

## **DRAFT Minutes: CATF Meeting - Thursday, March 14, 2019 - 1 p.m. 604 Cohodas**

**In Attendance: Emily Leach, Karen Alholm, Tom Tourville, Scott Erbisch, Greg Seppanen, Jerry Messana, Jes Thompson, Gail Anthony, Marge Forslin (general public), Tyler Penrod, and Lauren Luce.**

### **1. Review Updated CATF Organizational Chart**

Emily Leach updated the CATF organizational chart by adding Gail Anthony to the CATF Steering Committee and adding logos and a technical team line to call on for support. The organizational chart is a working document that may be updated and modified as necessary.

### **2. Review 2019 CATF Work Plan**

Emily noted that the CATF Work Plan is intended to be broad to provide guidance without limiting the direction of the group. Greg Seppanen would like to open discussion with Carl Lindquist regarding county-wide water base-line data collection to build off of the regional water plan and to monitor local water characteristics considering the consequences of climate change. Scott Erbisch would like to see securing funding and resources for a local water plan as a priority in the CATF Work Plan under 'Community Resilience Planning and Implementation.' Jes Thompson mentions the community has expressed concern for Marquette's water resources and suggests CATF include supporting a local water plan in the CATF Work Plan. Scott suggests this study would likely cost more than the regional water plan because it would be more data intensive, likely costing more than \$150,000. Greg would like to sit down with Carl to discuss laying out groundwork for local water plan. Gail would like to have supporting partners in the grant application process added to the CATF Work Plan under 'External Funding.'

### **3. Discuss Quarterly 2019 Meeting Dates (6/20/19; 9/19,19; 1/23/20)**

- June 20, 2019 meeting will be in Cohodas 604 at 10:00 a.m.
- September 19, 2019 meeting will be in Cohodas 604 at 1:00 p.m.
- January 23, 2020 meeting will be in Cohodas 604 at 1:00 p.m.

\*These meeting dates and times are contingent upon reserving Cohodas 604. Emily will work to reserve the room for the above dates and times.\*

### **4. Review CATF Mission Statement**

CATF committee unanimously agrees to keep CATF Mission Statement and Background as is.

### **5. CATF Logo Discussion**

Emily explains that Tyler has designed and proposed a CATF logo for the committee to consider adopting. Tom Tourville makes a motion to approve the CATF logo designs. Greg seconds. CATF unanimously approves the logo proposal.

Jes is pleased with the progress made; CATF has a clear mission and graphic identity.

### **6. Project Updates**

- **MICHAP Climate Health (Jerry Messana)**

Key leaders met to compile and analyze data and create priorities for the project. They would like to move forward with Volume 3: Implementation. The four subjects are vector awareness (Patrick Jacuzzi), emergency response/extreme events (Jerry), water related issues (Emily), and air quality (Brad Neumann). Greg is struggling with determining how to measure success of the project. Project hopes to implement a pilot program within the year. Scott suggests reaching out to Senator Stabenow's U.P. representative to discuss support, as climate and health are two priorities of hers at the federal level. Jes mentions that NMU could become a resource for the community during extreme events because of its resources and land and suggests CATF encourage NMU to invest in renewable energy and storage to be distributed to the community if needed.

Successfully awarded \$15,000 to the Marquette County Health Department (MCHD) Public Health Response to Climate Change Related Flooding Project for development of a public health emergency response plan specifically addressing the public health response to flooding within Marquette County to address the predicted increase in climate change related localized flooding. Development of geographic information system (GIS) mapping capabilities to identify residences potentially at risk during flooding events and to target response to flood vulnerable populations will be part of the emergency response planning.

- **Great Lakes One Water Partnership and Clean Energy Initiative (Gail)**

This project is focused on resiliency. The City of Marquette has been selected as the first cohort and the second cohort in the next phase is to be determined. The Community Foundation of Marquette County (CFMC) is the hub for the Lake Superior/ UP initiative. Project awarded \$100,000 per year for 3 years and is seeking additional funding.

The Clean Energy Initiative Dinner was attended by 58 people in early February. The core team is meeting March 15, 2019 to establish a clean energy meeting schedule to keep the discussion going. The Mott Foundation has interest in continued funding for clean energy initiatives in Marquette and Houghton under [goal 11 of the United Nations Sustainability Plan](#). Gail to know more after meeting with Mott this spring.

- **SWP Updates (Emily)**

The Great Lakes Conservation Corps (GLCC) and Climate Conservation Corps (CCC) have begun the hiring process for about 30 employees for the summer field season.

The Energy Conservation Corps (ECC) will be performing home energy assessments and residential solar installations through the summer and fall of 2019, additional funding anticipated for 2020. A second crew will be hired this spring.

The Disaster Relief Corps (DRC) is materializing this year. Employees will receive Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and forest fire training. Emily is seeking suggestions for flood training. DRC will primarily work on resiliency projects, but

will be deployed across UP for natural disaster response. SWP is reaching out to UP municipalities to utilize the DRC and better plan for natural disaster events.

SWP is partnering with the City of Marquette to relocate Lakeshore Boulevard 300 feet away from Lake Superior's coast between Hawley St. and Fair St. SWP received funding to perform restoration of the coastal habitat and improve community recreation.

6. **Public Comment;** Marge Forslin- wants to encourage Marquette official, elected board members in 22 political jurisdictions, 3 cities, 19 townships, to meet with board members in their neighboring similar communities to share ideas and support for addressing climate change at a community level. She is considering attending the Marquette County Township's Association meeting to encourage these local discussions. Gail exchanged contact information to learn more and connect with Marge for the CFMC "Our Common Future" Dialogue Dinners across the County.
7. **Good of the Order;** Lauren Luce- continued Master Plan meetings with municipalities across Marquette County. Jes- two Northern Climate Network (NCN) events coming up, March 22 and April 19. Emily- State Energy Office grant opportunities will be sent via email.
8. **Adjournment. 2:15 p.m.**