

UW-EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

5:15 PM, Room 104

Location: Agriculture & Resource Center
227 1st Street W
Altoona WI 54720

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chair Pro Tem
1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
2. Appointment of Committee Clerk
3. Review / Approval of Committee Minutes / Discussion - Action
 - a. [March 16, 2016](#)
4. Review Bills / Discussion
 - a. [March 2016](#)
5. Public Input
6. Update on *nEXT Generation* Model and Hub Situation / Discussion – Action
7. Update on WACEC State Conference / Discussion
8. Update on Office Manager Position/Staffing Updates / Discussion
9. Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program Grant and Update / Discussion – Action
10. General Office Updates and Summer Calendars / Discussion
11. Budget Updates / Discussion
12. Scheduling of Future Meetings / Agenda Items
13. Adjourn

Post:

- Media
- Committee Members
- Extension Staff

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MINUTES

Members Present: Robin Leary, Colleen Bates, Tami Schraufnagel

Members Absent: Paul Reck and Doug Kranig

Others: Erin LaFaive and Sara Novotny

Call to Order

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Review / Approval of Committee Minutes / February 16, 2016

Motion by Supervisor Bates to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried 3-0.

Review Bills / Discussion / February 2016

The bills were reviewed.

Public Input

No member of the public present.

Update on *nEXT Generation Model* / Discussion – Action

Supervisor Bates attended the Wisconsin Counties Association meeting, Chancellor Sandeen was present. The Chancellor noted no final plans were complete, and implementation of those plans wouldn't occur until 2017. County partners stressed importance of getting more input in decision. Sandeen noted many options will be available to counties. Supervisor Bates noted concerns about extended timeline, morale, and funding. She also noted benefits of UW-Extension, including local presence, leverage, and prevention.

Update on WACEC State Conference / Discussion

June 20-21, 2016 at the Jefferson Street Inn in Wausau. Board meeting will be first agenda item on the 20th; final agenda is still being drafted.

Update on Office Manager Position/Staffing Updates / Discussion

The Office Manager temporary position was posted at 29 hours per week through September. Erin and Sara will re-evaluate position needs in September.

Horticulture Educator Update

Erin is applying for an EPA grant. This grant includes a position for a sustainability coordinator. Will also support other educational events, including Eco Teams and Community Gardens. Grant is approximately \$91,000 with nearly \$68,000 towards the position. Twenty-five percent of the grant has to go to sub-grants, awarded by the grant holders, at a maximum of \$5,000/each. The match from the county will be in-kind, other groups will match with monetary values. The grant is due in April.

Scheduling of Future Meetings / Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for April 20 at 5:15 PM. Agenda items to include WACEC update, nEXT Generation Model update, WNEP grant approval and office manager update.

Adjourn

Chair Leary adjourned the meeting at 5:53 PM.

March Bills

**UW - Extension Department
March 2016**

The following bills were sent to the Finance Department for payment.

Vendor	Amount	Description	100-21-	Accounts description
2016 Invoices				
Berg, Brook	\$ 64.26	regular travel - Feb.	56700-330-000	Extension account
BSI Print Shop	\$ 829.01	paretning newsletter printing	49300-000-000	Extension account
Chippewa Co. UWEX	\$ 25.00	farm books	56701-330-000	Extension account
Woodland Owners Associations	\$ 494.38	balance of 16 woodland owners conf	56700-330-000	Extension account
Novotny, Sara	\$ 23.49	regular travel - Feb.	56700-330-000	Extension account
Soil & Forage Analysis Lab	\$ 9.00	soil samples tests - March	56701-300-000	Extension account
EO Johnson	\$ 97.00	maintenance contract	56700-313-000	Extension account
Cartridge World	\$ 205.96	color cartridges	56700-313-000	Extension account
City of Eau Claire Utilities	\$ 105.00	Jeffers Rd Garden meter charge	56520-246-000	Garden account
Berg, Brook	\$ 94.86	regular travel - March	56700-330-000	Extension account
WI Dept. of Justice	\$ 7.00	background check fees	56701-300-000	Extension account
Novotny, Sara	\$ 62.22	regular travel - March	56700-330-000	Extension account
Board of Regents	\$ 65,324.00	133 contracted services	56700-200-000	Extension account
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WI Fairs Association	\$ 412.20	fair dues	56140-195-000	Fair account
TOTALS	\$ 69,593.00			

submitted EL 4/21/2016

Procurement card report
 Feb - March, 2016
 UWEX Eau Claire County

MARK HAGEDORN	**3892	**1277	2016/03/17	2016/03/21		\$92.05	CHULA VISTA RESORT
MARK HAGEDORN	**3892	**1277	2016/03/19	2016/03/21		\$140.00	UWEX REGISTRATION
			subtotal	232.05			
ERIN LAFAIVE	**6341		2016/02/25	2016/02/26		\$4.80	USPS 56017000733416751
ERIN LAFAIVE	**6341		2016/02/26	2016/02/29		\$129.00	UW BOTANY STORE
ERIN LAFAIVE	**6341		2016/02/26	2016/02/29		\$1,937.43	OLD HICKORY BUILDINGS LLC
ERIN LAFAIVE	**6341		2016/03/01	2016/03/02		\$19.86	DOWN TO EARTH LLC
ERIN LAFAIVE	**6341		2016/03/01	2016/03/02		\$15.06	FESTIVAL FOODS
ERIN LAFAIVE	**6341		2016/03/03	2016/03/04		\$739.04	UWEX COOPERATIVE EXT PUB
ERIN LAFAIVE	**6341		2016/03/09	2016/03/10		\$96.65	UWEX COOPERATIVE EXT PUB
			subtotal	2,941.84			
SARA NOVOTNY	**8656		2016/02/24	2016/02/25		\$8.40	WAL-MART #1669
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	3,381.02	\$					



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May 4, 2016

Fiscal Year 2017 (October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017)

Letter of Support for Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program

We, the members of the Eau Claire County UW-Extension Education Committee, support the need to continue to receive Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program funds. We believe the community-based nutrition education provided by WNEP staff will improve the eating and physical activity behaviors of food stamp eligible or low-income participants as demonstrated by eligibility for other similar federal assistance programs. WNEP staff also partner with community agencies to prevent obesity and increase food security.

