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Subject: RE: December team meeting and information

I have a 10AM board meeting for the Commission on National and Community Service. I'm a Commissioner and am giving part of the talk, so I'm probably out.

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Hi all,

Happy Tuesday! I had a call with Debra Lyons and Fred McConnell yesterday as a follow-up to the States Mtg that ACT hosted in Atlanta last month for the initial pilot states. Now that there are no-costs assessments and CR101 available across the state, it's time for the group to make some other decisions about SCWRC as we move forward.

I'd like for us to get together on our normal day, time and place so I am proposing Friday, December 6th, 10-12:30, at SCMA in their boardroom. I'll even bring the usual pound cake. I will send out more information prior to the meeting but be prepared to discuss at a minimum, the following:

- ACT CWRC Survey sent to individuals, communities and businesses in the remaining three pilot states and SC survey results
- Proposed "maintenance" criteria for counties after certification
- Proposed ACT CWRC Summit for businesses and economic developers to be held 1st quarter 2014
- ACT/SC Expectations/Resources post ACT Academy sessions
- How SCWRC uses ACT CWRC data/information as an economic development tool for SC
- Outreach materials/county highway signage/job profiling

Also, please be prepared to bring your signed MOA's and/or comments/questions/concerns with the document. If you have additional information you want provided in your MOA, please feel free to add any necessary language you deem necessary based on funding source and privacy requirements your agency may have. Please follow-up with your finance/legal folks that were sent the documents. Executed documents have been received from Dept. of Ed (they win the prize and we've already received their initial funding obligation) and our non-leadership team partner, HHS. Comments have also been received from Voc. Rehab and Anne, we'll need to schedule a call to discuss prior to the meeting on the 6th.

The SC Power Team wrote an article about rural economic development for Site Selection Magazine and included a piece about the SCWRC initiative. Fred Gassaway wasn't sure what would be cut from the article by the Site Selection editor but I'm glad we got national attention. See link below. Additionally, the State Chamber wants to include an

article in their Jan/Feb magazine about SCWRC. Woo hooooo.

<http://www.siteselection.com/issues/2013/sep/rural-advantage.cfm>

Finally, for those of you who may not be aware, DEW has a new Employment Services Director, Rebecca Battle-Bryant. She has been briefed on the SCWRC, the role of the State Leadership Team and the work we are doing and will continue to do collectively to make this initiative successful in SC and be a model for other states nationwide.

See you on the 6th!

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