***TAMS Steering Committee Call Notes***

**June 17, 2020 @ 10AM PDT**

Attending: Christal Black, Laura Bunte, Pat Childers, Vallen Cook, Tennille Denetdeel, Farshid Farsi, Ben Giwojna, Lori Howell, Secody Hubbard, Carma Huseby, Mehrdad Khatibi, Mike Natchees, James Payne, Camille QuickBear, Melinda Ronca-Battista, Darlene Santos, Mia South, Sara Terry, Darold Wallick

**Opening Business**

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

The agendawas approved.

The May call notes were approved by consensus.

**What’s Happening at the TAMS Center**

**AIAQTP Trainings/Courses** – Christal Black

* Developing series of online courses/webinars:
* IAQ Cohort series – June 8 – July 17; 21 participants; utilizing GroupMe app and various resources; Go to Training helpful to reduce the number of platforms participants need to access; a total of 5 webinars will be recorded and available; Pat mentions Region 2 is looking for information; Secody Hubbard may be interested
* Road Dust webinar series - May 28, June 18; 2nd webinar is tomorrow at 11 am PDT; using Microsoft teams with the instructional team; working on a resource webpage
* Intro Lite webinar series – mid to late July; combining EPA and tribal case studies; will continue with planning meetings
* OAQPS: NSR and Permits – team is reviewing in person content and will reconnect on what content is relevant for a webinar series
* Building Science for Warm Climates – no updates

• Question was asked how trainings will work out for woodstove; will content focus on change out or maintenance; currently in planning stages for brand new course; OAQPS sought the need for a course; ITEP discussing ways on delivering training; webinar, online or in person; share comments, ideas and feedback with team; email from Eugenia, Navajo Nation indicates that maintenance aspect is important at Chapter level for individuals and housing officials

• Work with NTAA woodsmoke workgroup to get on their agenda and make quick presentation on training during upcoming meeting; Mehrdad will share information; SC members to send feedback on where to put our time and effort training tribes in the next 3 years

• AIAQTP training courses: need to start conversation per Mehrdad; deliver training online thru webinars and different training platforms

• Most training are done at the TAMS learning center, Flagstaff, etc.; start discussion about what makes sense in returning to in person classroom format; anticipating new AIAQTP award; need perspective on what is going on at your tribe re: travel; restrictions, etc.; work collaboratively; start conversation at next month call per Mehrdad; please provide feedback; EPA and regional reps to assist and share restrictions

**Professional Assistance**- Mike King

* Shoshone Bannock – completed assistance on BAM 1020 monitor
* MS Band of Choctaw – assistance with installation of BAM 1022; measure PM2.5
* Ute Mtn Ute – assistance with TEOM; decommission monitor
* Provide data validation and AQS assistance to Shoshone and HoChunk tribes
* Working with intern Jessica Smith; she is assisting with developing short how to videos for SOP; set up PurpleAir monitor at Navajo Nation; assistance with QREST
* Need good cellular connection to complete assistance in the field

**QREST Network Update** – Melinda Ronca-Battista

* 2.9 million values that have been streamed in, possibly over 3mil; working on 4 main areas:

1) import feature; can import data from any monitor

2) QC forms; in order to have data compliant with regulatory air monitoring; for continuous pm and gaseous pollutants

3) connectivity

4) AQS support; tracking support no longer in place; no notice from AQS help desk; received information from OAQPS; came across issue through work with HoChunk; request SC members to weigh in thoughts on changes to AQS; develop power point presentation and share with EPA

* Tracking is very important; transparency is EPA operating principle but there are problems tracking communication with regions; need to manage AQS
* Recent problem is trying to get audit information from the region but no response in 2 weeks
* Prepare continued discussion and use personal experiences; discuss at next meeting
* James and Ben are not familiar with changes; tribal AQS liaison
* Pat mentions it would be a good idea for SC members to get involved

**TAMS SC Member Nominations** – Camille/All

SC members will email votes to Darlene

**TIP Submittal thru SPeCS –** Mia South/OAQPS Project Lead

• Presentation slides

• Adapt system to accommodate tribal needs

• Web based system; goal to modernize; integrate into one system

**Curricula Presentation** – Laura Bunte/OAQPS

* Air quality training program
* Lay new foundations for programs this year
* Development of 8 new air quality curricula; appreciated comments
* Launched first two new courses 3 weeks ago
* Launching 5 more air quality courses; convert to eLearning
* Quality assurance for monitoring; eLearning course
* Develop as many as 20 courses per year
* Replacing LMS APTI; lots of demand for online
* Move material from old to new; checking out vendors
* Current work to develop plan to lay out which courses to work on in the next 3 years
* Plan in place by September; start by gathering input for training needs; draft plan to generate this summer; specify and define training needs
* Welcome to talk about information needed using checklist and what would be useful
* Need tribal perspective; topics needed
* Include ITEP staff; make broad
* Andy organizes monthly call; great avenue to get broad feedback; Laura to check with Pat
* Will explain how to make feedback checklist available; not all questions need to be answered; just provide more details per Laura

**New OAQPS Group Lead –** Sara Terry

• On current rotation back fill for Laura McKelvey until September 18

• Look forward to meeting and working with all

• Will do preliminary reaching out to AQS folks and get some movement and updates

**ORIA IED Tribal Lead –** Secody Hubbard

• Joined IED middle of March; worked on abandoned uranium in Navajo Nation

**Review of Infrastructure White Paper (COVID-19 impact on tribes) –** Tennille/All

• SC members to review and share comments

• Bring light to issues faced during pandemic; get awareness out

• Remote work is difficult; big adjustments

• Need understanding from counterparts

• SC members need to agree to move letter forward quickly

• Address tribe specific issues; use of personal cell phones to get work done

• How to help mitigate issues

• Concerns are same with all tribes

• If no other additions Tennille will work on final with Farshid by July 1st

• Send comments additions by July 1

**TAMS Needs Assessment Addition –** Farshid

• SC members finished technical section last year

• ITEP/TAMS in person courses canceled

• Put out questionnaire on what priorities are

• Top priority in introduction to air quality

• Do we need to revisit needs assessment and add questions re: online instruction and resources; have quick meeting with workgroup and add questions to needs assessment

• Link was sent to SC members for review

• Missing element within TAMS; will be helpful to add questions to get feedback re: online training moving forward

• Helpful to go through exercise of reviewing questionnaire and come up with draft questions

• Will be done as part of new cooperative agreement

• SC members to provide feedback; adding online information is important if it will be future of TAMS training

• Work group to reconvene and continue discussion: Mike N, Tennille, Vallen; co-directors to setup call and provide information to group

**TAMS 20 Yr Anniversary Discussion** – All

* SC members agreed to postpone and celebrate during spring in person meeting
* Review invite list and stream down to manageable number
* Action Item: Mehrdad suggests to make invite list a google document and provide link for all to access and make live updates

Submitted by:

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