

*Agriculture and Natural
Resources*

Information Items



National ANR Program Leaders Meeting

- ▶ Background – The National ANR Program Leaders meet biannually
- ▶ Committee – ANR
- ▶ Timeline – Conference will be held in Orlando, Florida, February 24 – 26, 2009.



*Family and Consumer
Sciences*

Information Items



Health Disparities

- ▶ **Background** –A regional meeting of FCS Program Leaders and Specialists will be held to:
 - Provide professional development;
 - Explore opportunities for multi-state and interdisciplinary efforts; and
 - Form teams to write proposals for funding, development or adoption of health curricula.
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – FCS
- ▶ **Time Line** – September 1, 2008 – August 31, 2010.



EFNEP 40th Anniversary Celebration

- ▶ Background – Studies show that people who run out of food or miss meals because they cannot afford them are among the most obese. EFNEP is a nutrition education program that reaches these “high risk” individuals through tried and true lessons and activities taught in peer-to-peer fashion by program assistants who understand how to feed a family on a tight budget. To acknowledge it’s 40th Anniversary, a national celebration will be held in Washington, DC at the Whitten Building from noon to 2:00 pm. Participants, volunteers and program personnel will be recognized. States will be requested to support travel for their award recipients and develop local celebrations. PLN Planning committee is encouraged to incorporate an EFNEP Anniversary cake during the 2009 meeting.
- ▶ Committee Involved – Family & Consumer Sciences
- ▶ Time Line – March 10, 2009



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- ▶ **Time Line** – March 10, 2009



Community of Practice: Families, Food and Fitness

- ▶ **Background** – Families, Food and Fitness is a funded eXtension Community of Practice. This CoP was developed as a response to the Southern Region Extension Directors' priority to address obesity prevention as well as the need to address the number one health issue in the country.
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – FCS
- ▶ **Timeline** – Ongoing



Summary

- ▶ EFNEP 40th Anniversary Celebration
- ▶ eXtension Community of Practice: Families, Food & Fitness



4-H Youth Development

Information Items



Curriculum

- ▶ **Background** – We continue to be concerned about the timeliness and progress being made since the transition from CCS to a national curriculum system.
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – 4-H Youth Development
- ▶ **Time Line** – During the eight to twelve month interim leadership of National 4-H Headquarters.



Healthy Lifestyles Initiative

- ▶ **Background** – Work to form a partnership with Family and Consumer Sciences to address the issue of healthy lifestyles in the south.
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – 4-H, FCS
- ▶ **Time Line** – 2008-2009



Discussion With Dr. Colein Hefferan

- ▶ **Background** – In response to a request by Dr. Ron Brown, we have formed a subcommittee to develop a list of discussion items for the designated Extension Director speaking with Colein Hefferan.
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – 4-H
- ▶ **Time Line** – September 5, 2008



Farm Bill

- ▶ **Background** – This committee would like to thank the Directors for their continued work on the Farm Bill and their support of 4-H Youth and Families; specifically, their advocating for the addition of a seventh REEO office to address programming in 4-H Youth and Families.
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – 4-H
- ▶ **Time Line** – Immediate



Summary

- ▶ Curriculum
- ▶ Healthy Lifestyles Initiative
- ▶ Discussion With Dr. Colein Hefferan
- ▶ Farm Bill



Community Development

Information Items



Multi-state CD Training

- ▶ **Background** – The SRDC strategic planning activities are now completed and serve as the template for development of a multi-state training program.

- ▶ **Committee Involved** – CD

- ▶ **Time Line** –
 - August 2008: Sub-committees formed
 - October 2008–July 2010: Training programs developed and implemented



CD certification

- ▶ **Background** – Directors and Administrators previously approved the concept of CD certification for Extension personnel.
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – CD
- ▶ **Time Line** – April 2009–June 2009: Certification plan finalized and presented to ASRED and AEA for approval



Youth Entrepreneurship

- ▶ **Background** – An issue resulting from the SRDC regional entrepreneurship listening sessions revealed a need for investment in youth entrepreneurship.
- ▶ **Committees Involved** – CD, 4-H, FCS
- ▶ **Time Line** – September 2008–July 2009: Jointly design multi-state youth entrepreneurship training.



