

Community IPM Leadership Team
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I. New Methods of Communication

Peter and Bryan met last week and discussed ideas about how the team could function better together. Near the end of each week, Bryan will communicate with each of us regarding his plans and team member's needs for the coming week. Then he will send a weekly update out to all team members summarizing his activities and goals for the coming week.

His time is going toward team-oriented projects. Team members should view his Google calendar to check his availability. It is also important for individual team members to be communicating with each other about their projects and about Bryan's time. If one team member has a concern about an activity not being a team function, they should bring that up to the team.

It will be important for Bryan to attend the Desert Hort Conference on May 20 and to meet and interact with members of the horticulture community. In addition, it will be helpful for him to attend the in-service training on May 19 to meet members of the Horticulture Working Group. He should present to the Hort WG what he presented at the IPM Coordinating Committee.

With emails, it is important for Bryan to respond, even when you don't know an answer. For example, responding to Ursula to say he doesn't yet know if he can attend a specific meeting until he checks a conflict with Paul.

Deadlines are important in any planning process.

We should set up face-to-face meetings at least every other month at the beginning to improve communication.

II. Budget

317776. \$5800 in Community / Turf IPM Team funds (Bryan/Kai): Can pay travel for any team members for activities. Can use for ESA registration costs and airfare. Other people to consider that may spend funds: Stacey Bealmer and Peter Warren. Extend an invitation to community IPM work group members. Bed bug publication is needed to explain legislative requirements. It might be possible to pre-pay Robert Casler's shop for something. Dawn also wants to get bed bug posters and trifold (already existing) out to the county offices. She will order some. Dawn will move some IPM funds to cover meals at a recent multifamily housing training.

317777. \$4450 in Horticulture IPM funds (Ursula): Will spend on registration and travel for personnel to the Desert Hort conference and to the in-service training. Will serve lunch at in-

service. There will be hotel expenses. In addition, she will plan to purchase books on pruning and other topics for the county offices.

III. ADA Reduced Risk Grant

Title: Reducing Pest and Pesticide Risk on Arizona School Grounds

Note that the RFA is critical to writing any grant and must be followed exactly. This is the guideline for writing any grant. Bryan would like to meet with AI for some general guidelines on preparing grant applications.

The team discussed specific revisions to the grant.

- What will the demonstration be? It could be based on a site visit or audit with the target audience. Do the tour / audit and follow up with live demos of whatever is most needed on that site.
- Revise and streamline objectives and make sure they are linked to activities, outputs and deliverables.
- In email to Jack Peterson: this is a pilot project. We are leveraging much more than this. The team's long-term objectives are outlined in the attached logic model.

Goal: Submit it next week.

Bryan and Kai will revise the grant on Monday and send it out to the team Monday evening. AI will double check the evaluation components.

IV. Team Member Updates

Peter Ellsworth – Another time we should discuss more generally long term plans. Rick Gibson has an interest in developing vertebrate pest control information. He is working with Gila River Tribe. He asked if there were any IPM mini-grants available. The mechanism should be for someone to approach the leadership teams to find out if funds are available.

Kai Umeda – Pest management programming he does is mostly related to monitoring with black light traps for timing of insecticide applications. Golf Course superintendents are doing the monitoring. Also, he does herbicide evaluations. Working with new agents: integrating Kelly Young into more of what he is doing. Kai is working with USDA people Jeanie McClain on an AFRI grant. A project on carbon sequestration using effluent water. Kai would work on the extension components. He is asking for a portion of Bryan's salary on this: 10% per year for five years. Plus some operations and travel funds.

Al Fournier – Extension New Faculty Training on campus May 24-25. AI, Peter and Dan McDonald will be presenting on program planning, needs assessment and evaluation.

Paul Baker – Bryan is giving a CEU class on May 17 on pest concerns in park environments to a park and recreation environment. Bryan is helping him with termite project one day this month then 3 more days over the next year.

Ursula Schuch – 19th of May In-Service, 20th of May Desert Hort Conference. After that she hopes to work more with Bryan on the outdoor school IPM project, starting with the evaluation component.

Dawn Gouge – City of Phoenix trains Parks and Rec professionals (city employees) and Dawn does training for them on bed bugs. They are looking for training on plant management. They do 2 trainings annually. Could this team engage them on future trainings? Phoenix has a strong IPM initiative on many fronts: bed bugs, parks and rec, public housing, light rail green corridor. Phoenix public housing: Dawn has 9 sites where they hold resident briefings (2 hour events) as part of a multistate WIPMC Publications and Outreach grant. She wants to bring Bryan into this program. An evaluation for this already existing. 5 x 2 hours x 11 sites, all in Phoenix, starting in September. School IPM: EPA will release RFA on Strategic Ag Initiative funds, one in each region plus one national grant will be funded. Dawn's working group and national steering committee will develop a single proposal to be submitted by different groups in 9 different EPA regions. The outdoor component is related to asthma triggers. Dawn's goal will be to build the Region 9 team and work on the region 9 proposals. Will set it up as a cooperative agreement, so if it is funded in the first year, it can become ongoing. When we do publications, can Bryan be involved in various ways and interacting with Robert Casler's shop in ECAT.

Bryan Stevens – He is working on improving his communication skills. He will communicate on a weekly basis to the team. June 6 he will be moving. He is looking at houses in San Tan Valley this weekend. His back is still bothering him.

V. 3, 6, and 12 Month Plan for the Team – did not cover but will follow up by email. What is team oriented and coming up in these time periods.

VI. Bryan's Ph.D. Update – Dawn is now a member of Ph.D. committee. He will be in contact with his advisor with a plan to defend sometime in December.

VIII. Other Topics

Garrett is a grad student in Entomology who will be taking the APMC Diagnostics Extension Assistantship. It would be good for him to attend the May 19 In-Service and to meet Peter Warren, Kelly Young and Kristin.

There is a potential for a university-sponsored conference for community IPM.

Peter and Al need to write a continuation grant for the Extension IPM program. We have an opportunity to change or increase the PIs. We need CVs, C&P and COI forms. It is due June 23.

What is Next?

- June 28 conference call at 1:00 PM – prior to this Bryan will expand on the bullet list of activities on the ADA grant, including who will be involved in what and send it out to the group.