***TAMS Steering Committee Call Notes***

**May 20, 2020 @ 10AM PDT**

Attending: Andy Bessler, Christal Black, Pat Childers, Ann Marie Chischilly, Vallen Cook, Tennille Denetdeel, Farshid Farsi, Ben Giwojna, Lori Howell, Carma Huseby, Mehrdad Khatibi, Mike King, Chris Lee, Mike Natchees, James Payne, Camille QuickBear, Melinda Ronca-Battista, Darlene Santos

**Opening Business**

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

The agendawas approved.

The April call notes were approved by consensus.

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

**AIAQTP Trainings/Courses** – Christal Black

* Working on initiating online delivery message to continue training
* Developing series of online courses/webinars:
* IAQ Cohort series – June 8 – July 17; 20 participants; received 17 applications; deadline is June 3; engage with instructor; biweekly components; work on activity and discussion; once a week have live discussion; using variety of techniques; 6 hours week; add Secody Hubbard, new EPA tribal liaison from Indoor Environments Division (IED) to planning team
* Road Dust webinar series - starts May 28; series of 4 webinars; 83 participants registered; Alaska and lower 48
* Intro Lite webinar series - series of 6 webinars; introduction to indoor air quality; utilize tribal case studies; more information will be shared as the outline is more formalized
* OAQPS: NSR and Permits – late June; developing draft outline; will send out to team, OAQPS and regional people for review
* Building Science for Warm Climates – early July/August; scholar LMS series

**Professional Assistance**- Chris Lee/Mike King

* Utilizing 2 platforms zoom and go-to-meeting for remote assistance to tribes
* Washoe tribe- provided installation and operation and maintenance on BAM 1020; they have 2 new air quality staff members; still waiting for meter/monitor to be installed for power/electric; good to go for calibration
* Shoshone Bannock- continue to work with Keith; assistance with voltage test for BAM 1020; troubleshoot with monitor; isolate leak down to flow sensor; MET did not catch; not clear issues with monitor; may be faulty flow sensor
* Continue to provide remote AQS support
* Need good cellular connection to complete assistance in the field

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

* QREST going super well; planning for documentation; plan to have manual and online help similar to tribal data toolbox; working on populating that
* Working on videos; setup mostly on YouTube by August
* Formal scholar LMS online training
* Refresher training at NTF 2021
* Continue to work one on one with tribes to connect data loggers, etc.
* AQS direct node to node transfer feature; data can be transferred into QREST automatically
* Can import data; generate AQS ready file and submit to AQS; not pulling directly; can do manually

**TAMS EPA Co-Director Search Update** – Farshid Farsi

* Search started on April 15 and closed May 1st
* EPA HR received and reviewed a total of 43 applications; 5 were certified and sent to Ed Wilds to arrange for interviews; 5 were contacted and were offered an interview; only 3 people responded; 2 people interviewed, interview is completed; waiting for next step
* EPA interview panel: Ed Wilds, Andrea Stafford, Farshid Farsi, Darrell Harmon and Secody Hubbard
* Received new PA request from Puyallup tribe; assist with identifying projects and priorities of the tribe

**EPA Indoor Environments Division** – Secody Hubbard

Secody was not available to attend; will add to agenda for next month’s call

**Flag Program for Tribal Schools –**

• Air quality flag program poster idea; EPA can help provide information to tribes

• Print posters of winners

• Help support with logistics

• Are the TAMS SC members interested in overseeing a poster contest for the flag program

• Changed poster making tribal template and presented at NTF a few years ago; finally got placed on tribal link on air quality flag website; can download template and create your own tribe’s information; any comments or changes to template send to James

• Suggest outreach to schools; Mehrdad suggested to contact Mansel to assist

• Pat mentions that the winner can be featured in the STAR report

• Develop subcommittee; TAMS can help facilitate and plan calls

• Per Tennille; can develop for upcoming school year; she agreed to help out

• Camille agrees; however, there may not be school in the fall; uncertainty of normalcy

• Ann Marie suggested to table for next meeting

• Can prepare/develop plan during the summer and can be ready for fall; SC members to decide

• Mehrdad and Pat suggested to reach out to Mansel and have interns assist; can be part of interns’ project; develop plan and mentor interns

**COBRA Discussion –** James Payne

• Emailed COBRA brochure to everyone for review

• Any interested volunteers to provide tribal feedback/perspective

• Participate in interview about experience (45mins)

• Quick turnaround; by next Wednesday looking to submit 3-4 names

• Try out COBRA and create your own scenario; mainly for ambient

• Mike Natchees volunteered to help

• James can reach out to others

• Tennille requested email/template information to share with tribes; James will send additional information to Mike, Tennille and Carma

• Sara Terry is taking over Laura McKelvey; will invite to next call for introduction

**Infrastructure Issues Facing Tribes During COVID-19** – Tennille Denetdeel/Farsid Farsi

• Outline issues that tribes are currently facing during pandemic and submit to EPA

• Identify issues in order to work effectively

• There are added financial strains; tribal programs do not have funding to supply staff with laptop or internet hot spot

• Good points that tribal professionals have; they do not have tools necessary to meet deadlines for various deliverables in their workplan

• TAMS staff added bullet points:

* request EPA push back on data submittal for quarterly report
* overall tribal people are more at risk with compromised health
* there needs to be continuous/effective communication between EPA Project Officer and tribal professionals

• SC members to review bullet points and provide comments; each tribal environment is different

• Continue to work/move document along

• Pat offered to review and champion letter; he suggested that it can be broader, more air specific

• TAMS to review

• Andy mentions NTAA EC can assist; STAR report will be released on June 22; webinar on June 24; SC members welcome to attend

• Vote on cover of STAR; there are 5 options; deadline is May 26; Dara sent email to all

• TAMS through TACs sent letter to tribal AQS coordinators

• Farshid to send email to SC members to review and send in comments by next week

**TAMS 20 Yr Anniversary Discussion** – Chris Lee

• Bi-weekly meetings; efforts are being made to cut down invite list

• SC members agreed to hold event at the learning center

• Renovation of learning center has not started yet; still pending

• Current situation with COVID-19 and social distancing is significant issue

• Capacity of learning center is 15-20; severely affects number of people to invite; possibly for November time frame

• Planning group will discuss and make a decision on Thursday

• Suggestion to discuss contingency plan and how to move forward

• Draft agenda developed; sessions identified and potential speakers; still pending

• Make decision by August whether to move forward with planning for November

• Suggestion was made to plan online event; SC members voted no and agreed to in-person event; will discuss further on next week’s call

**Other Discussions**:

- Lori has been working with Pamela and AQS; requested to be on TAMS and NTAA listservs

- Mike Natchees mentions review of new SC member applications; Chris reported deadline is end of May; all applications will be forwarded to SC members for review; 3 applications received so far

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