***TAMS Steering Committee Call Notes***

**July 19, 2017 @ 10AM PDT**

Attending: Joe Cebe, Pat Childers, Toni Colon, April Hathcoat, Craig Kreman, Monika Lacka, Avi Lapp, Chris Lee, James Payne, Camille QuickBear, Kris Ray, Darlene Santos, Shaina White, Alfonso Yadao

**Opening Business**

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

The agendawas approved.

The Spring In-Person Minutes and the June call notes were approved as written.

**TAMS Center Activity Updates**

Chris reported the Reviewing Permits course was held last week at Fargo, ND. The course went well with 14 participants; EPA instructors were Laura McKelvey, Claudia Smith and DJ Law; Tribal instructors were Tennille Denetdeel, from Navajo Nation and Joy Wiecks from Fond du Lac. The next courses scheduled at the TAMS Center are: Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools for Tribal Professionals – Oct 24-27 and, Fundamentals of Air Monitoring – Nov 28-30.

Glenn is still working on scheduling a PA with Leech Lake. He received email requests from Hualapai and Big Pine to assist with troubleshooting various equipment. Melinda is continuously working on seven short videos of how to write a QAPP with the assistance of Stephanie McCarthy, Region 4. Melinda is also working with Region 9 on their data management program and assisting Pasqua Yaqui with emissions inventory. Angelique is working on the Tribal Data Toolbox.

Chris introduced Alfonso Yadao, the recently hired Equipment Manager for the TAMS Center. Alfonso is hired under the National Older Worker Career Center (NOWCC).

**TAMS Technical Needs Assessment Discussion** –

Shaina reported that graphs were updated and emailed out to all for review. Workgroup met and discussed action items: work on summary document and send out prior to September meeting; determine next steps on how to go about writing report; use last report as template; TAMS Co-directors to work on first five pages and provide data summary using graphs; final summary by August 9; discussion point is focus areas; last chart separated each focus area; group some focus areas, breakdown to 5 areas (criteria, ambient air monitoring, PM 2.5 and PM10); provide comments to Shaina.

**Monitoring Work Group Update –**

James reported that Section 8 of the Technical Guidance was recently posted; updated description of model and changes that occurred; review document and provide comments; appendices are now on Dropbox and were updated with description and hyperlinks; cover page was modified; the next call for monitoring guidance review is August 2 or 3.

**TAMS/NTAA Joint Meeting Agenda –**

Last call was June 27. Topics of discussion: identify priorities; budget; EPA leadership updates - OAR, OAQPS, OTAQ, ORIA; needs assessment summary document; meet with ITEP program managers; VW Settlement.

**Other Business**

*VW Settlement Update* – there are delays on the federal side; it is important that tribes stay on top; request list of names on Tribal Advisory Council and suggest to include a representative from ITEP and TAMS SC (Co-Director and SC member); what is role of advisory council; what is process of selection - Craig to request information from Andy; NTAA drafted two letters, will forward to SC for review and comments; NTAA and TAMS SC to submit joint 90-day extension letter for funding - National Program Guidance letter; Pat to send information on NPM Guidance; next call is July 31st.

*TAMS Manager’s Meeting* – call scheduled for August 10, include April. For September In-Person meeting, discuss which days are for SC meeting; Darlene to send out fact sheet. Suggestion was made for Craig to facilitate the first day of TAMS SC meeting and the successor of SC chair position to facilitate the third day.

Joe asked if any tribes have reported seeing any excessively low ozone monitoring results. It appears some sites in Wisconsin and Minnesota are registering at zero and occurs at night and some times during the day. April reported that they noticed low numbers one morning, but is back to normal. She also reported that the Aeroquals are now up and running.

***Next Conference Call*** – Thursday, August 17, 2017

Submitted by: Darlene Santos