Summary

- ▶ Multi-state CD Training
- ▶ CD certification
- ▶ Youth Entrepreneurship



Communications

Information Items



Best Practices for Charges, Royalties, Permissions & Sponsorships

- ▶ Background – States vary widely in how they handle charges, royalties, etc. The Committee developed a document to consider “best practices,” not guidelines for adoption across the region.
- ▶ Committee – COMM
- ▶ Time Line – Completed



Summary

- ▶ Best Practices for Charges, Royalties, Permissions & Sponsorships



Information Technology

Information Items



Education and Administrative Reporting System [EARS]

- ▶ **Background** – EARS will add new requirements in Federal FY 2010. The committee will study a common approach for collecting and incorporating data.
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – IT, FCS
- ▶ **Time Line** – FY 2009



Summary

- ▶ EARS Collaborative Approach



Middle Management

Information Items



Middle Management Conference

- ▶ Background – The Committee will continue to offer a bi-annual Middle Management Conference. Georgia will host next one in Athens.
- ▶ Committee Involved – MM with assistance from PSD
- ▶ Time Line – April 6–9, 2009



Urban Pre-Conference Meeting

- ▶ **Background** –A pre-PLN conference meeting will continue to be held to address urban programming issues.
- ▶ **Committees Involved** – MM and the Urban Programming Task Force with representation from other committees
- ▶ **Time Line** – Monday prior to opening of the PLN Conference (August 24, 2009).



Succession Planning

- ▶ **Background** – Further develop the components of a succession plan that can be utilized for the recruitment and development of new and potential middle managers.
- ▶ **Committees Involved** – Middle Management and Professional and Staff Development
- ▶ **Time Line** – 2008 and 2009



Middle Management Exchange

- ▶ **Background** – Two members from the Southern Region attended a professional development conference for North Central MMs and extended an invitation for North Central representation to attend our conference in Athens, GA during April, 2009.
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – Middle Management
- ▶ **Time Line** – April 2009



Galaxy III Middle Manager Meeting

- ▶ **Background** – A national planning committee of middle managers is developing an agenda to discuss critical issues and ways to establish and use a national network
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – Middle Management
- ▶ **Time Line** – Galaxy III Conference, September 17, 2008



Summary

- ▶ Middle Management Conference
- ▶ Urban Pre-Conference Meeting
- ▶ Succession Planning
- ▶ Middle Management Exchange
- ▶ Galaxy III Middle Manager Meeting



*Program and Staff
Development*

Information Items



Online staff development courses completed

- ▶ Background – Course on Extension History is complete and reviewed. Course in Presentation Skills is complete and under review. These are on the eXtension professional development site.
- ▶ Committee Involved – PSD
- ▶ Time Line – August 2008



Surveys completed

- ▶ **Background** – Surveys have been conducted and completed in New Agent Orientation Web-based Modules and Leadership/Management Resources for Middle Management. Results will be posted and distributed.
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – PSD
- ▶ **Time Line** – August 2008



National PSD Directory

- ▶ **Background** – The Southern Region PSD committee has completed a National Directory of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals. The creation of a Professional Development Community is being considered.
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – PSD
- ▶ **Time Line** – August 2008



Survey of PLN Impact

- ▶ **Background** – Focus group input on PLN impact reflected a need for further surveys of PLN representatives. A report will be given to PLC at the next meeting with a further survey and published report to follow. This report could be presented in Orlando at the 2009 PLN Conference.
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – PSD
- ▶ **Time Line** – Fall 2008 – 2009



Recommendation to NEPDC

- ▶ **Background** – Templates and standards for eXtension learning sites need instructional design input. Confusion exists between eXtension’s 4 learning sites and sharing spaces. PSD representatives to NEPDC will recommend that NEPDC include Instructional Design input and review in development of guidelines and standards for eXtension PDC learning sites
- ▶ **Committee Involved** – PSD
- ▶ **Time Line** – Next NEPDC meeting



Summary

- ▶ History of Extension and Presentation Skills online courses completed
- ▶ Surveys of Web-based Modules for New Agent Orientation and Leadership/ Management Resources for Middle Management completed
- ▶ A National Directory of Extension Program & Staff Development Professionals developed
- ▶ Focus groups on PLN Impact have been conducted with a more comprehensive survey to be proposed
- ▶ Recommend Instructional Design input into NEPDC eXtension guidelines for PDC learning site

