

PAWG SOCIOECONOMIC TASK GROUP
April 12, 2005

TG Members Present: Roy Allen, Tom Burns, Jay Anderson, Steve Reynolds, Carmel Kail, Cyd Goodrich (afternoon)

TG Members Not Present: Marilyn Filkins, Bob Jones, Eric Sechrist, Jana Weber, Judi Adler, Mary Byrnes

Visitors: none

Meeting held: At Big Piney Library meeting room, 10 am – 5:00 pm

Minutes taken by: Carmel Kail

Motion to accept the previous meeting minutes . Seconded and unanimously approved.

Set next TG meetings for May 26, June 28, and July 28, all from 10 – 3. Locations to be found by Carmel.

Discussed TG membership. Determined to drop Betty Wilkinson and Robert Forbis from list. Should either wish to actively participate in the future they would be welcomed.

Reviewed changes to the body of the draft report since its submittal to PAWG in February. No further changes to the body of the TG report were identified. Ron Hogan questioned whether the TG should be drawing conclusions / interpretations from the data gathered. Following discussion, the group agreed that conclusions were necessary in some cases in order to progress to recommendations.

Input from a majority of the TG membership (Anderson, Burns, Goodrich, Hogan, Jones, Kail, Reynolds, Sechrist, Weber) regarding priority of the 25 monitoring items and 28 mitigation items was received and reviewed. The group determined to accept the combined average ranking produced by this input, and set the division lines between high, moderate, and low priority according to relative level of agreement among the membership. Accordingly, the top 6 monitoring item elements were classified as 'High' priority for the TG, and the remaining 19 were accorded 'Moderate' priority status. Similarly, the top 5 mitigation opportunity items were classified as 'High' priority for the TG, and the remaining 23 were accorded 'Moderate' priority status.

TG recommendations reformatted (to comply with PAWG guidelines formulated in February) by Bob Jones and Tom Burns were reviewed. Minor adjustments were made to the Monitoring Recommendations summary table to refer to the more detailed list of 25 recommendations which would be appended. On the overhead projector, Roy Allen organized the tables by priority assignment for incorporation in the final TG report.

Jay Anderson reported on a recent conference call involving himself, Mary Flanderka, and Amanda Rosenberg the director of Sweetwater County United Way. Carmel Kail reported that subsequent to the conference call, Amanda had contacted her about the possibility of attending one of our future TG meetings. Following discussion, the TG determined to defer action and place the overall United Way topic on the agenda for our May meeting. Ron Hogan suggested that United Way might host an 'Open House' event in Sublette County as a public education and recruitment tool, and the TG endorsed this concept. Carmel will communicate this to Amanda.

Carmel Kail reported that a conference call between Mary Flanderka, Dean Jessup of the Dept of Criminal Investigations, and Marilyn Filkins is tentatively scheduled. The call will be to explore possibilities arising from TG report recommendations regarding various crime and drug issues.

The group reviewed material related to the Federal Natural Resources Policy Account (FNRPA) grant program administered by the Wyoming Governor's Office of Planning, noting that the next grant deadline is May 1. This material had previously been distributed via email to the TG. Mary Byrnes (via email) and Steve Reynolds agreed to work on preparing the grant application ASAP. The purpose of the grant would be to procure State funding toward accomplishing the socioeconomic monitoring work identified by the TG report. Carmel Kail indicated that at previous PAWG meetings the State had indicated a desire to partner in the monitoring effort.

The importance of BLM co-partnering was discussed, and the group determined to contact BLM-WSO to advise the State Director of this situation and request financial partnering with the State on monitoring. Steve Reynolds (a Cheyenne resident) and a Cheyenne Questar representative (delegated by Ron Hogan) will try to schedule an appointment with the Wyoming BLM State Director in the near future.

Limited discourse was held regarding visions for the future of the TG. Cyd Goodrich suggested that such a discussion would be more appropriate following BLM issuance of approved plans, and the group agreed.

The meeting adjourned, with Ron Hogan and Roy Allen remaining to finalize details of the Monitoring Recommendations tables. The finalized tables will be given to Carmel Kail, who will attach them to the final TG report and submit all to PAWG by the April 14 deadline.

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