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## Coös County Extension Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Attendance:** Mary Tichy, Aidan Wiggin, Brendan Prusik, Larry Barker, Heidi Barker, Zeanny Egea, Scott Losier, Chris Whiting, Debbie Joyce, Isabella Gaetjens-Oleson, Nick Rowley, Edith Tucker, Andrew Paine, Ray Bell, Michael Young, Lauren Banker. **Absent:** Bea Harden, Rick Samson, Kris von Dohrmann, Robert Théberge, Morgan Oakes, Jim Davis, Ben Gaetjens-Oleson

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Welcome & Introductions. New Member:
  - a. Ray Bell: Colebrook, NH/Long Island, NY
2. Youth & Family Program Review; Facilitated by Mike Young
  - a. Four focus areas:
    - i. Youth & Family Behavioral Health
    - ii. Science Education
    - iii. 4-H Youth Development
    - iv. Physical Health & Nutrition
  - b. Many people from within and outside of Coös making programs and community connections happen
  - c. Chris: 4-H, Groups/SPIN review
    - i. Coös K-9 – very successful kick off to club
    - ii. Misc. events review: Slow cooker event, Milk & Cheese Please, Archery @ LES – Coös Clovers becoming an official 4-H Archery club, Youth leadership council, Berlin Kiwanis/Gardening partnership, Twin Mtn Master Gardener teaming up with Chris W
    - iii. Edith suggestion: Need to increase the amount of 4-H'ers in Berlin/Gorham area due to the high populations; 4-H scholarships to UNH could help with college bound students
    - iv. Aidan Suggestion: Explore long term 4H/Classroom partnerships

1. Since time is always a constraint, utilizing classroom time could be advantageous for both youth and adults
  2. Ex: CTE programs at WMRHS
- d. Larry: Barry Camp Overview
  - i. Financial Support:
    1. 2019: 57% received financial support from sponsors
    2. 2020: 62% will receive financial support
  - ii. 2020: Will have a strong focus on social emotional development
  - iii. Edith: Stressed the expert attention that has been put on the relationships between UNHCE Barry Camp and the Sponsors – the sponsors feel as though they have ownership in the camp (Additional Community Development)
- e. Zeanny: Review of goals and Nutrition Connections work
  - i. 2019 Community Members reached via programs:
    1. 414 adults
    2. 586 youth
  - ii. Goals:
    1. Increase interaction with homeschool groups
    2. Increase diversity interactions and offerings
- f. Heidi: Food Security
  - i. Androscoggin Valley Farm to School
    1. NH Food Access Map
    2. Substantial Collaboration between Ag/Nutrition occurring
3. Introduce Lauren Banker – Public Affairs Manager Durham, NH
  - a. Working to spread the awareness of UNHCE throughout the state
  - b. Working to continue to make UNHCE services still available to community members during COVID-19
4. Budget Update
  - a. All requests approved
  - b. Mary was instrumental in supporting the budget requests and interacting with the delegation
5. Review and acceptance of February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Minutes
6. Council Membership
  - a. One Opening:

- i. Suggestion: Seek out a member who could represent low income/underrepresented population; maybe someone who has participated in several UNHCE programs
    1. Zeanny will speak to a few community members to inquire if they are interested
  - ii. Second option: Corey Arsenault: Youth representation
7. Mileage Reimbursement Forms:
  - a. Overview for new members
  - b. Let Brendan know before future meetings if you would like a form and he will have the form ready to be completed
8. Other Business:
  - a. Everett: Very happy to receive card; treatments are over at this point and he is feeling better
  - b. Ray Suggestion:
    - i. Any opportunity that we can, get youth familiar with legislators and gov't officials. The more familiar they can get at a younger age, the better. FFA = model
  - c. Nick Rowley has done a great job getting out to meet people and initiating strong connections in the community. Even through COVID-19 he will continue to build relationships and serve the community in as many ways as possible, utilizing technology when applicable
9. Next Meetings:
  - a. Monday, June 22, 2020 (Cookout – Location TBD) - Natural Resources Program Review
  - b. Monday, September 14, 2020 - Food and Agriculture Program Review
  - c. Monday, December 7, 2020 – CED Program Review; Budget Conversation (Snow Date 12/14/19)
10. Motion to adjourn and second at 7:48 pm.



Advisory Council	Robert Théberge	Berlin		
	Mary Tichy	Milan	Farm Owner	Treasurer
	Kris vonDohrmann	Jefferson	Otokahe Farm	
	Ray Bell	Colebrook		
	Jim Davis	Columbia	American Way Farm	Council Chair
	Isabella Gaetjens-Oleson	Lancaster	Youth, WMRHS graduate	
	Debbie Joyce	Stark	Teacher retired), landowner, 4-H Volunteer, Master Gardener	
	Ben Gaetjens-Oleson	Lancaster	Lancaster Town Planner	
	Scott Losier	Berlin	Property Manager Berlin Board of Education	Vice Chair
	Bea Harding	Whitefield	Master Gardener, Community & 4-H Volunteer	
Aidan Wiggan	Jefferson	Environmental & Sustainable Sciences @ WMRHS	Secretary	
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	Edith Tucker	Randolph	NH House Representatives	Delegation Representative
	Rick Samson	Stewartstown	Coös County Commissioner Farm Owner	Commissioner Representative
UNH Extension	Brendan Prusik	Columbia	Forestry and Community	County Office Admin (COA)
	Larry Barker	Lancaster	4-H Youth Development	
	Heidi Barker	Lancaster	Nutrition and Healthy Living	
	Nick Rowley	Lancaster	Food & Ag Specialist	
	Chris Whiting	Stratford	4-H Program Manager	
	Zeanny Egea	Lancaster	Nutrition Connections	
	Morgan Oakes		Administrative Assistant	