

Human Ecology Issue Committee

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 via Zoom • 6:35-8:10 pm via Zoom

CCE Delaware County, 34570 St Hwy 10, Suite 2, Hamden, NY 13782

Call to Order & Welcome at 6:35 pm by Vice Chairperson Paul DeAndrea with the following present either by phone or video: Jeanne Darling, Karen Ogborn, Julia Wheeler and Joan Hale.

April 2022 Minutes and Additions were approved with no corrections.

Suggestions for Paula Brown replacement someone needed from Downsville, Colchester, Andes or Middletown area that is active in community, interested in education, family, nutrition, health and wellbeing. Diversity indicators were shared with the committee; Karen thought she might have a couple of people in Andes interested in being on the committee.

Board of Directors Report Jeanne referenced the minutes from May meeting & shared about the \$500,000 ARP grant received from the county for farmers. New finance employees (Christina Wilson and Chris Carpenter) hired. Other new hires (4-H animal science educator) began in June Ag Resource Educator hired in May with possible administrative assistant. STEM camp to be held this weekend. 2nd week in June event at Meredith Dairy Days.

Discussion of Plans of Work for 2022 Refer to the Operational Guidelines Jeanne noted that the Program Advisory Committees elected to serve should also be attending programs and advising the staff on issues important for consumers and families in the county. Overview of the 2 Plans reported: Plan #1 on Nutrition & Health to prevent chronic disease, prevent & treat mental health issues & challenges with substance abuse. See flyer on the Wednesday summer lunch series. There are 4 educators working this Nutrition and Health Plan of Work. Plan #2 focused on Smart Energy & Climate Choices with Cheryl Starcher as the one energy advisor.

Fair Update – Human Ecology Exhibit – Saving Money in Many Different Ways, exhibit competition for communities & businesses Ideas from the group being on home energy, credit card finances, healthy meals with less money, gardening in the fall, showing people how to use community resources like WIC and tire air pressure gauge to save on gas. The entire purpose of fair exhibit to educate. 5 or 6 groups selected among the submissions with judging taking place early on Tuesday.

Program Updates:

SNAP Ed nutrition program – SNAP Ed Budget completed for 2023 with October 1 the beginning date. 1 full time educator working with both Otsego & Delaware counties. Wellness Team NYS Wellness Symposium Virtual Training to take place August 6-9 with ideas shared among schools. Newsletter now sent out every quarter. Office of the Aging sponsoring Senior Day.

Clean Energy Hub, Community Gardens – Hoping for contract end of July for 5 more years. Walton Hospital community garden moving to a church that runs the food pantry. 9 gardens started are now being taken over by community members & schools with CCE continuing to support but allowing others to take a more active leadership role with the gardens. Cheryl taught community garden lessons this spring and will continue to work with the community gardens until the Clean Energy Hub contract starts in July or August.

CROP grant, Farmer Market Nutrition Program and Walton Farmers' market meeting – There are 12 lessons total completed (6 for family & 6 for youth). 11 schools with CROP after school program. Contract renewed for another 5 years beginning July 1. CCE is One of only three CROP partners that received funding in the new CROP afterschool CROP program with programs for youth and families. Walton Market on Fridays from 11-4 pm with music being offered most days from noon to 2 pm along with nutrition education offered, free yogurt and free yogurt breakfast for farmers. Meeting next Wednesday at 1 pm with all farmers.

Alliance – partner contracts and reports – Grant approved with meeting on Friday. Julia Wheeler shared about Whitney Point & Deposit schools selected for 5 years using the Incredible Years Programs. This is a research-based program that involves parents as teachers. Parents given incentives to participate by providing dinner for families as parents learn how to work with behaviors. Classroom Dina program using life size puppets in addition to small group Dina. DelCares project videos & facebook posts being shared on social media. 239 people reached from the January to May Resilience Training offered. Girls on the Run race took place first weekend in June. Office of the Aging still offering Tai Chi classes. Sources of Strength taking place in South Kortright, Stamford, Margaretville, Delaware Academy and Charlotte Valley schools.

Decarbonization Algebra IEEE Article – Paul DeAndrea spoke about this.

Joan Hale - Shared about the upcoming summer series inviting people to come out for a free & fun educational event for both kids & families on BEES, Big Rig Day & Dairy Days. (See attached flyers for more information) There were families that recently attended from Oxford, Walton & Norwich. Great to see people from beyond the Sidney area.

Adjournment at 8:10 pm with a motion made by Joan and seconded by Julia.

NEXT MEETING – October 19, 2022

Notes taken by Karen Ogborn