

**Northeast Program Leaders Network Meeting**

**February 15-17, 2012**

**Washington, DC**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2012**

6-7:30 p.m.                    **Joint Networking Reception**

**Thursday, February 16, 2012**

7:15-8:00 a.m.                **Breakfast**

8:00-8:15 a.m.                **Welcome and Goals of the NE PLN**

Goal of PLN is to broadly facilitate multistate collaboration, communications and program development. See original PLN proposal. Focus of this initial meeting is focused on multistate competitive project development.

Presenters:    Helene Dillard, NEED Chair, Cornell University  
                     Robert Schrader, Chair, PLN, University of Massachusetts

8:15-8:45 a.m.                **Profile of Cooperative Extension in the Northeast Region**

Presenter:        TBD

Need to identify presenter. Need to frame the profile.

e.g. Work from Excellence in Extension Database - Faculty/staff distribution within region; funding; extramural funding; Include: existing regional groups; NERA; compare metrics to other regions; other pertinent demographic data - urban concentration; poverty

8:45-10:15 a.m.                **National Institute of Food and Agriculture: Institutes Overview of Focus and Potential Resource Opportunities**

Moderator:        Helene Dillard, NEED Chair, Cornell University

Panelists:            Assistant Directors, NIFA Institutes

These to be NIFA Assistant Directors and others who may be identified by regional Committees: Deb Sheeley, Frank Boteler, Caroline Crocoll, Robert Hoffman, Hiram Larew

Linda responsible for inviting

10:15-10:30 a.m.                **Break**

10:30-11:45 a.m. **What Did We Hear? What are the Next Steps?**

Roundtable brainstorming for NE and report out

1. What are the opportunities that we need to explore?
2. What are the issues now and in the future relevant to the NE?
3. Who are the potential partners for these issues?

Mixed groups at up to six tables. Expect that reporting out will identify 4-6 priority areas. Consider if pre submission of priorities from regional groups would help "prime" the discussion?

12 noon Lunch

1:00-3:00 p.m. **Breakouts by Program Area with Invited Guests (NPLs, etc.)**

*Work out specific opportunities by program area and identify potential resources to help fund.*

ANR

FCS

4-H

Directors/Administrators

Four groups. What is the agenda for NEED? Suggest a discussion of how NEED can support the efforts that come forward from the PLN meeting? Other Options: Review status of follow-up with with development officers or Food Systems Initiative – What is status? What would help them succeed?

3:00-3:30 p.m. Break

3:30-4:15 p.m. **Program Area Report Out on Next Steps**

4:15-4:45 p.m. **NE Action Steps by Program Area**

Bob will moderate. As written, the action steps will simply be a summary or "report out." Ideally, NEED discussion from 1-3PM might inform how we can support the committee's work.

Dinner on your own

### **Friday, February 17, 2012**

7:15-8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:00-9:15 a.m. **Developing Competitive Projects**

**Presenters: Robin Sheperd, North Central Extension Directors**

***Developing competitive projects***

***XXX, Cornerstone***

***Federal budget Environment***

**9:15-10:30 a.m. Cross Program Area Issue Groups**

Convene in round tables corresponding with issues identified previous day at round tables and within program committees. *Work out specific opportunities by issue area and identify potential resources to help fund.*

**10:30-11:15 a.m. Cross Program Group Report Out and Development of Action Steps for Northeast NPL**

**11:15-11:30 a.m. Wrap-up and Adjourn**

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**Potential Invitees:**

NEED

NEED ANR listing

NEED FCS listing

NEED 4-H listing

Dan Rossi, NE Executive Director, Experiment Station

Stephan Goertz, NE Director, Rural Development Center

NIFA Director – to be named

NIFA Associate Directors

Debby Sheeley – Institute of Food Production and Sustainability

Frank Boteler – Institute for Bioenergy, Climate, and Environment

Robert Hoffman – Institute of Food Safety and Nutrition

TBA – Institute of Youth, Family, and Community

**NIFA Priorities**

- Climate Change
- Bioenergy
- Food Safety
- Nutrition and Childhood Obesity
- Global Food Security and Hunger