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**Date:** Wednesday, May 01, 2024  
**Time:** 8:00 AM  
**Location:** Zoom Meeting

## EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

### Call to Order

### 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>

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### Call to Order

### Public Comment

### Agenda Review

### Approval of Minutes

### Board Feedback

### County Commissioner Liaison Reports/Comments

### Information Items

1. **4-H** (*Rachel, Bailey, Pam, Diane and Diana*)
2. **Ag & Natural Resources** (*Jess*)

Attended Food System PRU retreat, planning to attend the Ag PRU retreat

Planning our first Soil Health Demo Day June 22nd from 8am-1pm

The demo day will start with a tour of a local vegetable farmers current soil health practices and then breakout demonstrations on soil health by the NRCS and CSU In-Riches team

Chelsea Pearson my new intern will be starting on May 14th to help me work on the Climate Smart Future Ready Soil health actions

Working with Maggie on Networking Roundtable event, we are currently creating a working group with food system organizations, local commercial markets, and producers

Finishing up the Ag Producer Survey, will work through results for the following months and start to create a report

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

The Nueva Vida mobile home park received their soccer goals just in time for spring/summer.

On 3/28 commissioner Kefals joined the FLTI group to talk about local government.

4/10 the FLTI group joined 5 other FLTI groups from across the state for an educational day at the state capitol. We received a presentation from Attorney General Phil Weisner, were recognized on the House floor, watched senate and house proceedings and attended committee hearings to watch testimonials.

FLTI graduates 16 adult class members on May 2nd.

The first Aging Mastery in Spanish alumni group met in April and had a speaker join from the Alzheimer's Association.

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

CSU Extension intern, Mary Callaghan, will be starting with us on May 13. She will focus on market special events, Market Days, and inclusion. She is mentored by Maggie, Alison, Christa, Cheryl, and Rachel.

184 total vendor applications:

122 approved

28 waitlisted

30 declined

4 withdrawn

11 produce vendors at LCFM are FNS (USDA Food & Nutrition Service) authorized to accept SNAP directly as a currency at the market - instrumental for eHIP pilot later in market season, and increasing food access to low income populations more broadly as farmers can use this technology to accept SNAP at farm stands and other selling opportunities

Food Bank partnerships:

"Veg Out" program occurring for 2024 season: Food Bank will purchase unsold produce at discounted rate from produce vendors, for distribution at Larimer County Food Bank facilities

Food Bank Outreach Coordinator will perform Cooking Matters classes on-site at market, conduct tours of market with Food Bank participants and distribute Food Bank market bucks

LCFM will accept WIC FMNP in 2024 (Farmers' Market Nutrition Program)

LCFM will host Compost Queen (local composting company) at the market and Compost Queen will collect and process market food waste

Attended Food System PRU Retreat with Jess

Working with Jess on Market Roundtable event, which will connect local producers with commercial markets (restaurants, etc); also working with many community and nonprofit groups

Connecting with other area farmers market managers (Winter Market and FOCO Market on Harmony Road) to collaborate on Vendor 101 for wintertime (post-market)

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

Retail Food Safety:

Full class participation- 49 participants @ 88% passing rate

Total exams 59- 85%

Finished first requested class in Estes YMCA- interpretation included 12 participants

Inspection shadowing - Working with our Environmental Health Specialists on inspections to better understand all parts of the industry that are going through the training.

FRCC- conversations

working with FRCC to bring the training to the masses to try and bridge the gap between businesses and the new food code requirements for CFPMs

Hospitality Sector Partnership- training opportunities

Colorado Workforce Development Council Grant

CFPM certification into the online program provided

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

Healthy aging: Senior Access Points 2023 community impact report is available. The program is going strong with increased views to [larimerseniors.org](http://larimerseniors.org) over 2022 plus 100 increased calls to Office on Aging over 2022. The program started in 2018. Cheryl will be organizing an end-of-life panel presentation hosted by Poudre Libraries (thanks Xochil for making the connections). The event will be in late fall. More details as the event shapes up. Thanks to Cari Brown for implementing a social media fundraising campaign for Market Days for Older Adults for the month of April. Donations are coming in. We also submitted a grant for Market Days to Colorado Trust that would fund the program for three years. We'll learn the decision in May. At this point, we are working with \$20,000 from donations and sponsors to distribute vouchers to 100 participants.

Christa is working faculty from the Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Staff to host a family-friendly nature and health fair. The date is tentatively set for July 27th at a local park. There will be a free community picnic, information booths, and hands-on learning activities related to how the outdoors can benefit our health and well-being.

Christa is coordinating with Larimer County Health Department staff and other CSU Extension staff to assess needs and current research about impacts of social media and technology on youth development and mental health. She attended a national conference on April 4th -5th to learn about the current research and has developed a document to track news articles, webinars, websites, and research on the topic. She will collaborate with LCDHE on community engagement with parents and youth to assess current knowledge, attitudes, needs, and ideas for future programming.

Christa will be supervising an MPH student this summer for her practicum. The intern is interested in the nature and health event and social media/technology efforts.

Christa is a co-lead for the health focus team of the Climate Smart Future Ready Initiative. The group is meeting monthly and recently decided to create a heat plan and communications campaign for the Larimer County. Christa's role is to convene partners to create a scope of work for this effort.

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

Master Gardener apprentice training ended in early April and our 14 apprentices will be out in the community completing their volunteer hours; the total number of Master Gardeners is 138. Some scheduled volunteer opportunities include:

In-person office duty on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am-1pm, May 7 to October 10, 2024

Q&A booths at the Loveland, Berthoud, and Larimer County Farmers Markets

CSU research and demonstration gardens: Annual Flower Trials, Perennial Gardens, Arboretum, Cut Flower Trials, pollination and heirloom research

Tree Team training and on-site visits

With two Master Gardeners in Estes Park, we are building outreach opportunities - we will participate in their Arbor Day celebration and have a volunteer attending the community gardens workday in May to speak about high-elevation gardening

With horticulture therapist Erica Wharton, we have done three Evergreen Elders presentations with a fourth scheduled on May 17. We have partnered with Dementia Together and nursing homes. We are meeting with the Larimer County Office on Aging to discuss the program and to expand reach.

Alison will attend the Trees in the West Conference at Denver Botanic Garden on May 13

The CSU Extension horticulture team will be hosting a group of 30 Penn State horticulture Extension faculty in early June in Fort Collins; there are several day trips scheduled to various industries - turf, greenhouse production, nursery, and cut flowers

With Lisa Auer and Amber Webb, we will be teaching the Garden to Kitchen class at the Old Town Library on June 12

The Twilight Garden Series will be held on Thursdays from 6pm-8pm on June 27, July 25, and August 29 - two will be held at the Gardens on Spring Creek and one at the CSU Trial Gardens

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

New committee member status update

**Staff Presentation**

4-H/STEM/Juntos - Bailey, Rachel, Diana Castro

1. 4-H Presentation

**Discussion**

Revisiting bylaws based on updated Boards & Commissions policy

Matt Holloran recognition

**Next Meeting Scheduled**

7/3/2024: 8:00am - 10:00am

**Adjourn**

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