

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Remote Call

Annual meeting business:

10:03am – meeting started

No foodborne outbreak updates

GOAL: What would we like to do about the annual meeting in May

Steve (reached out to the speakers)

- Email sent to 10 speakers lined up
 - Can they travel for the conference in May? 100% said they could not travel in May
 - Dates that work better in the fall?

Multiple other meetings are being canceled.

Concern expressed about decreased attendance due to other commitments in the fall.

Cancellations have been charged to the grant and that should not jeopardize future receipt of grant funds.

The site should be shut down to keep additional people from registering.

Connie – we haven't had any registrations for a month

Veronica – we could be in a worse situation if we reschedule in the fall if people cannot commit because things may be crazy it may.

Connie – it is worse to have a low attendance conference than to completely cancel. You'll lose more money.

Veronica – the RNC at the end of August has not been cancelled.

- If we cancel and things are great in the fall then maybe we can do regional 1 day meetings instead of a full meeting.

Chip

- 1 or half a day completely virtual so that people would still have that interaction.

Veronica – we probably not get people to register for that.

Per Chris, NC STATE could host it virtually for free.

Shane, CIT was hosted virtually through Microsoft Teams and it went well beyond what they thought. Seamlessly operated.

Anita, the grant was received under the new funding model. Reporting has to be made annually but we don't have to re-apply every year.

What do we do with the May date?

Should we send a notification to folks asking them to attend a virtual full task force meeting in May instead of the annual conference?

Getting everyone on the same platform is too challenging, but a conference call may

Final decision: Cancel the meeting and have a conference call on Wednesday instead. The A&T speaker is an option, as that person was interested in a virtual presentation.