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Date: Wednesday, March 06, 2024
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/93331576481>

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

Public Comment

Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes

1. 1/3/2024 Minutes

Board Feedback

County Commissioner Liaison Reports/Comments

Information Items

1. **4-H** (*Rachel, Bailey, Pam, Diane and Diana*)

Enrollment deadline for participation in fair for 2023-2024 was February 29th

Livestock camps are underway!

We will be sending two delegates to Citizen Washington Focus in June

Project workshops are underway

4-H Dog Expo hosted by Larimer County will be hosted April 7th

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

Leading first climate smart future ready, soil health action committee meeting March 6th - meeting with producers, NRCS, Conservation District, RMFU, and CSU Soil Health Programs.

Created Google Calendar on Farmers/Ranchers webpage on Extension website for producers to know about upcoming events and grants

Attended and volunteered at Colorado Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association conference (Feb 26-28th)

Editing Master Naturalist geomorphology and geology course

3. **Community Development** (*Lisa*)

Larimer County Extension collaborated with local partners to support the Community Language Cooperative in hosting a 4 day interpreter training at no cost to community members. Over 20 multilingual participants attended the training.

The FLTI Mi/Voz Civic Learning Lab is in full recruitment with 20 applicants so far. The 10 session lab will be provided in an English/Spanish language justice model. This year the class will be going to the state capitol.

The Spanish Aging Mastery class is set to have their first Alumni Group meeting in March.

The Larimer County Extension Office received a 30 set interpreter kit in January. The kit was utilized at Showcase and is available for check out to community partners. It will be utilized this week at an ISACC event on the 15th.

Extension has secured funds from the City of Fort Collins to support language accessible programming including translation and interpretation.

4. **Farmers' Market** (*Maggie*)

As of March 4, 2024:

133 applications received

11 incomplete applications

Of the 123 received applications:

Alcohol and fermented beverages: 3

Craft & Art: 45

Hot Ready to Eat Foods: 3

Nonprofit: 1 (different from nonprofit tabling booth)

Raw agricultural products: 31

Value-added products: 48

Youth: 2

Nonprofit booth and musician "applications" (sign-up forms) have been posted on website and are being circulated - available in Spanish and English

Application assistance offered in Spanish with Market Ambassador Laura

"Early bird" applications due February 29, general applications due March 22, vendor decisions April 9

LCFM is site for new SNAP/EBT payment process pilot (eHIP) - working in coordination with CO HHS and Nourish Colorado to implement pilot at LCFM; vendor FNS (Food & Nutrition Service) authorization offered March 13 & 14

Ideally all produce vendors at LCFM would become authorized to take SNAP/EBT electronically and participate in pilot

DUFB still distributed at market until pilot starts, and still accepted after pilot starts

Market Days and musician sponsorships being sought

Maggie attending Colorado Farmers Market Association Conference March 7-10, has been attending webinars/calls with CFMA and Farmers Market Coalition

Maggie & Jess connecting with local food systems advocates and connectors to start working on food systems projects, such as farm to institution (schools, restaurants, etc) pipeline

Maggie & Jess attending Food Systems PRU Retreat early April

5. **Food Safety & Nutrition** (*Amber & Analecia*)

Family Consumer Sciences

Amber started a nutrition series at Loveland Habitat for Humanity

Live interpretation and translated materials are being offered

Monthly nutrition classes for UCHealth Aspen Club regional members launched in January

Amber will be attending the Modernizing Home Food Preservation Conference at the end of February hosted by University of Oregon

ESP Global Relations Committee is working on creating a webinar focused on professional development international travel for Extension professionals.

Retail Food Safety

Hosted 2 full class trainings so far 100% passing rate for both classes

16 total exams given- 15/16 passed 94% for the year

Two returning requested classes for Estes- interpretation requested for both

YMCA- CFPM (12 attending) + other businesses

Cheley Camps- (15 attending)

Looking to partner with FRCC and LCEWD on hosting larger classes/exams to the masses

Working on a new training workbook for both CFPM and FSW

6. **Health & Well-Being** (*Christa & Cheryl*)

Healthy aging (Cheryl): Employee workshops on advance care planning are planned for the City of Fort Collins and Columbine Health and Rehab Center. Both are scheduled for the spring. Upcoming community presentations on advance directives include Chilson Senior Center and Berthoud Library. We met with the Food Bank to help them expand their nutrition programs for older adults including their monthly commodity boxes. We are promoting the boxes to our Market Days participants. The Food Bank will let us use the boxes as outreach for Senior Access Points by providing magnets for each of the boxes (700 boxes!).

Mental Health (Christa): Christa has been meeting with local partners including the Larimer County Health Department and faculty to assess needs and solutions related to social media influences on youth mental health. She has applied to receive a student intern in the summer to create an outreach plan that can inform a pilot program, campaign or event based on feedback from youth, parents, and youth serving partners.

Nature and Health (Christa): Human Dimensions of Natural Resources faculty partnered with us to submit a grant to Larimer County Natural Resources to provide education and gain community input on nature influences on health and well-being. Christa is collaborating with faculty to host educational offerings and events to the public including a family-friendly event in the summer. They are also planning to host listening sessions with local organizations who specifically serve BIPOC, low-income, and community members with mental health needs to assess needs and barriers related to nature and health.

Radon (Christa): The radon social media campaign officially ended on Feb 2nd with 420 free test kits ordered by residents. Residents are receiving the test kits by mail and Christa is following-up with residents who have elevated radon levels in the home to provide education about options for mitigation. She will be presenting the campaign model and results to a health communications class on campus; students will analyze the results and provide recommendations for future campaigns as their final class project.

Climate and Health: Christa is a member of the Health Risks Focus Group for the Larimer County Climate Smart Future Ready Initiative. As part of this work she partnered on a grant with faculty on campus (Environmental and Radiological Health Sciences), which was recently approved to create a class for students to learn about community engagement on climate health issues. Her role is to help guide their course development related to community engagement and link students to the Climate Smart Future Ready health projects for applied learning opportunities. Christa is also included in the budget to be trained in a climate/mental health resilience training, which can be offered to the public in the future.

Christa attended the launch event for the NoCo Community Foundation's first ever regional well-being report, Northern Colorado Intersections: Pursuing Regional Well-Being. The report details the intersecting issues our region is facing due to growth in the area (we are expecting a 92% increase in population by 2045). Water scarcity and infrastructure improvements seemed to be the top issues for elected officials and sector partners, but many other issues have been noted in the report. CSU Extension has a role in many of the solutions and Christa encourages staff/board to read the report and engage in conversations about how we can be helpful to the community in the face of these challenges. Event recording

7. **Horticulture** (*Alison*)

Presentation will cover most updates!

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

Committee recruitment - deadline of March 8

Showcase feedback

CSU budget exercise

Sponsorship ideas (LCFM, 4-H, other)?

Staff Presentation

Horticulture / Larimer County Farmers Market Update (Alison/Maggie)

1. Horticulture Update

2. LCFM Update

Discussion

Updated Boards & Commissions Policy and need to reflect updates in Bylaws

Regan Thomas recognition

Next Meeting Scheduled

5/1/2024: 8:00am - 10:00am

Adjourn

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