We support the need for nutrition education programs targeted to the specific needs of Eau Claire County’s Food Share, Food Share eligible or low-income residents.

Sincerely,

Eau Claire County
UW-Extension Education Committee

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Eau Claire County UW-Extension Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program /SNAP-Ed

The UW-Extension Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program (WNEP) is a contractual agreement with the USDA Food and Nutrition Service via the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Eau Claire County UW-Extension WNEP

ECC WNEP collaborates with community partners to target its education to FoodShare, FoodShare eligible or low income county residents in the areas of dietary quality, food safety, food resource management and food security. ECC WNEP staffing currently includes one full time coordinator, Nancy Coffey; and two full time nutrition educators, Pamela Warren-Armstrong and Joy Weisner.

In cooperation with over 30 community agencies and organizations, Eau Claire County (ECC) WNEP provided almost 11,500 face-to-face direct teaching contacts with 2,218 non-duplicated learners in 2015. 98% of those WNEP teaching contacts involved multi-session teaching. Most learners participated in five or more lessons. IN 2016, ECC WNEP secured \$212,800 from Federal SNAP-Education funds to run the program.

2017 ECC WNEP Programming and Funding

2017 Funding is \$218,500. Funding allocation will be cut to \$175,000 in 2018.

WNEP direct teaching goals planned include:

- **Improve dietary quality** for youth and adults. Group classes are taught by WNEP in school (Head Start, 1st, 3rd and 5th graders) and afterschool programs at low income schools. WNEP youth classes are also provided at McKinley Charter School, NW Juvenile Detention Center, Workforce Resource youth programming, Boys and Girls Club and Hmong Middle School Building Bridges Program. Adult programming is offered at Literacy Volunteers, Augusta School District, ECASD and Western Dairyland Head Start, Woodsedge Apartments, Workforce Resource with F-Set & W-2 clients, EC City Housing Authority, Park Towers Apartments and the Family Resource Center for Eau Claire County.

- **Maximize food dollars** of individuals and families of limited income through classes and WIC Shopping Matters tours at grocery stores. WNEP resource management classes are provided at NW Juvenile Detention, Workforce Resource (youth, adult W-2 and adult F-Set programs), Western Dairyland Fresh Start, EC City Housing Authority, and LSS Transitions and Affinity House.

WNEP Joins Community Collaborative Efforts to Prevent Obesity and Increase Food Security

To be effective in improving residents' health and wellness, communities need to be cognizant of the relationships between food insecurity, health and chronic diseases, and their long term impacts on health disparities. WNEP will use a collaborative approach to align with community systems to make the healthy choice the easy choice for the low income residents we serve.

- **Partner to promote and facilitate Eau Claire Downtown Farmers Market - Market Match Incentive Program for FoodShare participants.**

In 2015, a new Market Match FoodShare incentive program was added at the market token program. With Market Match, for every dollar token a FoodShare patron purchases with their Quest card, their dollars are doubled up to \$10 per week. For 2016, Market Match funds include: EC City (\$4,000 for promotion), United Healthcare (\$2,000), JAMF (\$2,500) and Group Health Cooperative (\$7,500).

In 2015, with the token program and Market Match, unduplicated FS patrons rose to 288, a 75% increase from 2014, and increased FoodShare sales to \$8,122. Including the \$5,903 of direct Market Match dollars distributed to FoodShare patrons, as well as \$9,519 in credit/debit token sales, a total of \$23,544 was brought into the 2015 market. Through the life of the Market Match and token program (2012-2015), over \$52,000 of income has been generated for the market.

- **Food as Medicine Planning Partnership is working to create a strategic plan to increase access to healthy food for low-income ECC residents.** Feed My People Food Bank Director, UWEC Nursing Professor and Coffey, WNEP Coordinator; the Food As Medicine Partnership (FAMP) core team were awarded \$50,000 Wisconsin Partnership Project 2 year planning grant, ending in May 2016. Partnership member representatives include: clinics, hospitals, health insurance companies, City-County health department and non-profits as well as community members of limited income. Currently the FAMP team is working to acquire funds to pilot implementation of the food insecurity screening tool in at least four healthcare and nonprofit settings and connect food resources to those who are food insecure.
- **Partner to increase awareness and volunteer assistance to improve Food Security.** *Hidden Hunger* quarterly newsletter currently emailed to 250 community residents. Coffey, the WNEP Coordinator, leads this initiative through Hunger Prevention Coalition for Eau Claire County.
- **Partner with Healthy Communities Chronic Disease Action Team Retail Grocery Store Initiative to increase access to healthy foods and reduce obesity.**

WNEP Team: Nancy Coffey, Pamela Warren-Armstrong and Joy Weisner.