

National Environmental Education Advisory Council

Teleconference

May 27, 2014 (11:00am-12:00 EST)

Executive Summary

Attendees:

Kelly Keena, NEEAC Chair
Richard Gonzales, NEEAC Vice-Chair
Anne Stephens, NEEAC member
Ken Gembell, NEEAC member
Kiki Corry, NEEAC member
Scott Frazier, NEEAC member
Mark Krauss, NEEAC member
Dianne Wood, NEEF Director
Sara Sowell, EPA
Ryan Robison, EPA
Javier Araujo, EPA

The NEEAC meeting was called to order at 11:06am (EST). Headquarters updates were provided by Javier Araujo (DFO), Sarah Sowell, Acting Deputy Director (OEE), and Ryan Robison, Chief of Staff, (OEE). Javier updated the NEEAC members on the upcoming change in payroll providers. The new payroll provider is IBC. Sarah congratulated the group on their progress thus far, reminded the group about the deadline for the first draft report in July 2014 and the completed report in December 2014 and also added that OEE is working on updating the OEE strategic plan. In addition Sarah suggested that the group consider the utilization of the EPA's Office of Environmental Education's communication specialist Emily Selia in developing their report dissemination plans. Ryan spoke about the great meeting in Denver, CO and how he was working on possibly having an event in Washington DC with EPA administrator Gina McCarthy in December 2014. This would include the NEEAC in presenting the completed report to the EPA Administrator.

Kelly Keena (NEEAC) Chair asked the group to re-commit for the next few months in getting the draft report completed. Kelly referred to the developed logic model and reminded the group that all the documents produced thus far are found on the Google drive. Kelly requested feedback on the logic model by May 30, 2014.

Various members asked about the format of the logic model. Kelly reminded the group that the recommendations referenced in the logic model have already been decided upon. What is being asked is for a revision of the framework, and how those recommendations will be presented within the logic-model. After the group has decided on the framework work can begin in the writing groups.

Diane Wood from National Environmental Education Foundation asked the group if there was a format within the recommendations to reference public health. She indicated that within the framework there were references to environmental justice and climate change, however she did not find any reference or connection to public health. She indicated that the EPA is charged with the responsibility for the

environment and public health. Diane indicated that in the work of (NEEF) and national surveys making a connection to public health would be a tactical move.

Sarah Sowell, (Acting Deputy Director, OEE) added that the NEEAC charge is to describe the status of environmental education in the United States. If a link is made to public health, it is potentially EPA specific.

Kelly (NEEAC) chair again asked the group if everyone was comfortable with the logic model framework as it is presented, if not to email her by Friday. Kelly reminded the group to review all the documents available for viewing on google docs and to send comments by June 6th.

The next step was to have all members join a writing group. The structure suggested by the chair (Kelly) was as follows: Anne Stephens will lead the leadership section along with Caroline and Ken. Kiki Corry will lead the community and grants section, Richard, Scott and Mark will join Kiki on the community and funding team.

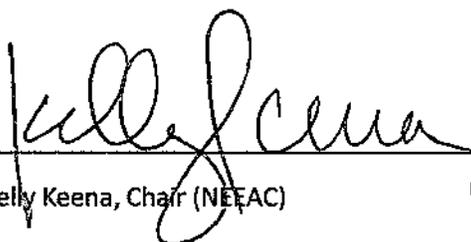
The editing and revision team will be Cara, Angie and Edna. Kelly will support Anne, Caroline, and Ken with some writing duties.

There were no public comments during the public comment period.

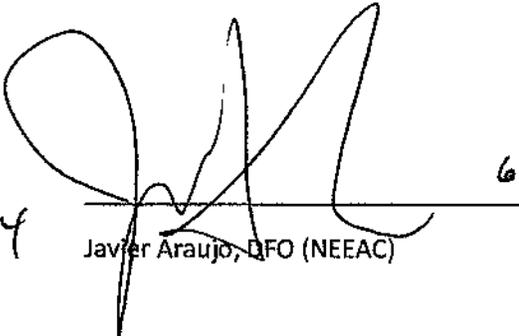
Kelly reminded the group that all the documents are visible on google docs. Kelly added that she was planning for another NEEAC teleconference and business meeting in June.

The NEEAC meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Submitted by:


Kelly Keena, Chair (NEEAC)

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Javier Araujo, CFO (NEEAC)

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