

**Item 12.0 Partnership Working Group****Presenter: Bruce McPheron, Steve Slack, Eric Young****Background:**

The future of the Partnership Working Group was discussed. There were questions of whether a Policy Board task force could be a replacement, and whether a group is needed to help CSREES sort out stakeholders.

Discussion indicated that the 4<sup>th</sup> goal of the Policy Board is integration. The Partnership Working Group needs to be reconstructed and could be involved in strategic planning and integration.

**Action Requested: Recommendations on whether the Partnership Working Group should be continued.**

**Action Taken: Harrington and Young will develop a white paper regarding the potential future of the Partnership Working Group.**