***TAMS Steering Committee Call Notes***

**September 16, 2020 @ 10AM PDT**

Attending: Andy Bessler, Christal Black, Chuck Bukler, Pat Childers, Ann Marie Chischilly, Vallen Cook, Farshid Farsi, Lori Howell, Carma Huseby, Mehrdad Khatibi, Mike King, Chris Lee, Mike Natchees, James Payne, Camille QuickBear, Melinda Ronca-Battista, Darlene Santos, Sara Terry, Darold Wallick, Ed Wilds

**Opening Business**

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

The agendawas approved and additions were made.

The August call notes were approved.

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

**Announcement of Incoming EPA TAMS Co-Director –** Dr. Ed Wilds

* Hayden Hardie was selected as the incoming TAMS Co-Director; start date September 28
* 3 months overlap training for smooth transition
* Ed explained hiring process

**AIAQTP Trainings/Courses** – Christal Black

* Review of comprehensive course list
* List is shared through listserv, NTAA and flyers; encourage all to share with others
* Getting ready to put out broad announcement of upcoming trainings and webinars
* Sending out document to provide comprehensive overview of AIAQTP program and services; link to website; can be used to share with Regional TACs, etc.
* NTAA hosting webinar tomorrow at 12:30 Pacific; Andy will share information
* Cross post trainings that NTAA has; currently updating website with new information

**Professional Assistance**- Mike/Melinda/Angelique/Josie

* Mike:
* Working on Project Planning Webinar for Intro Lite series and Woodstove training
* Ongoing PA Assistance: Yavapai Apache E-BAM Installation, troubleshooting, O&M; MSB Choctaw and Washoe Tribes assist with BAM 1022 installation, operation and maintenance
* Melinda:
* Working with Yerington Paiute and Ft. McDowell Tribes; showing features and sending data to AQS
* Angelique:
* Assisting Cortina Tribe with toolbox
* Continue EI support to tribes
* Josie: Working on instructions for writing QAPP; assists with QREST and QAPP

**QREST Network Update** – Melinda

* Contract modification is under review
* 7 tribes connected with parameters streaming in ranging from 9-14 parameters
* QREST test is setup; tribes can participate
* Continues to work on QREST bootcamp; series of SOPs and videos, not on scholarLMS yet; to be completed by end of month
* Ft. McDowell offered to loan datalogger; working with Mike K. to connect to QREST
* Other dataloggers can work with QREST but have not tested yet; borrow and test Campbell Scientific datalogger used by Mike N; work with him and start pinging datalogger and connect; may be something to add to technical needs assessment
* There is regional equipment loan; can add and collect information; working with regions, not everyone provides information; try harder to request and collect information
* Wrote article for e-Enterprise news
* Region 9 invite to present on QA-related courses; a session with EPA on their QAPP streamlining effort

**Status of AQS Letter to OAQPS** – Camille/All SC

* Mehrdad suggests to participate in bimonthly QA sessions; Martin Husk and Stuart Grey on call
* OAQPS is in transition stage
* Working on developing new training
* Ticketing issues was mentioned; it will be in new support system being implemented
* Place holder for webinar in January to discuss AQS and provide updates on planning for future

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

* Subcommittee decided to add questions
* It was brought up to NTAA to come up with needs assessment for tribes
* Input from NTAA or Vallen; NTAA is looking at doing national needs assessment relating to air policy; combined effort with TAMS on needs assessment; still exploring
* Request from STAR report; what are unmet needs as relates to air quality work
* Add dropdown menu; SC members to give input; NTAA in early stages; need to hire contractor to develop questionnaire; if subcommittee is to move forward with needs assessment; need clarification; have subcommittee provide recommendations moving forward

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

* Work started in Building D, TAMS Learning Center last month; projected completion date is end of March
* SC members can have spring meeting in April; arrange for 20 year anniversary
* Continue working on reducing invite list
* Continue planning, promotional ideas; tribes to design 20 year t-shirt
* Planning committee to meet and discuss
* Look at dates; NTFAQ close date and will it be in-person
* Logo contest; open up to tribes that want to participate and submit; SC can be panel of voters

**Other Business**

**Proposed Changes to QA Policy Discussion –** All

* Changes to QA policy is out for consultation
* Early notice out for review
* Pat C mentions opportunity to comment
* Mike N has questions; need to understand
* Mehrdad suggested to work with NTAA and get EPA staff on policy call; joint letter stronger; Andy to forward to executive committee
* Need more clarification and explanation of proposed changes

**TAMS SC Online Virtual Meeting –**

* Agenda is developed during managers meeting to be planned for next week
* Meeting with Camille, Vallen, Mehrdad, Ann Marie and Pat to discuss and develop agenda
* Determine dates

**Introduce Chuck Buckler –** Pat Childers

* Region 3 has7 tribes; eligible for federal grants 105 and 103
* Grants for tribal air; is there way for TAMS and NTAA for EI assistance and provide information to get air program started
* Set up meeting for all to meet and share ideas
* Can do virtual meeting

**NTAA Meeting Update –** Andy Bessler

* Met last week with OAQPS director; went well
* Follow up with Sara Terry
* Meeting end of September; meeting 3hrs day, Monday-Thursday, virtually
* Vallen is liaison for TAMS; agenda was just finalized; Andy will send out

Submitted by:

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