

NATIVE AMERICAN TASK FORCE MEETING
March 11, 2016 10 am-2 pm, LCO Community College. Lac Courte Oreilles, WI

Brian called the meeting to order at 10 am. Present: Brian, Matt, Auriga, Christine, Joy, Matt, Cat (in person) and Patrick; connecting via conference call: Steve, Jessie, _____

NATF Website Update: Patrick has been working on the site. We will be adding a "What's New" tab for posting events and NATF related news. Cathy, Christine, and Auriga will help. Brian recommended that the site not be "siloeed" into program areas, but reflect a holist connection between our programming. (The new tab was added during the meeting)

Rising Voices 3 Indigenous Climate Conference Presentation: Cat presented a power point on what she learned through her attendance at the Rising Voices 3 Conference in Boulder, CO. She thanked ESP for the scholarship she received to attend. The power point will be posted on the NATF website.

Member Updates

Katie:

- Will be starting as UWEX Admin Assistant Conference at UWEX-Milwaukee . Will be creating resources to help build connections with Milwaukee Native community and to link resources from other parts of the state with Milwaukee with goal of producing resource by end of September. Attending WIEA Conference.

Steve:

- He introduced the FLYY (Forward Learning Youth and Young Adults) program. www.flyyexpeditions.org. It helps troubled teen youth by taking them on a 40-mile trek in MN or WI. Three youth from Forest County participated. Since then Forest County Potawatomi have developed a youth curriculum based on this experience. Steve stressed the importance of support system in place when youth return from the experience. Approx. \$7000/youth to participate.
- Nicolet College grant class is writing a grant to develop a prevention program focused on getting a soccer league developed at all 3 school district, create interest in intermural sports. Working with teen court kids to coordinate/be ambassadors.

Christina:

- Doing a pilot project with LDF youth and Brian on youth digital storytelling to promote community and activities that they do (i.e.) stocking fish on non-tribal lakes. She would like to do this type of project in other communities. She has equipment and can bring to a community. This is coming out of research she did that showed youth's community pride was felt in maintenance of treaty rights and the development of community infrastructure & buildings. Brian added that this will tie in well with LDF projects which would be great to capture through the youth's eyes. Matt felt that projects like this could be a technique promoted through multi-program area Engaging Young People in Sustaining Communities.

Matt:

- Nutrition, Environment, and Food Systems for Empowerment project, interest of working with tribal colleges to bring interns to work on food systems.
- Menominee Nation: Two federally funded projects: Children and Youth at Risk and Menominee Youth Empowerment which he is helping to determine what leadership is using interviews with youth. Matt is interested in cultural constructs of leadership. Could be shared with tribes. Contact Julie Ann Stawicki-4H Youth Development Specialist if anyone is interested in learning more.

Patrick

- Sherrie Hagen-DNR works who develops trainings for DNR water staff to like to do training for her staff to work more effectively with tribal communities. They are asking the NATF to help with training for 30-40 DNR water staff sometime this summer. Discussion focused how we could put together a training program using many of the same themes as we do with our UWEX cultural training, plus other interests plus what tribes would like to share. Patty Loew was suggested as a presenter to discuss Native Nations of WI. DNR will be able to provide

funding assistance. Patrick would approach WI Lakes Partnership for support. Christine will facilitate a request with Patty. The NATF suggested the dates of September 26-30, but Patrick will check with Sherrie for dates her staff are available. Joy, Cat, and Brian offered to help develop the training program.

- Patrick suggested a training for Tribes on assessing lake grants and other water resource tools. Patrick will approach the WI Tribal Conservation Advisory Council with idea for offering training program statewide. He is looking at NATF to serve as a co-sponsor, but no action taken.

