

Community IPM Leadership Team Meeting

When: Friday 15th July 2016: 3:30-5:00 pm



On the call: Al Fournier, Mike Wierda, Lucy Li, Shaku Nair, Dawn Gouge, Kai Umeda, Peter Warren

Notes

- **School IPM Inside and Out: Update**

- Evaluation status

Shaku has been compiling evaluation data from 2014 and 2015

- 5 out of 6 schools show a “steady state” of IPM implementation.
 - Shaku: Can we withdraw from data collection at those schools? We put a lot of demands on the same people to collect data, for different projects. This does not mean will abandon these schools, and never contact them again. Rather, we will maintain contact with them always, and remain resources. Shaku’s suggestion was to only stop data collection according to the extensive survey. Also, it is mentioned in our MoA that we will work with a school district for at least two years, and then remain a resource. So this was only a suggestion to focus our energies on other schools and moving on with the program.

Kai: in terms of outdoor IPM we are seeing more engagement and participation and learning that we are measuring in our workshops.

Al: Continue annual walk through inspections and try to get all team members to show up, on one day. One school per district. Don’t just gather data, but make specific recommendations (we are already doing this).

Schools need to communicate with us and let us know about changes in pest management contractors. Document backsliding. Some of the changes are not being recorded in the interview guide.

- Shortened survey tool

- Shaku and Al will develop super shortened questionnaire and send to the group for review focused on the logic model.

- New school district – Casa Grande Unified: Strategy.

- The contact there, Tim Mace, Facilities Director is considering becoming a participating school. Try to start by asking what their needs are. Let them know the requirements, especially communication, and what to expect.
 - Shaku met Tim on July 18, 2015. They went over what the program involves, and Tim is fully on board. Shaku will coordinate with the Team and the school, and arrange a team visit in mid-September. Please look out for a Doodle.

- Community IPM outputs

- Dawn suggested improved methods to capture the team’s “rapid response” and resolution of high priority concerns. We do this all the time, but may not be tracking interactions and outcomes in a useful manner.
 - Al suggested capturing the positive stakeholder feedback we get regularly (but haven’t historically relayed).

- To identify potential school partners
 - How can we identify new schools who are interested in the program?
 - Shaku is considering some kind of survey. Include the brochure but also include specifics on the value of the services we provide. May target central AZ schools. Give schools the flexibility to implement IPM in one area but not in another to help give them a comparison and also let them bite off a smaller piece. Focus on their high-priority problem first and then expand from there.
 - Mike suggested sending out an RFP or some sort of call for interested schools, making sure to add the value of services provided (\$). The added value of IPM cost savings should also be outlined. If these advantages both related to pest control and cost savings are presented in the RFP, we can hope to get some schools to reply and be interested.
- **ARDP – Housing project: Update**
 - Have received a one year no cost extension
 - Pest management contract for all sites is being renegotiated, will lead to a major positive shift in pest management practices.
- **Community IPM Program evaluation survey**
 - Many turf stakeholders may not recognize or relate to “community ipm”. One suggestion was a list of team member names. Consider adding Turf and Horticulture.
 - Dawn suggested “branding” all community IPM efforts under the same logo and do a better job at identifying the collective effort (e.g. School/Home/Turf/Hort IPM” as part of the APMC Community IPM Initiative.
- **Pending/Upcoming grant opportunities /ideas**
 - ARDP – Rodent academy - submitted
 - Shaku plans to submit a WIPMC grant to expand and print the handbook
 - Mike should take a look also at WIPMC call for proposals that comes out in the fall
- **Any other items**
 Annual School Coalition Event
 - Let our school IPM champions from our school districts present and talk about the benefits of it. Peer to peer training. Or have a panel of school presenters if that makes them more comfortable.

**Our next Team meeting is on Nov 15th, Tuesday 9:30 am – 1:30 pm
at Pinal County Cooperative Extension Office, Casa Grande.**