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Sent: Monday, February 07, 2011 1:57 PM
To: Benning, Linda
Cc: 'Dan Kluchinski'
Subject: FW: Development of NEED PLN

Linda,

See my email below from September 2010 that provides some outline of the priority list developed by the NE ANR PLs a few years ago.

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From: Dan Kluchinski [<mailto:kluchinski@aesop.rutgers.edu>]
Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 8:22 AM
To: 'Benning, Linda'
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Subject: RE: Development of NEED PLN

Linda,

I hope all is well with you.

My apologies for not responding sooner. I was checking to see how I might address your inquiry, then got tied up in getting promotion packets and evaluations completed. Your email got lost in the shuffle.

I don't think I can provide you much assistance with this. Although I do serve as chair of the NE ANRPLs, we really don't do much related to multistate program development.

However, three years ago, we attempted to do so. NEED asked the ANR PLs to come up with a prioritized list of programmatic focus areas. We held a workshop and came up with a list of 4 items. They included energy, local food systems and ethnically appropriate food, organic food production, and "every day needs" – potential for regional collaboration and sharing. The effort included informal identification of institutional strengths, situational analyses, etc. They were shared back with the then NEED chair Bob Schrader.

Many of the PLs who were excited at the meeting didn't follow through on moving anything forward. No significant buy in or follow up from NEED occurred either. There never seems to be the availability of real time on people's parts despite best intentions during discussions. However, a small group of us did pursue and receive an eXtension grant to start a Farm Energy CoP. That CoP is stilling working on the project but the team members slowly shrank and most of the effort is lead by VT.

I don't have any current inventory of multistate programming. Perhaps the CRIS reports from each state could be used to gather information on current multistate programs. Here in NJ, Mary Jane Willis completes those reports.

I do have a conference call on October 18th with the NE ANR PLs. Would you like me to bring your request to their attention?

Let me know.

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From: Benning, Linda [<mailto:lbenning@APLU.ORG>]
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Subject: Development of NEED PLN

Dan, I have started working at the NEED Executive Director with the task of developing a Program Leadership Network focused on securing additional funding. I am in the process of doing a situational analysis to identify existing program related groups. I understand you are providing or have provided some leadership to the ANR program leaders.

Would you please assist me by completing the attached template? Thank you.

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