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Extension Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2023
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. virtually via Zoom

Advisory Board members attending: Kara Rudnick, Matt Holloran, Irene Romsa, Kelly Pollard

Guest: Xochil Arellano

Commissioners' Office: Commissioner Kristin Stephens

Extension staff attending: Cary Weiner, Andy Weakland, Cari Brown, Diana Castro, Bailey Schilling, Analecia Vasquez, Rachel Wildman, Christa Timmerman

CALL TO ORDER: at 8:02 a.m. by Kara Rudnick.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

AGENDA REVIEW: Agenda is approved.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES: Minutes approved with no changes.

BOARD FEEDBACK: Trends and issues in the community? Other items?

Kara: We would like to recognize Irene Romsa for her many years of service on the Extension Advisory Committee. Thank you so much for all you have done and the leadership you have provided.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER LIAISON REPORT/COMMENTS:

Commissioner Stephens: We do have some upcoming budget meetings to discuss possible budget cutting measures that may be on the ballot. Our goal is to educate the community on the different options available and how they would affect the county budget and what programs that would affect.

I would also like to give a big thank you to Irene for her commitment and her service to the team and the community. She has made such a big impact and her experience and presence has been invaluable.

INFORMATION ITEMS: (10 minutes, highlights)

4-H: (Bailey, Pam, Diane and Diana)

- The 2023 Colorado State 4-H Conference registration is now open and the deadline to register is May 19, 2023.
- Beef, Dairy Cattle and Horses need to upload photo ID's to 4-H Online by May 1, 2023.
- Swine and Small Ruminants need to upload photos to 4-H Online by May 31, 2023.
- Sheep and Goat tagging is scheduled for May 9, 2023 at the Mac Arena.
- Swine tagging was open from March 31 to May 1, 2023, with hard copies of photos required to be attached to the nominations.
- There will be a herd health sheep and goat seminar presented by a local veterinarian on May 17, 2023.
- Meat Quality Assurance training is scheduled for May 19, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If members do not attend the session, there will be a presentation given on May 26, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- DNA envelopes for State Fair nominations will be available to purchase until May 14, 2023. Swine and Small Ruminants must have DNA submitted to the State Fair by June 1, 2023. Nomination papers need to be delivered to the Extension Office no later than May 29, 2023.
- The open 4-H position is in the CSU portal and will be posted shortly.
- The Family Consumer Science team participated in the LifeSmarts national contest in Cincinnati and placed 24th.

Horticulture and Farmers' Market (Alison and Rachel):

(Horticulture)

- Green School training ended in mid-April; 12 Apprentices and three out-of-state transfers completed the class to volunteer as Colorado Master Gardeners.
- April was Arbor Day month! For the first time in three years, we were able to return to all of the Poudre elementary schools (5th grade) to do in-person presentations. Alison completed eight presentations to kids and adults about Arbor Day and trees.
- The Larimer County Master Gardeners returned to in-person office support on April 18, 2023. They will be available to answer questions and help customers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through mid-October.
- In mid-May, Alison will travel to the Northeast Regional Engagement Center in Sterling to do a Garden to Kitchen presentation with Linda Langelo and Chelsea Didinger.
- The Larimer County CMGs will support LCFM market operations in 2023 with various shifts; they will also staff Q&A booths at the Berthoud, City of Loveland, and the Estes Valley farmers' markets.

(Farmers' Market)

- Vendor selection for 2023 is complete! We accepted 127 vendors and have a waiting list of 16 vendors.
- We will be hosting a CSU intern this year, Ally Carr, to help plan events this season.
- We are accepted as a participant in the WIC Farmers' Market program this season.

Food & Nutrition (Amber and Analecia):

(Retail Food Safety Program-CFPM and FSW)

• There will continue to be two Certified Food Protection Management (CFPM) and Food Safety Works (FSW) classes offered monthly.

• YMCA of the Rockies Estes Park and three businesses are grouped together for a large class offering in Estes Park.

• We are working with the Larimer County Health Department on a voucher program for the CFPM and FSW classes. Inspectors will hand out the vouchers during inspections to offset the cost for the classes.