Joy

- 50 kids in the sugar bush today! She shared an overview of her work with Bad River youth and food sovereignty work.
- Joy shared the April 21-24 Native Youth Food & Agriculture Event in Hopkins, MI. There are funds to help Native youth to attend, travel stipends, scholarships from Intertribal a Contact Erin Peot.
- She invited everyone to attend the Bad River Mining Alternatives Summit Conference, Bad River 3/17-18. For more info, contact Sandy Gokee, Sgoke211@yahoo.com, 715-292-5641

Cat

- Provided an overview of three emerging grant projects she is engaged in with tribes and GLIFWC including a BIA grant in partnership with Red Cliff, Oneida, and HoChunk and WI Initiative on Climate Impacts and the Nelson Institute which will provide online climate change training for tribal professionals; a Sea Grant with UWSP to provide online and experiential climate change training for UWSP natural resource majors using the G-WOW climate model, and a National Park Service grant which will fund the 2016 G-WOW Institute and new website curriculum units focused on climate and water.

Auriga

- Partnering with LCO on developing a multi-generational First Impressions for tribal communities to reflect the unique natural tribal communities and integrate youth perspectives. Neil Klemme has developed a youth first impressions that could be helpful.

Brian:

- 3-State Community Development Initiative. Three council members went through the training and they are helping with outreach to the community together with Brian and tribal planner.
- Healthy communities initiatives are growing: healthy housing, downtown development. There is a Family & Youth Expo in May to connect community to resources and get input on these initiatives.
- 20th LDF Lakes Fest, June 18th 10 am – 3 pm at LDF. Brian was one of the original co-chairs and will be coordinating this year.
- An Earth Partnership for Schools Indigenous Arts and Sciences summer program will be held at LDF again this summer. Brian helps to provide guidance and resource.

Native American Youth Development Group

Christine and Matt shared that ideas for engaging Native youth are being explored from the idea of a Native 4H Youth Camp to putting together a database that youth would know opportunities. They felt that instead of creating a new event for now it would be better to focus on topical areas they want to focus on: 1) leadership, 2) food sovereignty, 3) cultural arts. We have curriculum around these areas and the group could be a platform to helping to distribute and connect with other state & national resources. This group will meet monthly. There was discussion of how this might connect with NATF.

Brian recommended that this initiative be spun off of the NATF to get more presences, opportunity for funding, etc.

Native Nations UW Strategic Working Group (new name)

Jessie Conway provided an update on the Office of Provost- UWEX-UW Colleges Native Nations UW Strategic Working Group. She incorporated NATF recommendations into the “Charge Memo” that will go out to conveners in different

organizations to make a 3-year strategic plan between the UW organizations and Native nations. The goal is to partner more effectively and improve communications on education, research, and engagement. Based on input, final draft will go out as an invite to UW Madison, Colleges, and UWEX individuals to be participants of the working group. Scheduled to meet in April. Take the basic framework and hold listening sessions (spring-summer) to get feedback from Tribes. Goal: strategic plan by summer.

Update on UWEX ReOrg/ Virtual Tribal Offices/Creation of a “Position Paper” for New Teams

Brian shared that the LDF Chair sent letter to Chancellor Sandeen that Tribal governments as sovereign nations cannot be lumped with counties in terms of developing these partnerships. There may be different opportunities to create the “virtual” tribal partnerships. Tom Schmitz-NC District Director had communicated that UWEX was not going to change tribal offices that we already, but explore the concept of the “virtual” office. General discussion on the notion of a “virtual” tribal concept and what this means. There could be opportunities for more resources for tribal staffing, tribal specialist, more tribal offices, etc. There was discussion on how to get involved in new UWEX Teams to make sure tribal perspectives are represented? Idea to create a new position paper to distribute to the new UWEX Teams will be explored at future NATF meeting.

Community Food Systems Team

Would like to have a conversation with the NATF an idea of sponsoring a combined event. We will invite Community Foods System Team to an upcoming NATF meeting and up this item on the agenda.

Next NATF Meeting: Thursday, June 2- Forest County Potawatomi. Send agenda items to Brian.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:15 pm

A tour of the LCO College was provided by Amber Merlot-LCO Extension Director.

*Miigwech to Auriga for providing the delicious homemade lunch, to LCO for their hospitality,
and to all for contributing and participating!*

Submitted by Cat Techtman