Vacant Position: Review nominations and selection – Vallen Cook
* SC members reviewing and discussing together via email
1. 2022 TAMS Virgil Masayesva Award and TAMS SC Call for Nominations **–** Chris Lee
* Updating nomination form and will send out notice
* 2 seats on steering committee changing in 2022; will send out call for nominations
* SC members to share with tribe and regions
* Mehrdad suggests SC members to consider the 2 applicants received
* Vallen to discuss with SC members via email
* Setup call with SC members only to discuss further; Vallen will send out email

**Workgroup/Subcommittee Updates**

1. Air Monitoring Workgroup: QA Letter Update – Chris Lee
* Letter from SC to EPA regarding QA reviews; letter updated and sent to all for input
* Final letter was put on letterhead from SC and provided to Vallen; letter addressed to Peter Tsirigotis, Office Director, OAQPS and copy to Connie Thoma, Enterprise Quality Management Division; received acknowledgement that letter was received
* Vallen to forward copy to Pat
1. Agenda Development Workgroup – Chris Lee
* Had discussion; standing meeting for last 3 months working out well
1. AIAQTP Curriculum Workgroup – Mehrdad Khatibi
* Review of workgroup/subcommittees
* Group has not met yet; to be discussed as part of agenda planning; idea of staggering TAMS SC monthly meetings so workgroups could meet on months that we’re not having monthly calls

**Proposal: New structure for TAMS SC Meetings** – Pat Childers, Chris Lee

1. Monthly to Bimonthly TAMS SC calls and Bimonthly Subcommittee/Workgroup calls – How does the TAMS SC feel about changing the structure for the meetings?
* Proposal to incorporate subcommittee/workgroups every other month with monthly TAMS calls
* SC members agree with change
* Agenda planning workgroup should still meet every month to continue planning
* Process moving forward; schedule bimonthly workgroup and meetings
* January is TAMS general monthly meeting; February is workgroup, etc. discuss further

**NTFAQ Planning: TAMS Participation – Mehrdad Khatibi, Chris Lee**

1. How does the TAMS SC want to highlight the TAMS Center at the 2022 NTFAQ? - TAMS 20 Year Celebration, TAMS Virgil Masayesva Award Ceremony, TAMS Needs Assessment Presentation, other?
* Andy mentions NTFAQ workgroup sign ups; closes today; Mehrdad to put link in chat box for all to review/volunteer
* Developing 5 workgroups; 10 people signed up to date; encourage all to volunteer
* Call for proposals, presentations and trainings have been distributed broadly; deadline is January 15
* Sandra to share with regional TACs
* Encourage participation from SC members for development of sessions
* Would be good to start thinking about the TAMS 20-year celebration
* For VM award; can plan breakout session; if lunch or dinner is not available due to funding; what are other options; Mehrdad mentions lunch or dinner should be okay; can raise sponsorship; how many people to attend; need to work out details
* Table for further discussion next month; too many uncertainties; travel restrictions, etc.
* Invite Julie Sokol, ITEP event planner on next call

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