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Date: Wednesday, March 05, 2025
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Zoom Meeting

EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Public Registration:

This is a hybrid meeting, so come in-person or join the meeting virtually via Zoom to be let into the waiting room at:

<https://larimer-org.zoom.us/j/93388601404?pwd=9bjo7WehplrCKvhn10a7jHHfGWBQEF.1>

Contact: Please contact Andy at (970) 498-6002 or weaklaand@co.larimer.co.us if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Call to Order

Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes

1. January 7th Minutes

Board Feedback

County Commissioner Liaison Report/Comments

Information Items

1. **4-H:** (Rachel, Bailey, Britney)

- Presentation

2. **Ag & Natural Resources:** (Jess)

Grant and Grow was held at CSU on Jan 31st, the event was a success with 70 people in person and about 30 online

Grant and Grow was also held in Montrose, CO Jan 23rd (with 45 in attendance) and will be held in Wyoming by the Wyoming Food Coalition Feb 15th

Led two grant writing office hours after the event with NoCo foodshed project and Regional Food Business Center
Native Plant Master Courses are full - have limited spots available left in the Native Landscaping Class and Alpine Class

Presented at Commissioner Working Session about the Soil Health Action Committee (SHAC) (Feb 10)

Led SHAC 2025 Q1 Meeting Feb 11th, determined action items for 2025

Helped plan and lead a session about Agritourism at the Colorado Fruit and Veg Growers Association 2025 Conference

Will be presenting a poster on Grant and Grow at the Extension Risk Management Education Conference Nashville, TN April 1-3rd

3. Community Development: (Lisa)

FLTI Larimer County, in collaboration with the Center for Public Deliberation, is training Community Guides to gather input on community priorities for the Hughes land. We have conducted two training sessions, each consisting of two sessions, equipping 20 Community Guides with the skills to engage residents effectively. Our office continues to support these guides as they facilitate conversations and collect valuable community insights. A \$10,000.00 grant was awarded from the OVPR to support this effort.

We are hosting monthly Spanish Aging Mastery alumni groups to keep the social connections strong. January Amber presented her Mediterranean Cooking class to the group. In March we will have a psychologist present on resilience and mindfulness.

With the help of Christa we were able to secure funds to support another Spanish Aging Mastery class in the fall and the alumni groups through the Office on Aging.

In collaboration with the county, city and non-profit La Familia we are planning for a local government workshop on April 7th.

FITI is continuing to host the Monthly Nueva Vida Community meetings. On a positive note the UN/VN board was able to secure a 2.4 million dollar grant for infrastructure needs for the Nueva Vida community.

4. Farmers' Market: (Maggie)

As of February 21, we have received 124 vendor applications to the Larimer County Farmers' Market

Some highlights include 4 new local agricultural producers!

Applications close March 14

March 16-17 at The Ranch: Opportunity for new LCFM agricultural vendors (farmers & ranchers) and some value-added vendors to become certified as SNAP Retailers, which will boost Produce Bonus program at the market and increase food access in Larimer County

Maggie coordinating with new vendors to become oriented to program and get signed up with USDA & statewide pilot implementers

Maggie attending Colorado Farmers Market Association Conference March 7-9 in Trinidad, CO

Maggie attending and speaking at InTents National Farmers Market Conference March 10-12 in San Diego, CA about Produce Bonus pilot at LCFM in 2024

Maggie working with Process Improvement team at Larimer County to adjust Market Days for Older Adults program to card-based system

Market Days for Older Adults program is preparing for 2025 season, including seeking sponsorships and preparing and launching applications

Jess & Maggie on planning committee for Front Range Regional Food Summit to be held at CSU on March 28, 2025

5. Food Safety & Nutrition (Amber & Analecia)

Retail Food Safety- New 2022 Food Code - uptick in registration

Feb 20th- first class to hit capacity (30)

61 full class participants signed up so far

Voucher money almost all gone- \$900 left to spend

Family Consumer Sciences (Amber)

Amber received a \$2000 internal grant from the CSU Health and Wellness PRU on behalf of the Food Safety, Food Preservation and Preparation work team she co-leads. The funds will be applied to supply 35-45

additional kitchen toolkit bags to the County Community Corrections clients upon graduation from a 90-day treatment program.

Per Kara's question, the previous 2020 SNAP grant funded appx 100 kitchen toolkits.

In collaboration with Lisa Auer, Amber offered the Mediterranean Diet class to graduates of the Aging Mastery Program. The presentation and handouts were supplied in Spanish and live interpretation was offered to an audience of 12.

Amber developed a new Cooking for 1 or 2 curriculum and piloted it to a local AARP audience of 21

6. Health & Well-Being: (Christa)

Radon Action Month is over and we have given out over 800 radon test kits to Larimer County residents. We partnered with the Larimer County Health Department to have kits available for pick up in Fort Collins, Loveland, Estes Park, Berthoud and Red Feather Lakes. We also ran a social media campaign on Meta to direct people to online ordering of kits. Lastly, we submitted a joint press release with LCDHE that was picked up by Estes Park News, Estes Park Trail Gazette, Loveland Reporter Herald and KUNC Radio. We are getting test results back already from the lab and are sending letters to residents with levels higher than the EP action level to encourage mitigation and offer resources.

Christa is partnering with the School of Public Health Faculty to use the radon program as a case study for their mixed methods evaluation course. The students will be creating and implementing an evaluation method to learn about the campaign effectiveness and future considerations to increase testing and mitigation.

Christa is partnering with specialists in Adams and Boulder county to create a nature and health pilot program for middle school aged youth. The pilot will take place this fall and we will receive guidance from faculty in the department of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and OEE Health and Wellbeing.

7. Horticulture: (Alison)

Master Gardener training wraps up at the end of March - with volunteer opportunities starting in April

Alison and Master Gardeners will be supporting the National Collegiate Landscape Competition, held at CSU the week of March 17, 2025; more than 80 schools nationwide participate in this competition - and there might be volunteer options available for Advisory Board members

Alison and Dr. Khursheed Mama, Interim Department Head of CSU Vet Sciences, will be doing a pet-friendly presentation for HABIC and beyond on March 25 - this is a new partnership and subject!

Alison has scheduled presentations with Berthoud Local, the Estes Valley Garden Club, Gardens on Spring Creek, Dementia Together, and Resource Central in April

Arbor Day will include several events on campus, in our communities, and doing presentations to various schools and students

8. General/Other (Cary)

Cary is attending a County/Area Director annual retreat and plans to be at the May Advisory Committee meeting.

We are hiring to replace our 4-H Program Coordinator (formerly Diane Kern) and our Marketing & Communications Specialist (formerly Cari Brown). We thank both of them for their service to Larimer County Extension and the community. Interviews for the 4-H position occur on March 10. Interviews for the MarComms position will occur on April 7.

We are continuing the Market Days for Older Adults program, with a refreshed mission of ensuring access to local, nutritious foods. Maggie is leading the program with Analecia (and others) providing support.

A proposal is being submitted to hire a limited-term Natural Resources position in place of the College & Career position held by Diana Castro before she resigned. The NR position would focus on small acreage site visits, the Native Plant Master program, and implementation of Larimer County's Water Master Plan. It would allow Jess to focus exclusively on agriculture. We should learn of a decision in March/April.

BOARD FEEDBACK - Trends/issues you see in the community? Questions for staff?

Staff Presentation

BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

OFFICER ELECTIONS (VICE CHAIR)

1. 4-H Presentation

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Future Agenda Items

Aims and Indicators discussion

Next Meeting Scheduled

5/7/2025: 8:00am - 10:00am

Adjourn

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