

**University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee**  
**Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room**

**Members Present:** Tom Snider, Julie Gordon, George Scherck, and Al Long.

**UW-Extension Staff:** Chris Kniep, Kayla Oberstadt, Mandi Dornfeld, and Amy Timm.

**Others Present:** None.

**Meeting called to order** at 9:00 a.m. by Tom Snider.

**Comments from the Public related to items on the agenda:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Long moved to approve the 10/20/2016 minutes; seconded by Gordon. Motion carried **4-0**.

**Program Reports:**

**4-H Youth Development:** Oberstadt distributed an overview of the work she's been involved in recently with 4-H. In the *Career and Workforce Development* focus area, Oberstadt participated in a career fair in November at the Winneconne Norbert Rich School Forest by leading discussion and activities regarding career interests. Oberstadt highlighted several activities in the *Youth Leadership Development* focus area: all 9 Winnebago County 4-H members who completed a written application and interview for *4-H Youth Educational Experiences* have been granted a trip experience this year, and 50 youth members from various 4-H clubs attended annual *Officer Training*. Oberstadt also highlighted several recognition events: *Wisconsin 4-H Key Award* recipients were recognized by the Winnebago County Board in September, and *The 4-H Family Banquet and Alumni Reunion* in October recognized youth and adult leaders, shared memories, and celebrated Winnebago County 4-H accomplishments. Oberstadt noted the changes 4-H clubs have been making this year to provide inclusive environments that are welcoming to all members. These changes were recognized by the Civil Rights Review team earlier this week. 4-H membership renewal is encouraged by November 20. January 31 is the application deadline for new members and selection of projects to show at the *2017 Winnebago County Fair*. Oberstadt also provided a brief explanation of her role and activities on the *4-H Youth Development Program nEXT Generation Committee*.

**Family Living Education:** Dornfeld delivered a PowerPoint presentation on ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and reviewed her background and how she's become involved in this area. ACEs are identified as self-reported traumatic events that threaten a child's normal development. Dornfeld delivered a history of how ACEs became an area of study, various survey results, and how this information is influencing program development. Her presentation reviewed the science behind childhood trauma and various outcomes, including substance use, homelessness, mental illness, and a variety of other issues. Dornfeld highlighted the ways UWEX is working toward becoming a trauma-informed care organization to better meet the needs of program participants. Dornfeld explained that a shift in perspective is needed to change from asking "what's wrong with this person?" to "what happened to this person?" and "what can I do to help?" when working with the community. Dornfeld also reviewed the various *Family Living Programs* she's been involved in that focus on parenting and strengthening families, including *Money Management*, *Block Parties*, and *The Real Happy Hour*, among other programming.

**Committee Chair Report:** To be in compliance with the open meeting requirement while reducing noise from the hallway, Snider suggested a sign be posted on the Volunteer Room door inviting members of the public to enter the meeting if the door is closed. Snider also requested follow-up regarding cleaning/replacing the American flag in the Volunteer Room. Timm will follow up.

**UW-Extension – Administration:**

**Staff Updates:** Kniep reviewed that the Coordinator position for FoodWise (formerly WNEP) is still open.

**Civil Rights Review:** Kniep shared that the Winnebago County UWEX Civil Rights Review took place on Tuesday. A more in-depth review of the event will be provided for the committee at a later date.

**2017 Budget:** The 2017 Budget was approved.

**2017 Meeting Dates – Third Thursday at 9:00 a.m.:** Members were all in favor of continuing to meet the third Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Gordon may need to continue using vacation time to attend.

**Comments by Committee Members:** None.

**Next Meeting:** Next regular committee meeting will be held Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Adjourned:** Long moved to adjourn; seconded by Scherck. Motion carried **3-0**, 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Timm