

MINUTES

Central District Resource Management Team February 24, 2009

Present: Don Genrich, Marty Havlovic, Patrick Nehring, Jan Piltz, Tom Schmitz, Dean Slark, Jennifer Brindley

Absent: Dick Barden, Pat Rychter

Review of December 3, 2008 Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

RMT Structure

Patrick Nehring led the discussion about restructuring the Resource Management Team. He will type up what was discussed and send to the RMT members next week so they can bring this information back to their respective program areas.

Items discussed included:

- Membership – currently one representative from each of the five program areas and one WACEC representative. Program area reps serve a three year term; WACEC rep serves a one year term.
 - Discussed whether support staff should be represented on the team. The reps will take this back to their program areas for recommendations and bring them to the next RMT meeting.
 - Each team member needs to have an alternate or a process in place in case they are not able to attend a meeting. The WACEC rep and alternate will be elected at the annual WACEC District 3 winter meeting in January.
- Since this is an advisory committee to the District Director, it should be independent from the District Office. Suggestion is for the committee to elect a chair and vice chair to run the meetings. These positions will be elected at the first meeting each year. Minutes will continue to be taken by the district administrative assistant.

Update on Central District Positions

Marquette County 4-H/YD – Christa Van Treeck began February 1, 2009.

Marquette County FL – Sue Allen begins March 15, 2009.

Portage County CRD – Jennifer Stewart begins March 15, 2009.

Portage County WNEP Educators – Two positions posted until February 27, 2009.

Lincoln/Marathon Counties WNEP Educator – Deb Warren began January 12, 2009.

Wood County 4-H/YD – Prelims scheduled for March 12, 2009.

Langlade County FL – Posting February 27, 2009 as Extension Associate.

Update on State Budget/Implications

\$174 million in cuts has been proposed - \$65 million in the first year (possibly July 1) and the remainder in the second. Tuition increases will cover part. The cuts can partially be bridged using one time funds. Nothing has been set yet, but we should know more in the next week or so.

Discussed using one time funds to cover a cut to base funds. This would be temporary to buy some time so positions aren't lost and is also dependent on carrying over 100% of the one-time funds.

Status of One-Time and Base Funds

Currently have \$44,428 available in one-time funds, including FY08 carryover, and \$4,143 in base.

Innovative Grants

Since one time funds may be used to cover budget cuts, there may not be funds available for innovative grants this year. Decided to go over grant applications and rank them in case the funds will be available for this use. The top tier and program area professional development applications will receive funding now and the rest will be dependent upon the budget.

Fifteen Innovative Grant proposals were received. The proposals were reviewed and the following were selected for funding:

- Joe Stellato and Jay Moynihan, Shawano County, *“Work Certified” Program*, \$1,500
- Jennifer Swensen, Adams County, *Adams County Youth Leadership Institute*, \$900
- Edie Felts-Podoll, Adams County; Jennifer Caravella, Waushara County, Connie Eisch, Wood County; and Molly Spaulding, Green Lake County; *Family Day Camp – Central District Families At Risk*, \$1,800
- Donna Hora-Schwobe and Karen Vermillion, Menominee County, *Menominee Community Collaborative, Multi-faceted Garden and Communication Internship*, \$4,600
- Craig Saxe, Juneau County, and Matt Lippert, Wood County, *Hispanic Labor on Central Wisconsin Dairies*, \$1,700
- Connie Eisch, Wood County, *UW-Extension Wood County Summer Intern – Farmers’ Market Liaison*, \$3,200
- Keith Vander Velde, Marquette County, and Craig Saxe, Juneau County, *Central District Agriculture Educational Tour*, \$1,000
- Central District Family Living Educators, *Central District Family Living Symposium*, \$500
- Marty Havlovic, *Upper Fox River Heritage Corridor Study*, \$1,000

The following proposals were selected for funding dependent upon the budget:

- Theresa Wimann, Adams County, and April Martell, Juneau County, *CWCA Area Hunger Summit*, \$800
- Molly Spaulding, Green Lake County, and Jennifer Caravella, Waushara County, *Evaluation of Parenting the First Year Newsletter Collaborative*, \$300
- Jennifer Swensen, Adams County, *Adams County 4-H Dog Project*, \$800
- Jackie Carattini, Marathon County, *Square Foot Gardening: In Your Own Backyard*, \$4,000
- Jan Piltz, Portage County, *“What Can Extension Do For You?” Reaching Out to Underserved Audiences*, \$4,000

Future Agenda Items – June 8, 2009 Teleconference, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

- Central District Video Project
- Alternative Energy and Enough Food Discussion Groups
- District Communication Strategies – Is the current format of Wislines sufficient?
- Reporting Back to District
- Committee Structure

Other Business

None

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