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State Advisory Council Meeting – October 26, 2006
NH Higher Education Assistance Foundation, Concord, NH

Present

Advisory Council Members:

Holly Avery	Laurie Conrad	Paul Rushlow
Art Bastian	Liz Conrad	Lee Sawyer
Lucien Blais	Fred Creed	Linda Smith
Anna Boudreau	John Ferguson	Beth Todgham
Carolyn Buskirk	Jane Hunter	Denis Ward
Connie Campbell	Erick Leadbeater	Hiram Watson
Wes Cobb		

CE Staff:

Larry Barker	David Foote	John Pike
Charlene Baxter	Lynn Garland	Dan Reidy
Paul Bonaparte-Krogh	Jim Grady	Marilyn Sullivan
Nancy Bradford-Sisson	Gail Kennedy	Lisa Townson
Deb Cheever	Val Long	Holly Young
Darrel Covell	Debbie Luppold	
Sumner Dole	Nory Parr	

Welcome and introductions

Anna announced Bob Edmonds' retirement party coming up Nov 30th.

AC address lists were circulated to be updated.

Introductions

Minutes of April 20, 2006 meeting: Fred moved; Denis seconded to approve.

County roundtable report

Rockingham - Liz – Busy planning event for legislature after election on their Jan. organization meeting. All county depts. invited this year. AC makes calls to get a good turnout. Bring photos back from program visits. June meeting went to the community campus in Portsmouth. A lot of networking and collaboration. Many coalitions with other organizations addressing serious issues there; grant-writing, coordination and more creativity. Fairs - 117,000 people on Saturday in Deerfield.

Sullivan - Art – Grants 3rd year from Gov committee on drug and alcohol abuse. Seth got 10,000 for radio spots on Ag products. Farmer-driven project. In Forestry, brought in fund from NRCS for land owners. Strengthen families, after school programs. Farm bureau policy meeting, County strategic planning going on with county staff. AC attend three different meetings; Jane went to 4-H.

Cheshire -Wes - New forester- Steve Roberge – started on Oct 2; ready for CCI; County budget hearing, Chair of county worried about jail - hotly debated will affect the elections.

Carroll - Carolyn and Linda - Success with budget, 4-H, food, Ag, tourism are important issues - 94 million tourists. Wendy Scribner - new Forester started on Oct 23. Ann H at Carroll County

Juvenile Justice program today. High juvenile rate in court system. New program being looked at to reduce youth incarceration. Remote from county building need to work hard to make the connects. AC chair is running for county office. Invite people to functions. Make sure calls are made to get officials. Working on vision of 3 priorities – All programs marketing - reach the neediest, most bang for the buck – focus and do not overlap with other programs. Other issues food safety in restaurants - Stoney Morrill passed away – Storyland is big supporter with food safety – working on where the demand is coming from, review what we are doing well.

Merrimack – Debbie and Fred – Started the camera project, have three months of visiting events so far. Ongoing project. Reorganized the PAT group, 3 new AC members. Delegation lunch as part of the first meeting of the new delegation. Kelly Clarke is new chair - set goals for PAT – Search for new secretary. Budget looking good. Lower amount. Parking area for new nursing home is being made. Other new grants.

Belknap – Paul – Completed evaluations. In county building, good contact with legislation; new commissioner filling from vacancy.

Hillsborough – Connie – New 4-H educator, Michael Koski (from MA). CCII in Hillsborough on Sept 25 and the NHAC supported the event and held MOU signing in Manchester as part of the conference.

Strafford – Hiram – Budget done, evaluation was done. Trying to get numbers of how many people reached. PAT working well with newspaper – article on Don’s award. John Norland recognized at the fair for supporting UNHCE. Hiram was in the papers with 350 lb pumpkin. Good relationship with commissioners, they attend events and get coverage. Geoffrey Njue will take over as COA in January. Good Ag support for orchard. Active youth member.

Coös – Lucien – Budget submitted level, good report. Just had Coös County Conversation II (October 16) on family and community issues in rural areas. Good panel - 5 presenters - 53 people there including 5 elected officials. Many important issues were raised. Collaboration is very strong, staff have good, stable collaborations. It is a time of transition in Coös county. Next hundred years. Federal Prison will be big project. Will bring in 400 families. Payroll millions, health care is struggling, benefits will help.

Grafton – Denis – May 8th had CCII with Pres Hart. 45 attended - visited two farms with panel on agriculture viability. Good legislative turnout. Awareness is good. Budget went through for July 1. Water program person leaving (Ginny DiFrancesco). Taking a step back to look at future staffing. Had a good meeting with Dir and Assoc Director. Looking for new members. Including youth membership. Ask them to ask peers and report and get needs identified.

Development of UNH Cooperative Extension Strategic Plan for 2007-2008

Dean John Pike introduced the topic of the next 5 year strategic plan. Introduced Val Long as chair of the committee drafting the strategic plan.

Val presented the Strategic planning process for the next 5 years. Val is leading a core committee working on a fast schedule. Others will come in to advise the committee. Direction for whole

organization. Will meet with every one face to face in the fall. Will define the purpose and goals that are consistent with the mission.

Broke the group into 3 small groups to discuss the following four goals using the following questions as discussion points:

1. Are these goals still relevant?
2. What do we do well?
3. What areas could use improvement?

Goals

Goal 1: UNH Cooperative Extension will enhance its responsiveness to significant issues in a changing social and natural environment.

Goal 2: UNH Cooperative Extension will provide effective outreach and will be recognized as a central link between New Hampshire people and UNH resources.

Goal 3: The work of UNH Cooperative Extension will be valued by the people of New Hampshire and the University System, and be supported by policy makers and funders.

Goal 4: UNH Cooperative Extension is evolving as a more effective, cohesive, healthy organization based on clarity of direction and shared priorities and goals.

Small Group reported back information that will be presented to the committee.

Val thanked the State Council for their help.

Charlene Baxter – Gave a LEAP update. Contract has expired with the state so the program has ended. Federal legislation changed that led to the program being ended. Resulted in 12 staff layoffs.

Next meeting Jan 25, 2007 – To review and render an opinion on what goes forth.

April 19, 2007 – Spring meeting.

Meeting adjourned 2:30 PM.