

RII 3 (Track 1) Management Team Meeting
May 31, 2011
1-3 pm Phone conference call

In attendance

Bill Michener, Bob Parmenter, Joe Galewsky, Al Rango, Mary Jo Daniel (notes), Karl Benedict, Sam Fernald, Edward Martinez, Anya Dozier Enos, Janie Chermak.

Action Items:

Karl will develop Doodle schedule poll(s), grouping data streams as appropriate so that significant progress on this activity can be demonstrated before the Reverse Site Visit (August 11).

Janie will schedule a collaboration/planning meeting with Sam, Jose, and Brian.

Al Rango will ask Salim Bawazir to participate on the Seed Grant review as well.

Mary Jo will send out the AAAS Report to the Management Team; members are asked to not share the report with others.

Bill will work with VPRs to identify participants for RII4 proposal development meetings.

Mary Jo will invite Todd Ringler, Brian Hurd, Julie Coonrod, Dave Gutzler and Darcy Bushnell to participate in a Town Hall planning group and will contact Jon Barela and Jose Garcia about what information the current administration would find useful.

Mary Jo will contact Jon Chorover about response to letter about LiDAR data. **Done.**

Karl will contact Jesus about writing up his request for data access as a simple proposal.

Collaboration Meetings

Karl Benedict presented the suggestion that there be “Data Ingest Working Meetings” at which researchers with data would come together to work on getting their data into the data portal system. After discussion, it was decided that Karl would hold one-on-one or small group teleconferences over the next 2 months with individual researchers to address specific data format and workflow questions in advance of a larger working meeting.

Karl will work with Joe Galewsky and Janie Chermak to discuss archival value for future analysis of their model outputs and potentially provide enhanced data services for model outputs. It may also be appropriate to do specific model runs that will make them more accessible to a broader community of users.

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The socio-economics/acequia interdisciplinary work also needs to discuss collaborations moving forward.

Action: Janie will schedule a meeting with Sam, Jose, and Brian.

Reverse Site Visit

Bill Michener reported that NSF is unable to do site visits as they had hoped. We will be participating in a Reverse Site Visit on August 11 in Washington DC. We are allowed to bring a team of 5, one must be the PI, plus one State Committee member as an observer. Bill will invite Linda LaGrange (NMHU) as the observer, since she's at a smaller school that benefits from EPSCoR. The presentation team will be: Bill, Mary Jo, Karl Benedict, Laura Crossey, and Sam Fernald.

In the presentation, we need to highlight all aspects of the program. MJ and Bill will distribute a template for the presentation for all to contribute content; we are strictly limited to 90 minutes for the entire presentation. About ½ of slides will focus on science; the rest will address other issues including, management, outreach, diversity, etc. Slides should have 2-3 bullets per slide and provide some good visuals to communicate effectively. We will have a Management Team call to go over the entire presentation in late July.

Seed Award Reviews

The next round of proposals for Infrastructure Seed Awards are due July 15. Karl and Janie agreed to serve on the review committee; Edward will as well if there is no conflict of interests with the proposals received.

Action: Al Rango will ask Salim Bawazir to participate on the review as well.

RII4 Proposal Process

Bill reported that at the last State Committee meeting, he presented the AAAS Review panel's report with its strong encouragement to be evolutionary, building on the current project, with a focus on the energy/water/environment nexus. Areas of study in this nexus that align with the State S&T plan might include wind, solar, bio-algal, oil, gas, (maybe) nuclear as well as their interactions with the environment, particularly water, including groundwater resources. All of these topics would engage a wide range of scientists including those in engineering and socio-behavioral-economic sciences. The proposal must align with NSF funding areas; current NSF focus areas include Clean Energy, Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability (SEES), and CI for 21st Century. The State Committee endorsed the AAAS recommendation and agreed there will be a single proposal that gets developed. We will start in July-August with a series of meetings to discuss the topic and get input. From there, a smaller team will form to contribute to the writing and coordination of the proposal. The process will focus first on the science; development of other components (education outreach, diversity, workforce development, etc.) will follow. Bill will contact the VPRs to identify individuals to invite to attend the initial meetings.

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Track 2 and C2

Based on information provided at the spring EPSCoR meeting, we will be eligible to submit Track 2 and C2 proposals this fall; the timeline for the solicitation was not firm. At this time, it appears there will not be a major shift in focus in either of these solicitations, but there may be some minor changes.

Town Hall—Year 4 Activity

Mary Jo met with a representative of NM First about organizing a Town Hall as called for in the NM EPSCoR Strategic Implementation Plan. The event would serve to connect research with policy makers in NM. The Town Hall would probably take place in spring or early summer 2012. The team discussed whom to involve in the planning process. Janie Chermak agreed to help and suggested involving John Fleck from The Albuquerque Journal.

Action: Mary Jo will invite Todd Ringler, Brian Hurd, Julie Coonrod, Dave Gutzler and Darcy Bushnell to participate in a planning group and will Jon Barela and Jose Garcia about what information the current administration would find useful.

National Meeting

The National EPSCoR meeting will be October 24-28 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Both co-chairs of the state committee have expressed interest in attending as well as Vimal Chaitanya. NM can send a few more people, include up to 3 students to participate in a poster session. The agenda and invited speakers are available on the National meeting website: www.nsfepscor2011.org.

Around the Room

Al Rango reported that Leeann DeMouche will be leaving NM EPSCoR and working for the city of Las Cruces this summer.

Bob Parmenter: VCNP is getting budget in place for Forest Restoration project.

Edward Martinez will be working with the Northern Network to support the teachers during the school with implementation of summer institute work.

Joe Galewsky is bringing on several more EPSCoR students in EPS.

Janie Chermak: continuing to make progress on economics modeling.

Anya Dozier-Enos: PED is planning to announce a reorganization in mid-June to be in place in July.

Karl Benedict is focusing on metadata and working on workflows to get them in place for new standards. He asked if there had been any response from CZO on gaining access to LiDAR data of VCNP area.

Action: Mary Jo will contact Jon Chorover about response to letter about LiDAR data.

Action: Karl will contact Jesus about writing up his request for data access as a simple proposal.