

## Human Ecology Issue Committee

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 via Zoom • 6:30-8:00 pm via Zoom

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

**Call to Order & Welcome** at 6:34 pm by chairperson Donna Dickson Noonan with the following present in person, by phone or video: Jack Salo, Valerie Dudley, Paul DeAndrea, Karen Ogborn, Joan Hale, Eileen Klein, Carol Michalski, Maegan Freeman, Amy VanAlstyne & Cheryl Starcher-Ceresna.

**Thank you to the HE Team** (Cheryl, Amy, Maegan & Valerie) for providing the delicious Cincinnati Chili which was enjoyed by those present.

**Additions and Approval** of June 2022 minutes were approved with no corrections.

**CCE Delaware County Update** - Jack Salo thanked the HE team reporting that the EFNEP program is in year five of 5-year contract with \$82,035 received each year. New year began on October 1.

**2023 SNAP/EFNEP Programs** – The EFNEP program provides nutrition education to income-eligible families & children in counties throughout NYS. A series of 8 classes offered to adults in a variety of settings, including by Zoom & phone. See the EFNEP October Newsletter for more information. Amy & Cheryl (EFNEP) work in close collaboration with Meagan (SNAP) offering 6 free cooking & nutrition classes to youth ages 8-12 & adults in person at Stamford Central School & virtually at Roxbury Central School. Refer to the attached handouts. \$61,500 of the EFNEP funds is a direct contract with CCE beginning Oct. 1 with at least 110 families to be served. Next year's grant application will be competitive.

**2023 Rural Healthcare Alliance** – Currently in the 4th quarter now and in year four of 5-year funding cycle for ACEs task force, Mental Health & Behavioral health services.

**General CCE Delaware County Updates** – Donna shared that recruiting a Human Ecology Team Lead with search committee has begun explaining that the Executive Director position is a stand alone one. A process has been designed of how advertising would take place with 15 highly qualified applicants narrowed to 8 for telephone interviews (4 today) and (4 tomorrow) to take place followed by in-person interviews, meet & greet with staff, tours and presentations given with goal to be done by November 17 to take final recommendation to the board with December 8 a tentative date for annual meeting with guest speaker being the new Executive Director.

### **Program Updates:**

**Fair** – Valerie reported about the 5 HE exhibits from local schools & other organizations in addition to the "Saving Money in Many Different Ways" CCE HE exhibit. Blending smoothies by pedaling a bike, playing the Price is Right game that tested ones fall gardening knowledge & an energy display engaged &

informed people. The breastfeeding station continues to be a big hit for Moms and their infants. Refer to the attached fair report.

**Excite 2 & 3** – Working on vaccine hesitation.

**Walton Farmers' Market** – FMNP program – Went well on Fridays from July to September with music.

**SNAP-Ed/EFNEP** – CROP fall programming, Summer Youth Programs – Amy reported mostly in-person programs but virtual options also offered, lots of health fairs in the fall & focusing on more partnerships with Otsego County with food pantry (St. Mary's).

**Energy programming** – Cheryl reported outreaches and workshops continuing to help get homes weatherized. Challenges being busy schedules for those able to complete the job working within the 4 year contract with Hubs, engaging stakeholders and looking to get communities involved. Refer to handouts for more information.

**Discussion regarding CSA sliding scale** along with community & agency partnerships for HE programs beginning simply by welcoming people and asking how can HE help you?

**Meeting adjourned** at 8 pm.

**Next Meeting** on January 11, 2023 at 5 pm via Zoom.

*Notes taken by Karen Ogborn*