***TAMS Steering Committee Call Notes***

**November 18, 2020 @ 10AM PDT**

Attending: Andy Bessler, Christal Black, Pat Childers, Ann Marie Chischilly, Vallen Cook, Tennille Denetdeel, Farshid Farsi, Hayden Hardie, Lori Howell, Carma Huseby, Josie Kamkoff, 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 September call notes were approved.

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

**AIAQTP Trainings/Courses** – Mehrdad

* Completed OAQPS: NSR and Permits webinar cohort series
* Hearing positive feedback from tribes
* Webinars are getting more exposure to more people; tribal and EPA staff
* All webinars are being recorded and posted on website for access; repository of online materials is growing
* There is still bandwidth issues with some tribes; feedback is appreciated
* Chris reported out on Permit webinar: Region 8 assisted and provided walkthrough of various permits; tribal instructor, Joy Wiecks provided guidance on how to go through permit process; exercises and listening guides were required for certificate of completion; identified additional areas to focus on a basic understanding of modeling; overall webinar went well and served as good basics of permitting; Laura McKelvey also provided assistance; all webinars were recorded; will edit and post in website
* Mike Natchees suggested to do follow up for people who actively work on permits
* Mehrdad suggests professional and technical assistance would be helpful for individual tribes
* Option for peer-to-peer technical assistance was mentioned; Joy Wiecks to work with Mike N
* Work on library of resources of courses; need better search engine to locate
* AIAQTP website has search engine/functions and will link to resources associated
* Provide archive of most recent information; in the process of organizing for easy access of subjects
* Workgroup for intro to tribal air quality; took break from planning; planning teams members diverted to other projects; will reach out to members to continue; Pat, Vallen and Mike N
* Process of evaluating online courses; live webinars, etc. discuss next steps
* Updated schedule of trainings is available on ITEP/AIAQTP website
* **Professional Assistance**- Mike/Melinda/Angelique/Josie
* Mike:
* Ongoing PA Assistance: Ho-Chunk Nation, Yavapai Apache, Navajo Nation, and Fallon Paiute Tribes
* Developing technical PA reports; overview of requests; includes findings and recommendations and additional follow-up; report provides details and includes manufacturer notes; provide report to tribes due to turnover of staff; provides resources to tribes for future use
* Use as reference for other tribes experiencing same issues and good for resources
* Mike N will send Teledyne service notes
* Melinda mentions she can assign tags for PA reports; can push information in ORCA for easier search with categories; useful reference for staff
* **ACTION ITEM:**  Pat asked what is status of ORCA; Ann Marie reports that there is an effort to incorporate information on another user friendly database; should be online and available by next month; suggestion was made to continue discussion on next call
* Lead instructor for Introduction to Air Monitoring and Remote Professional Assistance webinar, scheduled tomorrow, November 19; Nicklaus Shumake from the Mississippi Band Choctaw Indians is tribal presenter
* Melinda/QREST:
* Connecting dataloggers: needs power; will setup sensors in process
* Connect Purple Air sensors for those interested; allows streaming and tools
* Provides opportunity to manage data without external management
* By winter will have more dataloggers connected
* 16 videos; working on listening guides
* Use learn-by-doing approach; emailed one-page SOP; working on SOP
* Software: new feature identifies gaps; patch in QREST
* AQS feature working great; handle everything within QREST
* Working on data validation template; working with Celine Bethel from Yerington Paiute Tribe on report covering one-month data to share with others
* Angelique:
* Developing webinar for calculating emissions from nonpoint sources; offer in January or February 2021
* Josie:
* Provide ongoing assistance for QA Fundamentals online course
* Made process of QA information smooth with information provided
* Assisting Fort Independence with QAPP updates
* Region 9 RTOC started QA subgroup; discuss how to improve getting QAPPs approved
* Assisting Mercedes Kaiser from Colorado River Indian Tribes with comments on air quality QAPP; review information for PM 10
* Other TAMS Updates:
* Equipment Loan Program: identifying equipment that is no longer in use; staff went through and made list; sent to Mike to review
* Effort to train NOWCEE employees to assist with equipment loan program is going well; had several training sessions

**Letter to Ms. Thoma Re: QA Directive** – Tennille/All SC

* Sent out comment letter on November 5th
* Comment period is too short especially during Covid; most tribes have no internet access
* Mike reported on Ms. Thoma response to request from the Ute Tribe; request for extension was denied; response indicated date was originally extended; no response received yet to the TAMS SC letter sent
* Tennille to send out to everyone

**TAMS Technical Needs Assessment** – TAMS Co-Directors/All

* Response from IT support; unable to do updates; will be done end of today; Chris will share when he receives; add agenda topic to next meeting; changes discussed were incorporated
* Ann Marie reported that there were coding issues and security loading on website is reason for delay

**TAMS 20 Yr Anniversary Discussion** – Chris/Farshid

* Construction began end of September and is moving along according to plans
* The learning center will be completed first before the rest of the building; approximately the second week of January
* SC members discussed March is not possible and should be moved to the fall; if fall is not possible, virtual meeting should be considered
* Pat suggested to include 20 year celebration with NTFAQ; develop one page document of accomplishments
* SC members agree to plan as stand along online virtual event in the fall and keep separate from NTFAQ
* Start planning virtual event with subgroup
* Chris to begin planning meetings

**CAA 50 Year Anniversary/TAMS Accomplishments** – Pat Childers

* Gillian working on draft report; will share with all
* SC members to share information with Gillian; need timeline
* Focus on TAMS accomplishments; should do before fall
* Farshid is currently working on bullet points and will share with all for review; will work with Gillian and SC members
* Develop video highlighting TAMS support to various tribes; TAMS staff still developing video; project ongoing

**NTFAQ, VM Award Discussion –** Chris

* Consider call for nominations for this year
* Selection is made during spring meeting
* All SC members agree to move forward with sending out announcement
* Chris to send out standard announcement; February deadline; discuss in spring call

**Report on Intern Work on TAS –** Andy Bessler

* NTAA EC working on TAS outreach to tribes; prioritized work; Mansel found intern
* Several calls with Pat and Charles Buckler; figure out outreach to tribes
* Collect information to add to website
* Team calls; first task is to write letters to tribes with water TAS status; easy to do air tasks as well
* Look at other topics and peer-to-peer mentoring; pair up with tribes
* Other helpful trainings; find ways to make easier for tribes
* NTF planning call Monday, November 23; need feedback from all

**Other:**

* **ACTION ITEM:** TAMS SC members to work on letter to new administration; Tennille to draft, Vallen to assist

Submitted by:

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