

## PLT Meeting Notes

8/23/2016 - 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. - University Square - Fort Collins

**Attending:** CJ (facilitating), Cary, Ron, Chris, Regan, Christine, Laurel, Gen, Jan (taking notes) JoAnn, Tony, Allison, Marisa, Mark, Becca, Martha, Jean, Frank, Bill, Dean Jeff McCubbin, Lou

**DCT update** – Mark for Claire - f2f training upcoming in November. DCT will arrange a plenary session during Forum. Principles of Community will be integrated.

**WEDA Awards of Excellence** – Beginning Farmers won, Kurt Jones accepted award. JoAnn will announce in admin update this week.

**Dean McCubbin** gave an overview of his college, and suggested connections with Extension. All departments work with community sites, often with disadvantaged populations. Students are exposed to service and outreach/community work; Extension faculty are embedded in departments so graduates know Extension and its opportunities. How might the service commitment in departments extend to Extension offices across the state? How to nest faculty expertise in Extension offices?

- Mark suggested a list serve so two-way communication is effective – agents know when faculty are looking for connections and/or visiting the county, and faculty can learn emerging local needs.
- Gen suggested sharing the Dean’s newsletter – we can share the link in admin update. Jan will follow up.
- JoAnn complimented School of Social Work for responsiveness in course work agents need.
- Regan gave several shouts out to college, too.
- Human/Animal bond could be expanded.
- Mark asked about linking 4-H to the college, where expertise is housed.
- Christine asked how faculty in the college, doing community work, could better be engaged with Extension, similar to what she has done in HDFS. She offered to work with the Dean.
- Becca mentioned a data base to catalog expertise (Dean McCubbin noted *Digital Measures* is the database currently being used on campus).
- CJ asked what can Extension do for CHHS?
- Frank asked, from the campus side, for more calls to clarify demand. Faculty will respond, but may not see opportunity and be able to initiate.
- Dean McCubbin is looking for clear priorities and more aggressive partnerships in order to have access to more external funding.
- Gen suggested a pilot or other small-scale projects.
- Becca asked for a session (during Forum) for graduate students, identifying opportunities, so they can be excited about Extension. Becca will follow up with Judy Barth/Forum committee.
- Place HDFS faculty on 4-H Program Leader search

### Reports from each PRU

\* Each PRU presented a short "Ignite" with up to five slides, making note of anything happening that is related to Public Health and/or Climate Smart Agriculture.

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| * 4-H - Jean                                  | * Family and Financial Stability – Laurel & Christine |
| * Community Development - Gen                 | * Food Systems – Martha, Regan & Becca                |
| * Cropping Systems - Ron                      | * Livestock & Range - Chris                           |
| * Energy - Cary                               | * Natural Resources - Mark                            |
| * Environmental Horticulture – Tony & Allison | * Nutrition, Food Safety & Health - Marisa            |

## Connections:

- Public Health – remember School of Public Health – students are engaged, an amazing resource.
  - Invite Lorann Stallones & Tracy Nelson (assoc. directors) to PLT, per Dean McCubbin.
  - Zika or West Nile education – Regan referenced U of Fla information (EDEN)
- Climate Smart Ag – how to organize Extension work? USDA priority, with global interest
  - Initiative developing with Wyoming (per Lou) [JoAnn – how to work multi-state for education? Dean McCubbin: CSU/UW training FCS teachers together]
  - USDA Climate hub here
  - On-line training modules for agriculture/climate and political content, based on needs of stakeholders. Certified climate smart ag – badging, similar to certified gardener
  - Our discussion is climate smart ag (not climate change)
  - Programming processes will be co-created with cattlemen and farmers, integrating agents
  - No call to action for Extension at this time; leadership from Lou’s VP office and Water Institute
- Brainstorm emerging topics to prepare for PRU meetings during Forum
  - \* Plans of Work can be revised/updated for calendar years 2017 & 2018
  - \* Content updates if there is time, but not the focus this year at Forum
  - \* Define leadership - ongoing or changing. Inform Jan so that payment can be arranged by end of 2016.
  - \* Additional cross-county issues to include in our 2017 Plans of Work
  - \* Of the identified cross-county issues, how do we identify these and organize these and what do we call them?
    - Funding opportunities – Frank & Regan - letter of intent due in October; AmeriCorps can extend beyond 4-H STEM. Give ideas to JoAnn; USDA programs to support re-entry (after incarceration) – see Martha; EDEN for more presence in Colorado NIFA proposal – Regan.
    - Forum Plans – Suggested that the PRU updates earlier in this PLT meeting be presented at Forum, during admin update, possibly replacing the RDs on the agenda: PRU presentations at Forum – Bill will follow up with Judy/ Forum Committee.

## Housekeeping

- Q&A about payment to PRU leaders - pilot
  - July 1 start – fiscal year 2016-2017
  - Confirm leadership at Forum PRU meetings
  - Advise payment: let Jan know
- Face to face meetings twice/year (Feb & Aug) – confirmed by a show of hands
- Organize web site by PRU - CJ will check with Ruth and Joanne
- \$35,000 available for programming – PRUs discuss needs at Forum, then Jan will put out RFP to PRU leaders
- Contact Becca if interested in working of Masters of Ag Education program.

Next PLT meeting –November 14th at 10 a.m.

Kellie will set up Zoom

Send agenda items to CJ and Jan