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State: Wisconsin

Institutions(s):

- University of Wisconsin

Type of Report (Check all that apply)

- 1862 Research
- 1862 Extension
- 1890 Research
- 1890 Extension
- Tuskegee Research
- Tuskegee Extension

NPL Reviewers:

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Report Overview Section (Required):

Acceptable		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Executive summary. (Suggested in Guidance)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Total FTEs are included for each appropriate institution of the Report

Comments:

The 2007 University of Wisconsin-Extension annual report of accomplishments includes outcomes and impacts for nine statewide issues of critical expressed needs. These issues and their subsequent teams are focused on 4-H programs, Building 4-H After School Programs, community and economic development, dairy programs, community vitality and social capital, family care giving and financial education, nutrient management, organizational development for the Wisconsin workplace and community action and governance with a focus on young people.

Merit/Program Review Process Section (Required):

Acceptable		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	At least one process has been checked (including other) (required)

Comments:

Merit reviews are conducted jointly by the team leaders of the planned programs, the program directors, and multi state and regional partners. Teams use reviewers' recommendations to improve program quality and relevance for the intended audience, and include review comments in annual accomplishment reports and plans of work. Curricula and publications are peer reviewed by research and extension faculty, government or industry colleagues and professionals as appropriate to the content, purpose and intended audience, including translations for cultural appropriateness.

Stakeholder Input Process Section (Required):

Acceptable		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(a) Actions taken to seek stakeholder input that encourages their participation (Required)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(b) Method used to identify groups and individuals (Required)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(c) Method used for collecting stakeholder input (Required)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(d) A statement of how collected input will be considered (Required)

Comments:

Adequate information was provided on actions taken to seek stakeholder input, most of this is still a result of a comprehensive statewide needs assessment conducted in 2005-2006. University of Wisconsin Extension initiates a multi year planning process every four years. UW-Extension is engaged in statewide four-year planning during 2007 and 2008. This process is the primary, institution-wide effort to seek broad-based stakeholder input. Extension's program development model provides the overall framework for soliciting, analyzing, and summarizing stakeholder input. The model includes situation analysis, priority setting, inputs, outputs, anticipated outcomes and evaluation planning.

There was a good explanation of how input was collected from audiences other than traditional groups and individuals. While county offices had latitude in tailoring their planning process to their unique needs, they were strongly encouraged to use methods that solicited feedback from their communities' diverse populations and from both internal and external stakeholders of Extension.

Input was gathered from diverse and under-represented audiences statewide through focus groups, interviews, listening sessions and case studies of youth-adult partnerships. Teams also developed culturally sensitive educational strategies when needed; translated materials into different languages; or partnered with agencies and groups representing the needs of under served and under represented populations.

The issues identified from the counties were analyzed and summarized for use in a planning summit in April 2008. The results of the planning summit will help set the direction for extension and research, be incorporated into budget and staffing decisions, and will inform the next 4 years and statewide federal 2009 to 2013 Plans of Work.

Planned Programs Section (Required):

Acceptable		
YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Used Appropriate Logic Model Elements
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Input Dollars Expended on Each Planned Program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appropriate Knowledge Areas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appropriate Outputs for each Program
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Appropriate Outcomes for each Program

Comments:

This report is an excellent example of an annual report of planned programs. It contains all the elements required and describes some outstanding examples of outputs and impacts for planned programs. The planned program impacts reported are very useful at the national level in demonstrating the value and impact of formula funds and in justifying the continuance of formula fund programs in the future. The Wisconsin Alliance for Family Caregiving program is a good example of Extension building capacity in this area of need. The partnerships and collaboration represented and results of research-based training demonstrate the value of Extension programs and the need for continued formula funding. Additional examples include the dairy programs and Community capacity-building efforts.

While not all planned programs were able to demonstrate long-term impacts, a number of programs showed progress. Efforts are made to assess the on-going programs and align them with current interests and resources. In some cases, programs have been collapsed into other programs and working groups have been sunsetted, with focus moving in other planned program areas.

Wisconsin's Cooperative Extension Program should be commended for their efforts to reach, educate and train individuals, families and communities to improve quality of life and economic well-being.

General Recommendations:

This is a detailed and well-conceived documentation of planned activities for WI Extension for FY 2007. The review team is satisfied with the scope and breadth of the programs, based on strong stakeholder input and sound programming that is being carried out.

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We hereby recommend CSREES acceptance of this Annual Report.

Barbara Stone /s/

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06/02/2008

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