***TAMS Steering Committee Call Notes***

**June 20, 2018 @ 10AM PDT**

Attending: Kent Bartolomew, Andy Bessler, Pat Childers, Vallen Cook, Farshid Farsi, David Gay, April Hathcoat, Carma Huseby, Mehrdad Khatibi, Monika Lacka, Avi Lapp, Laura McKelvey, James Payne, Camille Quickbear, Kris Ray, Melinda Ronca-Battista, Darlene Santos, Frank Spurgeon, Ed Wilds

**Opening Business**

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

The agendawas approved.

The SC members agreed that the March In-Person notes will be approved via email by the end of the week.

**TAMS Center Activity Updates** – TAMS Co-Directors

* The last course held at the TAMS Center was the GIS for Air Quality course, April 17-19. The course was successful; 12 tribal professionals attended. Celine Bethel, a participant from Yerington Pauite Tribe in Nevada requested for a PA with the TEOM equipment.
* The next course offering is Reviewing NSR and Title V Permit scheduled for August 28-31 at Pueblo of Santa Ana, New Mexico. Chris Lee is lead instructor, Laura McKelvey and Bonnie Braganza - EPA instructors, Ted Schooley and Luz Kuehn - State of New Mexico instructors.
* Two PA’s were received: Fort Sill Apache of Oklahoma – working with April/Cherokee Nation to coordinate plan for staff member to travel to Fort Sill and provide technical assistance; Yerington Paiute Tribe in Nevada – working with Mary Fauci/Nez Perce to coordinate plan for her to travel to Yerington Paiute and provide assistance with TEOM equipment. Mehrdad suggested to work with Lydia regarding expenses incurred for travel, lodging, etc. for these PA’s. There is funding available under a specific project number for these types of expenses.
* NEIEN Update –
* Melinda provided draft objectives for Exchange Network (EN) grant
* Met with a group of tribes who are currently using TREX to share data online; TREX software is outdated; need modern up-to-date software
* Propose to work with contractor using an open source software to provide tribes with a mechanism to acquire, manage, and report tribal data; assist with javascript and get program going; no licensing fees
* This proposal includes a function to perform independent QA review functions
* Need assistance with various partners
* Ideal for ITEP to be primary (or tribe) for grant funding
* Annual cost estimated – less than 50k per Melinda; consider initial development cost, source of funding and eligibility, check RFP; Pat Childers suggested to add cost to existing grant; Melinda confirms that we are eligible
* Grant application and proposal should be submitted by the TAMS SC per Pat Childers
* Need volunteers to assist with developing proposal: Chris Lee to email all tribes that are TREX network users for this proposal and encourage them to get involved; include Julie Simpson and Melinda on email
* Also related, Melinda started to assemble an online certified data validator course
* Attached is details of the proposal called Data Access, Review and QA Tool for Tribes (DART)
* Mehrdad reported updates on Glenn’s position:
* Job description has been submitted and is currently going through the NAU approval process
* Job should be posted on the NAU website by next week; will be posted and open for 30 days
* An announcement will be made once posted

**TAMS Technical Needs Assessment Discussion** – All

* Farshid reports the last call was in May.
* Shaina sent draft summary to TAMS Co-Directors for review and input.
* Request was made for Chris to send summary to SC members for review and comments.
* Continue discussion in future calls.

**Discussion – Back Filling Shaina’s position** – All

* SC members agreed to post the position next week and set deadline for end of July.
* Mehrdad suggested that Darlene work with Chris to prepare email notice and application for distribution to all listserves and NTAA Weekly; post on website.
* Frank mentioned that the Vice-Chair position should also be filled through September 30; Camille indicated she would fill the position if needed; SC members agreed to vote for Vice-Chair via email.

**Tribal Air Monitoring Guidance Update** **–** James Payne

* Minor updates were made; included pictures and stories
* Encourage tribes to provide more pictures and stories
* James indicated that Section 8 is a technical portion and asked if that section should be moved to an appendix; located on dropbox

**Other Business**

*VW Settlement Update*– Andy Bessler

* Cherokee Nation issued lift date
* DOJ Report -
* March 16 - The DOJ sent a letter to Indian Tribe Beneficiaries to participate in a discussion session to present possible approaches to allocation under the Trust Agreement
* The DOJ hosted three telephonic sessions: March 21, 27 and May 21
* Representatives from approximately 50 Indian Tribes participated and provided input during these sessions and subsequently submitted written comments
* After the first two discussion sessions, the DOJ reviewed the oral and written comments received to consider appropriate modifications to the Trust Agreement that will yield an equitable allocation formula that is consistent with the purpose of the Trust
* The third discussion session focused on specific allocation concepts that could potentially form the basis of a new allocation formula
* The DOJ is currently working with the Trustee to revise the Trust Agreement to reflect these proposed modifications
* Next call for VW Settlement Workgroup is Thursday, July 12
* Videos on VW Training at NTF; available on website

***Next Conference Call*** – Wednesday, July 18

Submitted by:

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