

COLLABORATIONS ACROSS CULTURES

GOAL

Improve effective engagement and mutually beneficial collaborations with Indigenous populations as a Land-Grant System across the Western Region

POTENTIAL OUTPUTS

Online toolkit that teaches skills to institutional teams so they can be effective partners and empower Indigenous communities to address important issues across our communities; Train-the-trainer for skill development; Topic-based projects

BACKGROUND

| Youth & Family Concerns Noted During the 2018 Guam Meeting Presentations That May Be Found in Other Western Communities |

Teen pregnancy, suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, cyberbullying, access to jobs and higher education, crime and violence, loss of culture and language, parental involvement, domestic violence, high cost of living/financial instability, food security, and health.

| Why Indigenous Communities? |

"By bringing the research expertise and educational capabilities of the higher education institutions into direct involvement with Indigenous communities, the initiatives serve a capacity-building function with potential "multiplier effects" for Indigenous communities in areas with disproportionate levels of underdevelopment on a range of socio-economic indices, e.g., improvements in health, education, and economic well-being...By focusing on an interdisciplinary, cross-institutional, and cross-cultural research endeavor toward a common goal with a carefully articulated, and unified strategy, we are well positioned to ensure that the work will move forward on a pathway to becoming self-sufficient and sustainable into the future." Barndhart 2017

| Western Region |

There are many programs throughout the West, but how can we be more effective in collaborating and partnering with our Indigenous populations as a region?

| Great Examples Exist in the Western Region |

What can we learn from each other?

AGENDA APRIL 3 & 4

Wednesday 1-5:30pm

Welcome 1:00-1:05pm

Ashley Stokes, CSU Extension

Workshop Discussion 1:05-2:15pm

Learning skills needed to be effective and valuing Indigenous knowledge.

Kelvin Sewake, UH Manoa Extension
Session Facilitator

Yvonneda "Henry" Thompson, Chief
Dull Knife College, MT and Benita
Litson, Dine College, AZ

Panel Discussion 2:30-4:15pm

What does effective engagement look like from your perspective in your communities? What has worked, and equally as important, what hasn't?

Ashley Stokes, CSU Extension
Session Facilitator

Cross-Reach Program (Francis Mitchell, UH), Off the Road System Programs (Leif Albertson, UAF), Programs with Native American Populations (MSU), Programming Across Cultures (Val Ramos, Everyday Democracy)

Time for Discussion Among Group for Take-aways 4:30-5:30pm

Group discussion about what we've heard and learned

Sereana Dresbach, UoG Extension
Session Facilitator

Thursday 8-10am

Discussion and Next Steps

Michael J. Gaffney, WSU Extension
Session Facilitator

INVITATIONS

Western Region Extension Directors, Research Directors, Academic Program Leaders, Extension Program Leaders, WELD, and FRTEP State Representatives