

May 27, 2020

WTCC Core Leadership Team meeting

- Lars completing final week of WYSTEM. Wrapup party on Friday. Someone from the Board of Ed has contacted ET about continuing this.
- ET reported on meeting with Christine West of Workforce Services. We could hire up to 7, but she suggested initially 2, people dedicated to WTCC for any and all of our initiatives working full-time. Employee will work through temp agency contracted by DWS. Need to be able to prove they were laid off because of COVID-19 and therefore flagged as a “dislocated worker.” Have to enroll in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Program is ready to go June 1-June 15. Can pay \$12-15/hour up to 500 hours. Lars raised issue that people may make more money by not working, given Federal salary programs. ET has been requested to create job description(s). Lars suggests posting request in Community channel.
- Reports on conversation with Renny McKay of Governor’s office this morning. Nicholas Giraldo: Bottom line is that questions delivered to us came directly from Renny, who seems to be using WTCC as his “expert panel.” Renny added that he hadn’t sent our report to anyone else. Nicholas feels he is trying to mine us for personal connections that he can leverage to get testing equipment or technology. Lois Wingerson shared some of her contacts with Renny, at his request. Noah Hull of DOH has contacted Christine Porter about wastewater testing, so we finally have a direct link to DOH. Lois asked on behalf of Moonshot leadership team whether our documents should be shared elsewhere. Lars, Tyler, and Teal agreed that we should; Jeremiah suggested issuing press releases about them.
- ET expressed dissatisfaction that hard work of Moonshot team has basically gone nowhere. Discussed 3 phases of WTCC’s existence: 1. (Month 1) PPEs and medical supply drives; emergency mode. 2. (Month 2) Public recognition of our activities, including interest from government entities in collaborations. Research and development efforts, especially Moonshot. 3. (Current and future) “Lighthouse” phase: Have found significant barriers of entry in communication and partnership with state organizations. Mentions wanting WTCC to help businesses obtain testing for employees. Also favors that every single document in Moonshot should be public and open source. Feels it is time to “take matters into our own hands.” Continue to inform our partners but instead of asking permission, we do what we feel is right with the resources we have. Suggests June 17 will become Phase III. Asks team to think about this proposal.
- Lars asks whether we should consider how to fund our new hires going forward in the case of a second wave.

Next meeting: Monday June 1 6 PM