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Date: Wednesday, January 03, 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. 11/3/23 Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Board Feedback

County Commissioner Liaison Reports/Comments

Information Items

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

Enrollment deadline for returning members without a late fee is February 1, new members have until March 1.

Second cohort of Juntos graduated on November 30th - Family Nights will begin at the end of January with the first meeting having a focus on 4-H

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

In conversation with Rocky Mountain Farmer Union and CSU Food Systems to expand Grant and Grow (Ag grant informational event for producers) statewide

Partnering with Weld, Boulder County, and CSU soil health group IN-RICHES to have a soil health demonstration project at a farm in Larimer County

Teaching Berthoud Elementary school students agriculture and land management with Lyndsay Gonzeles (Boulder County Small acreage specialist) Jan 18

Attended West Greeley Conservation district symposium, CSU Food Summit, Soil Revolution Conference, and CFVGA labor conference

Working with Paula on starting up NPM for this summer, will work with Boulder County to add another location as well as 3 more instructors

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

FLTI has received funding from La Familia for another FLTI Civic Learning Lab. The lab will consist of 10 sessions and a trip to the capital starting in February 2024.

Nueva Vida will be receiving donated goals thanks to Ricardo Perez and the Fort Collins Soccer Club.

With assistance from community partners including Extension the Community Language Coop will be hosting an Interpreter training in January/February 2024.

The Spanish Aging Mastery class graduated on the 6th with 8 local graduates and one graduate who attended the classes from Mexico. Moving forward the Alumni club will meet monthly.

The Aging Mastery club participated in a food safety class facilitated by Analecia and Amber with interpretation. 12/19

4. **Farmers' Market** (*Rachel/TBD*)

Market applications will open January 15, 2024.

Rachel and Alison will be updating the market application information and creating better language for the Rules and Regulations.

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

Finishing up community corrections classes for the fall - continuing into 2024

Amber and Christa will be co-teaching a financial literacy with a mental health component to the Neighbor to Neighbor audience in early 2024

Analecia and Amber developed a class covering food safety basics for the holiday season. The materials have been translated to Spanish as well. With help from Lisa, we're presented to the Aging Mastery class in December. It included live interpretation in Spanish.

Master Food Safety Advisors made 548 contacts at the 2023 Farmers Market

Virtual food preservation and nutrition classes for 2023

AARP- 267 participants for online webinars

Live and recorded virtual classes - 518

Retail Food Safety snapshot:

CFPM- 134- total participants

Full class:94%

Other Options: 90%

FSW- 153 participants virtual and in person

Requested class:

Largest class with Cheley Camps and Quality Inn 36 total participants w/ Interpretation

Hosted 13 private or onsite trainings- Banner(2), Restaurants(4) , Estes Park Health, Senior Centers(2), Junior Leaders 4-H, Cheley Camps, La Familia/ Fuerza Latina (2)

Spanish Requested:

CFPM- Full training 14 participants, 9 exam only

FSW- 3 classes- 55 participants(2 classes over 20)

CFPM- 2023 first Estes industry led class request- 15 people, now businesses from class work together on operation question, help staff by sharing employees - 5 total requested classes

Partnerships:

Partnered with NOCO Latino Chamber of Commerce to host a CFPM class- Put 8 Business owners/ Managers through training

Partnered with La Familia, Fuerza Latina and ISAAC to put together 2 FSW training with interpretation

Department of Health and Environment- Voucher program:

CFPM: 14 redeemed

FSW: 9 redeemed

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

Market Days 2023 stats: 310 participants served (up from 225 in 2022). 2,050 produce bags distributed (up from 1,281 in 2022). \$20,000 raised in sponsorships. A voucher program was implemented in September to provide participants with \$18 voucher packets (the value of a produce bag) to shop the market. This was the model used pre-Covid and will be the model going forward in the 2024 season. 114 voucher packets were distributed in September and October. [Click here to view the 2023 community impact report.](#)

Senior Access Points (larimerseniors.org) - a 2023 community report will be completed in early 2024; however, early stats show website users are up from 2022. There were 612 total website users for the month of November compared to 478 users in November 2022 (December analytics have not been completed).

Larimer Advance Care Planning - the program launched in April 2023. A community impact report with outreach and completed advance directives will be completed in early 2024.

Radon Education Campaign starts in January and we will supply free test kits through an online platform. The education campaign will be on social media platforms and direct people to take action by testing their homes. We are collaborating with the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment and the City Fort Collins to educate the public (including two workshops and a press release) and provide test kits.

We are collaborating with faculty at the Behavioral Science Department to recruit and host Learning to Breathe, an 8-week mindfulness workshop for teens. The workshops will start on Tuesday January 16th. We will be observing the full course to see if it is a training we can offer in the future to local teens.

7. Horticulture (*Alison*)

The CMG banquet (on 12/16) was a great success! The 128 Master Gardeners volunteered over 5,600 hours, completed over 1,800 hours of continuing education, and contributed nearly \$180,000 in service to Larimer County.

With Erica Wharton, a CMG and certified horticulture therapist, we are launching "Evergreen Elders" in 2024, a program providing gardening education to older adults. The programs will have specific learning objectives and goals - if you know of a group that would benefit, please contact Alison.

Green School training is going great! - it started at the beginning of November. Total Larimer County participants include 15 CMG apprentices and 37 certificate trainees.

The ProGreen Expo will be held at the end of January - Alison will be teaching four sessions (woody plant ID, turf ID, perennials, and a CSU research update).

The Master Gardeners will be doing three public presentations at the Loveland Library on April 15, 22, and 29th at 11am. Topics TBD.

8. General/Other (*Cary*)

Maggie Switzer hired as Farmers Market & Food Systems Coordinator - starts 2/1

Upcoming review/revisions to Bylaws

Extension Showcase (1/31, 8:30-10am):

Gift Bag Stuffing Date (1/29, 1/30)

Staff Presentation

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Discussion

Next Meeting Scheduled

3/6/2024: 8:00am - 10:00am

Adjourn

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