NRSP1 Management Committee Call NOTES
Date: 1/15/2025
Time: 2 pm ET, 1 pm CT, 12 noon MT, 11 am PT

NRSP1 Management Committee Members
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Attendees: Sara Delheimer, Tara Warner, Julie Estrada, Cindy Morley, David Leibovitz, Chris Hamilton, Faith Peppers, Alton Thompson, Robin Williams

Action Items

- Sara to Send Chris corrected version of Q4 2024 report with additional info on media contacts - WATCH (5 secs)
- Develop strategies to better engage multistate teams for impact writing workshops; follow up with Sarah - WATCH (5 secs)
- Sara to follow up with David re: Northeast region group's 2025 workshop request; confirm it aligns with NERA plans - WATCH (5 secs)
- Chris to contact North Central Region specialty crop project for strawberry stories/impacts; send to Sarah or Faith by Feb 1 for Valentine's Day USDA promotion - WATCH (5 secs)

Call Agenda:

1. Roll call and Welcome – Chris
2. NIMSS Update – Chris
3. NIFA PARS Update (staffing, NIFA reps, etc.) – Alexis/Tara (if available)
4. MRF Impact Program Q4 2024 Update – Sara
5. NIFA Communications Update – Faith (if available)

6. NRSP1 Midterm Review – Gary, Cindy (for NRSP-RC Team, if available)
7. Other Items, as needed.

Call Recordings:

Fathom: VIEW RECORDING - 38 mins (No highlights)

Zoom recording and summary: https://uwmadison.zoom.us/rec/share/g3F-8-o2gnBtqywIR_TQ8hFMlXlLdmLrLZuuGgitb1-3i9WoaaFqFPUCsP7nDmr9.Y3Fe0njftmQk-9Nc; Passcode: TF&vH9?0

Key Takeaways

- NIMSS system updates and fixes were implemented in Q4 2024, with high praise for Clemson's responsive support
- Impact reporting program saw success with media contacts and content usage by NIFA/APLU
- Discussion on streamlining the nomination process for multi-state group impact workshops
- Planning initiated for NRSP1 midterm review in 2025 and renewal proposal in 2027

Topics

NIMSS Updates and NIFA Report

- Q4 2024 updates focused on cleanup and bug fixes (see list of updates below)
- Tara Warner introduced as new PARS director and planning accountability officer
- No significant updates from NIFA to report

Impact Reporting Program Q4 2024 Update

- 2 impact statements finalized, including Southern Region Epsilon Award nominee
- Multiple statements in draft/review stage
- Notable media contacts:
    - FAA communicator sought quotes on drones in agriculture
    - APLU recommended avian influenza piece to NYT writer
- Impact training workshops conducted for NIDB and University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Social media engagement stable, with shift from Twitter to LinkedIn noted
- NIFA and APLU showed increased usage of MRF content
- Sara's tracking table: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tgRRHVOf9aHDSYnANjFN9xQT0P0nNpTz7j4c7MNDt70/edit?usp=sharing

Impact Writing Workshops

- Discussion on improving nomination and selection process for multi-state groups
- Regions encouraged to pre-screen and prepare projects before recommending
- Northeast region group directly requested workshop for 2025

NIFA Communications Update

- Similar migration trend from Twitter to LinkedIn observed
- Impact workshop conducted at University of Alaska Fairbanks in December
- USDA seeking strawberry-related stories for Valentine's Day 2025
- Hatch multi-state project visibility noted at Southeast Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference

NRSP1 Midterm Review and Renewal Planning

- Midterm review process initiated, led by Jeanette Thurston, lead NRSP1 AA
- 2027 renewal proposal planning begun
    - Likely the process will be similar to last time, Sara to create Impact portion narrative and budget with Bret Hess and Chris will reach out to Jason at Clemson (NIMSS project manager there) for NIMSS updates/plans for next five-year cycle and budget.
    - Discussion on potentially seeking bids for NIMSS system management, with general support for continuing with Clemson. Can prepare and release an RFP based on the 2013/2014 one and solicit bids. Likely, switching development teams will be very costly, financially and labor-wise. Clemson is excellent to work with, but getting bids can't hurt.

<u>Q4 2024 NIMSS Updates:</u>

Updates:

- Added Project page link to ‘Approve Participants’ view
- Updated region names (agInnovation)
- Appendix Es index shows all projects
- Added ‘mission’ attribute for NRSP projects
- Enhanced logging for Appendix E
- New PDF view for Appendix E Direct
- Added 1890s region to advanced search
- Removed unused registration page
- Improved error handling for duplicate Appendix E assignments
- Auto-assigns status on NRSP review creation
- Updated API routes to parse JSON correctly
- Dynamic subject lines for reminder emails
- Fixed NRSP review status changes on submission
- Display usernames to RSAs on reviews
- Improved project outline spacing
- Bug fixes: Appendix E, NRSP reviews, Appendix H PDF, more