



National Wildfire Coordinating Group Training Delivery Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 18, 2021

ATTENDEES:

Arnberger, Jeff, Liaison, N
Buhrig, Chris, Primary Member, N
Cota, Heath, Co-Chair, Y
Dalrymple, Daren, Primary Member, Y
Dillon, Tom, Primary Member, N
Dinkel, Anna, Primary Member, Y
Dutchick, Peter, Co-Chair, Y
Fisher, Garth, Liaison, N
Flanagan, Sean, Primary Member, Y
Frost-Madrid, Karin, Primary Member, N
Gibson, Matt, Guest, Y
Guzman, Frank, Liaison, N
Hall, Darlene, Primary Member, Y
Haynes, Koreena, Y
Hughes, Jeff, Primary Member, Y
Jacks, Randy, Primary Member, Y
Jackson, Colby, Primary Member, Y
Kufta, Karen, Guest, Y
O'Hara, Kathryn, NWCG Coordinator, N
Palmgren, Glenn, Primary Member, N
Patterson, Stephen, Primary Member, N
Sexton, Richard, Primary Member, N
Skraba, Amy, Primary Member, Y
Wegner, Melissa, Primary Member, Y
Prosperi, Alexia, Guest, N
Rick Gividen, Guest, N
Skudlarek, Mark, Guest, Y
Snyder, Wade, Guest, Y

I. Update on Current Actions:

- NWCG update Jeff Hughes/Colby Jackson

S-390: Course package under TDC tasking is progressing for April delivery
S-491: 2 deliveries using virtual package forthcoming
200-level courses: Working with WFAP on making master copies available in WFLP

II. National Cadre Delivery Team Pilot Concept

When TDC started, we discussed options for bringing whole cadre on for 120-day details to deliver courses.



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Tim Yurkiewicz, NAFRI training specialist, wrote a briefing paper and recruited 6 cadre for RX301/341. Will deliver 6 sessions, including time slots for local content, hoping to fill as many virtual spots as possible, GATRs will determine nom process for additional slots beyond regional need. 1st delivery May 7-10.

NR/Melissa Wegner: For successful delivery with large class sizes, consider adding additional coaches.

III. Education Technology Sub Committee

ETWG will soon move into ETSC, working with Katie O'Hara and Karin Frost-Madrid, drawing up mission statement/objectives, will provide flexibility, capture lessons learned to bring to the field.

VI. NWCG Test Alignment

Jeff Hughes will be single point-of-contact for tests with broken or erroneous questions, please identify which questions need revision, he will work with committees as necessary. NWCG will repair and put tests back into circulation. NWCG has also introduced update terms for courses in between major re-writes.

GB/Haynes: Colby Richmond will send Jeff Hughes a list of inaccurate course objectives.

Heath Cota: Rio Hondo Community College has created 100/200 level course content, will tie in with NWCG.

V. Lessons Learned/Best Management Practices for Instruction and Development

Please report lessons learned on content, delivery, platforms, etc. to TDC sharepoint, both failures and successes.

VI. Information Sharing Platform (for Training Specialists/Course Coordinators)

We can do better at sharing information. It's critical to find one place where we can share. Want to keep everyone informed of what's happening at the GA level.

NR/Melissa Wegner: Each GA has its strengths, NR is strong in tech and innovation, platforms aside from WFLP haven't been adequately supported, reluctant to share because they have been using FireNet, need to be open-minded and innovative

GB/Koreena Haynes: Combining GACCs for delivery has been successful, we should avoid multiple deliveries from scratch in the future, need to identify an appropriate delivery platform and spend some energy on it, consider which platforms will be allowed in the future. It's been difficult getting students to create portal profiles.



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Heath Cota: Adobe Connect and Zoom will be going away for FS, shifting to Teams, Big Blue Button is an unknown-can we get it back? Governance board hasn't discussed Zoom or BBB recently.

Peter Dutchick: We want to continue to innovate/find the best tools, streamline the process.

VII. National Training Delivery Symposium

Peter Dutchick

Considering a symposium for all training folks with presentations, national training season AAR. This year has created the opportunity/ability to have national collaboration, share info, promote our national training program

VIII. Lightning Round

AK: Delivered S-490 virtually, it went well, but wouldn't do it virtually again, there were more cadre than students. Gearing up for training season, may have cancellations due to low student numbers.

NW: Delivered 1 in-person L-381 with MCS, moving ahead with all planned virtual classes, want to continue collaboration on GENGAC, committed to working with NAFRI on RX-301/341, created S-357 in WFLP will share, NW PTP application is now live.

CA/N Ops: Getting anxious about 2022-23, decisions to be made as a whole, what should we focus our efforts on? M-410 delivered last week appreciated help from GB (feedback was 50/50 of folks wanting it in-person in the future), will add 1 more session, looking at ICS-300/400.

CA/S Ops: Virtual RX-310/410 1 delivery each/100 students/class. ICS-300/400 3 sessions of each starting March 29th-April, 2 M-410s getting ready to start/full sessions

RM: Completed virtual deliveries of M-581, RX-310, RX-410, went well. Completed in-person L-481 last week for students w/completed task books, shooting for in-person L-380 in April, PTP rolling strong will close out April 2.

NR: Only classes left are S-420, RT-372, S-372, eISuite, M-581 May delivery (no late noms). Matt Gibson: RX301/341 in FireNet successfully delivered to 40 students, have spent 6 years spent working on course design, this course lends itself to virtual delivery/coach-based with small groups, FS Teams update caused a 1-hr delay during Friday session, lots of minor glitches, but very positive student and cadre evals, emphasis on creating small group setting, instruct students to use 2 screens, students using only 1 screen struggled, extra care and feeding of instructor group is needed, always plan for a backup platform, and plan to work through glitches.



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GB: Successful delivery of M-581, had a Zoom tech for whole session, 3 weeks straight of RAWS coming up w/Mark Skudlarek, S-371 coming up Colby Richmond is sharing material, GB is happy to share with anyone, RT-372 folks who didn't attend GB session need to complete it with their own units (they have been reaching out to other GAs), L380/381 will be delivered at AZ Wildfire Academy, PTP closes April 16th utilizing Everbridge Program for mass texts to groups, Mark Skudlarek took a job with National Office/will be helping GB for the remainder of training season, reclassifying both GATR and training specialist position, will be flown together.

EA: Completed combined M-581 in R6, RT-219, S-491 planned, will add a handful of courses from NY Academy to portal, will add RT-372 to portal, Scott Swensen has moved on, Darlene retiring, developing cross-region relationship with R8

SA: Just closed PTP nominations, received 500 noms, RT-130 in WFLP, S-491 in planning stages, virtual academy in May in Arkansas, using Blue Cell company, next week travel to SC to prep for fall academy, making the case for virtual to those not yet on board.