

Lighten Up NH! Meeting
June 9, 2006
Merrimack County Cooperative Extension Office

Present: Julia Peterson, Peg Boyles, Helen Costello, Charlene Baxter, Debbie Cheever, Terri Schoppmeyer, Paul Bonaparte-Krough, Martha Judson, Val Long, Colette Janson-Sand

1. Strategic Planning

We decided to table strategic planning until a future meeting as we had more pressing items to address.

2. HNH Foundation Report from Charlene

Charlene reported that the HNH Foundation funded the physical activity inventory proposal at \$12,210. This has come about because Charlene has been working with the HNH Foundation about LUNH, and this inventory project was something they wanted done. The HNH Foundation has money they would like to use to purchase physical activity equipment for schools in Kids Count wealth clusters 4 and 5, and needed someone to do a needs assessment to determine where the equipment should/could go.

We will be working with RKM Research and Communications to conduct the inventory with schools, recreational programs, Head Start programs, etc. Assisting with this project is a UNH student who is enrolled in a 2-credit course with Colette. This student will work with RKM staff to implement the survey.

We refined the questions, and RKM will refine them further. We are aiming for 200 completed surveys from schools and other groups from the Kids Count wealth clusters 4 and 5.

A digital inventory of the proposal will be sent to all LUNH members so that they can review the survey and provide input by Monday. One comment was that the inventory questionnaire needed to be tailored to the facility that was being interviewed. Helen and possibly Charlie French could do some GIS mapping of the inventory results to illustrate what is needed where. Also, we should inform educators in FCR and 4-H that the inventory is being conducted.

3. Meeting with Seacoast Foundation

Julia and Colette met with Sue Bunting from the Seacoast Foundation to discuss the LUNH proposal. Sue was very interested in bringing this proposal to a meeting of other non-profits and foundations next week and asked them to send her a two-page proposal. Julia, Colette and Peg will work on this proposal and Colette will get it to Sue by Monday.

Sue Bunting is also interested in a course for school faculty. Colette will investigate this further. Colette will also follow up with Sue about the proposal.

4. NE Cooperative Extension Initiative

Paul reported that he participated in the Tuesday NE Director's conference call, and that they will have another conference call in June and meeting in July. He said that Kathleen Morgan from Rutgers reported on the potential collaboration with NH and Delaware. A logic model was developed, and key concepts to present to the Directors for their conference meeting. We will wait to see how this unfolds, since we can't do much without money.

5. Other

Bill Clinton is coming to NH on June 27th for a visit with Dr. Lynch, a daytime event with children to promote physical activity and healthful eating, and an evening fundraiser. We have not been invited, but think it is a very closed event.

6. Next Meetings

July 21

August 11

September 8

October 13

November 17

December 8