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Date: Tuesday, January 07, 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:

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Call to Order

Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes

1. November Minutes

Board Feedback

County Commissioner Liaison Report/Comments

Information Items

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

National Western Stock Show 11th - 26th 2025 Rachel will be helping with school visits Jan 15th and Jan 22nd. Come say hi!

National 4-H FCS Championship and Conference Jan 15th - Jan 17th. We have amazing representation from Larimer County this year! Competitors in FCSQuizbowl, FCS Public Speaking and Fashion Revue. Thank you Kara for coaching and chaperoning this trip!

January-March- Designated Orientation sessions for each livestock specie

Beef Tag-In: February 18th- Tag in all market beef that members want to nominate for the 2025 County Fair.

Livestock Field Day: February 22- Event that is hosted by the Larimer County 4-H program with guest speakers around different disciplines of Animal Sciences. It is our hope that members can build on their knowledge and

management practices by listening in to these sessions. It is also grouped in with a Meat Quality Assurance Workshop.

Ignite by 4-H March 12th - March 16th. We have one outstanding 4-H member giving a presentation for a grant she received this past year. We will also have five additional youth attend the conference as a leadership development opportunity.

National 4-H Conference April 11th - April 16th. We have 3 applicants submitted to the state level, there are 5 available spots.

Enrollment deadline for returning 4-H members is February 1st and March 1st for returning 4-H members

2024-2025 Enrollment to date:

2. Ag & Natural Resources: (Jess)

Jess is hosting the second annual Grant and Grow at CSU Jan 31st from 8:30am-3pm, Grant and Grow is an ag grant informational event followed by a grant writing workshop. It will be virtual and in person this year, USDA, CDA, NRCS, WSARE, RFBC, Co Ag water alliance and Mad Ag will be presenting on the grants they are offering to producers in 2025, CSU Food System will be hosting the writing workshop portion

Jess is working with CSU Food Systems to host a mini Grant and Grow in Montrose, CO at the Soil, Food, and Farm Forum for producers on the Western Slope

The 2024 Larimer County Ag producer survey findings is published and has been sent to the commissioners to distribute to relevant county departments

Jess presented the results of the survey to 30 producers, they discussed their perspective of challenges - the discussion will be summarized and shared at the next Ag advisory board meeting

3. Community Development: (Lisa)

Presentation

4. Farmers' Market: (Maggie)

Maggie adopting leadership of Market Days for Older Adults program - led focus group on December 16 with 6 participants in program to ask about potential programmatic changes and received very good feedback overall on value of program

Currently working with Analecia (with support from Christa and Alison) to seek sponsorship opportunities for program

Currently exploring programmatic changes such as shifting to card-based model of distributing voucher funds

Farmers market application will open January 15, 2025

Maggie coordinating with statewide partners from Nourish Colorado and Colorado Dept. of Human Services to continue and expand Produce Bonus program in 2025, including non-produce food vendors (bread, eggs, meat, etc) at the market to accept SNAP/EBT (but not offer double-up incentives), which could help expand food access in broader Fort Collins with these local businesses

In-person SNAP authorization dates will be held in March at the Ranch for Larimer County Farmers Market vendors

Maggie accepted to InTents Conference (national farmers market conference) in March 2025 to speak on 2024 Produce Bonus program implementation at the market

5. Food Safety & Nutrition (Amber & Analecia)

Retail Food Safety Program-

CFPM Total- 150

Full- 103

Other self study options- 47

CFPM- 3 requested trainings

YMCA, Meals on Wheels, Interpretation training

Spanish classes- two request trainings

YMCA and interpreted

FSW total- 101 in person and virtual

Spanish training

Cheley Camps- 2 years in a row

Bird and Jim

Requested-

Cheley Camps

Bird and Jim

4H- JLC- 3rd year in a row

New FDA Food Code- states the PIC must be a CFPM and have one CFPM on site at all times during preparation and sale of product. The voucher program is a way our county is trying to help businesses

Voucher program- Partnership with the LCDPHE

\$5,000 in vouchers

No expiration date

Redemed 2024- \$2,075

Signed up and received training- \$2,270

\$655- available goal all spent before end of Feb. 2025

Family Consumer Sciences Program- Amber

Completed the "Healthy You" 8 week class series pilot with UC Health Aspen Club members in Windsor. 11 attendees overall. The series was a success and there are plans in 2025 for another round.

Hosted a fermentation class in November with The Vegetable Connection community partner for their client base.

Completed the year of organized classes with Larimer County Community Corrections and distributed the last of the kitchen toolkit bags offered to clients upon graduation from a 90-day treatment program. These incentives are the completion of a \$12k grant from Human Services in 2020 to serve this specific audience.

6. Health & Well-Being: (Christa)

Radon Awareness Month is January and we are partnering with Larimer County Health to distribute free test kits and education about radon exposure in homes. We have a social media campaign with a variety of messages to encourage testing and mitigation. We have an online ordering form with pre-paid postage on all kits. We are also supplying kits to Berthoud and Red Feather Lakes Library for residents pick-up in-person. LCDHE will have pick-up locations in Fort Collins, Loveland and Estes Park. Press release is set to go out on Jan. 3rd. Lastly, we are partnering with a public health evaluation class this semester. The students will be learning about the radon program and developing a qualitative or mixed methods evaluation to implement.

We said goodbye to Cheryl Noble on Dec. 31st. Cheryl coordinated Market Days for Older Adults, Advance Care Planning and Senior Access Points. With her position ending we have decided to reduce programming for Advance Care Planning and will refer all calls and inquiries to UC Health Aspen Club. In addition, Market Days will primarily be led by Maggie Switzer with help from Christa, Alison, Ana, and interns. SAP will continue without any major changes and an intern will audit the site Spring semester.

We will be applying for \$3,000 internal PRU H&WB funds to support nature and health activities in 2025 (including Healthy by Nature Event). This is a collaboration between Warner College of Natural Resources and Adams and Boulder County Extension.

Christa went through a hybrid Wilderness First Responder training in December in Estes Park. She hopes to launch a nature and health program for middle schoolers this Fall with Adams and Boulder County Extension. The WFR training has built confidence in teaching in outdoor settings where a variety of health and safety issues can arise.

7. **Horticulture:** (Alison)

Master Gardener totals for 2024: 130 volunteers contributed 5,860 volunteer hours and 1,876 hours of continuing education

The CMG program celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2025! Look for special stories from the local Larimer County volunteers throughout the year. During the first year of the program in 1975, Larimer sent two people to training in Denver - one from Loveland and one from Fort Collins.

Alison will be teaching at CSU's PDI series on January 8; ProGreen in Denver on January 28-29; HABIC (Human-Animal Bond in Colorado); Fort Collins Nursery on February 1; and for OLLI in February; she also has classes scheduled for the Gardens on Spring Creek later in the spring.

The Ram Scholars will be supporting the Extension Office with administrative tasks, like packing seed for give-aways; this is a partnership that started last summer. Ram Scholars are individuals at CSU who have intellectual disabilities and take college classes while building life skills.

8. **General/Other** (Cary)

- 2025 WORK PLAN

Staff Presentation

- Lisa Auer

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Future Agenda Items

- IGNITE presentation (Food For All)

Next Meeting Scheduled / Adjourn

3/5/2025: 8:00am - 10:00am

Adjourn

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