

Agenda Item 11.0: REE Partnership Discussions

Presenter: Clarence Watson

Background:

Shortly after the Minneapolis fly-in in 2011, Dr. Cathie Woteki assembled a group to discuss the “partnership” (i.e., between the LGU system and USDA-NIFA) and efforts to improve it.

The group, representing all parts of the system including NIFA staff, has met by conference call and email to develop a “principles document” as a first step in reaffirming the “partnership” which is near final form. The final document is expected soon. The BAA representatives are Clarence Watson (ESCOP), Doug Steele (ECOP), Mark Hussey (AHS), and Ken Esbenshade (APS), and Ian Maw. Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy has assumed the lead role for USDA-NIFA.

Action Requested: For information