• Analecia is working with Larimer County Alternative Sentencing to provide CFPM and FSW classes.

(Family Consumer Science)

• Amber is working with Larimer County Alternative Sentencing to offer classes to 90-day alternative sentencing clients with food and nutrition education for their life skills program.

• Amber is starting an older adults food and nutrition series for a Market Days! client group in Loveland at Aspire 3D.

• Exploring a new partnership with Community Corrections/EFNEP to determine the feasibility of programming.

Ag & Natural Resources (Karen):

• Native Plant Master (NPM) Program is having a booming year. Over 60 applications were received; the most in its 15 years being held in Larimer County! Three courses and special classes filled with long waitlists. Karen will turn the handling of the program over to Paula Petroff in early May and Paula will work with Karen's replacement to get the program up and running in 2024.

• Small Acreage Management: Although Karen has been focused on the NPM Program, she has answered many questions from folks needing small acreage and pasture management assistance. She has provided Paula and Pam with a list of resources for references to questions that come into the office until her position is filled.

Community Development (Christa, Lisa and Cheryl):

~ Christa Timmerman is our new Health and Wellbeing Specialist. She started March 13, 2023.

~ Market Days! begins on June 3, 2023. We will be distributing 100 bags a week. We are in the process of hiring a student-hourly program assistant for ten hours a week from May 1, 2023 through the end of October. There was no grant money this year to buy produce. We've received \$15,000 in sponsorships so far.

~ We had a community outreach at the winter farmers' market in early March for Senior Access Points.

~ We have officially taken over the Larimer Advance Care Planning from the Health Department as of April 1, 2023. We have several presentations booked including one in Red Feather Lakes. Cheryl is a notary public for this program. Several Senior Access Points

ambassadors have taken advance care training and will help with presentations, events, and be witnesses for the documents.

- The Aging Mastery in Spanish alumni got together and are in the process of developing programming around alumni engagement.

- FLTI held its last class on May 4, 2023, and graduation will be on May 15, 2023.

PRESENTATION: Horticulture and Farmers' Market - Alison and Rachel
(Refer to PowerPoint slides for presentation).

- A. Irene: What is the capacity for the number of vendors we can accept?
- B. Rachel: It is around 130 vendors total.
- C. Kara: What is our capacity on a specific Saturday?
- D. Rachel: On a specific Saturday our capacity is 90. The main reason we have denied applications would be for vendors that don't produce food. Usually those rejected are artists that are not producing food. We have tried to identify places where those denied can go.
- E. Kara: Do you still have non food vendors?
- F. Rachel: We still do have some. We are just giving preferential treatment to food vendors.

DISCUSSION:

- A. Showcase Feedback (Cari)

Cari: What feedback do people have about the showcase?

Kara: I thought the location was great to reconnect with the County Commissioners.

Alison: I showed the video at an event. It is a useful tool in the community.

Kara: I liked the length of the event as well.

Irene: I wanted to agree with the length of the event. It was great for people to attend and then get back to work. The location was also very favorable.

Cari: I wrote that maybe the closing comments were too short. Does anyone have any thoughts about this? Also, any feedback on the format of the video combined with opening and closing remarks?

Kara: I really like how the video has a specific focus and themes so that we can recognize programs more in depth.

Cari: Topics for next year's video? 4-H? 100 year Larimer County anniversary? Senior Access Points? If there are no objections, that is the tentative plan.

- B. Larimer County Fair Booth Sign Up (Cari)

Cari: We are again planning to staff a booth at the Larimer County Fair. The sign up is in the same folder on Google Drive as last year.

- C. Update for New Specialists Positions (Cary)

Cary: I just wanted to note that the current openings for Ag and Natural Resources and 4-H Specialists are in progress. The 4-H position has not been approved yet, so that is still in the system. We do have a search committee established for both positions.

D. Meeting Reschedule

Kara: The next meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2023, which is close to the July 4th holiday. I am recommending moving the meeting to July 12, 2023. (No issues noted by Advisory Committee members and the meeting is rescheduled for July 12, 2023).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:49 a.m.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: July 12, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Weakland
May 3, 2023

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