

UW-EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 28, 2016

2:00 PM, Room 104

Location: Agriculture & Resource Center
227 1st Street W
Altoona WI 54720

MINUTES

Members Present: Robin Leary, Colleen Bates, Tami Schraufnagel and Doug Kranig

Members Absent: Paul Reck

Others: Jeff Ralph (WEAU), Jenny Regalia (Fair Committee), Kathy Schauf (County Administrator), Julie Keown-Bomar (Northwest Regional Director), Andy Heren, Sara Novotny, Brook Berg, Erin LaFaive, Mark Hagedorn, Marianne Krause and Karen Blaeser

Introductions

Chair Leary called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.

Overview of *nEXT Generation* Model by Northwest Regional Director, Julie Keown-Bomar/ Discussion

Julie Keown-Bomar explained the basics of the Reorganization Recommendations presented to Chancellor Cathy Sandeen. There has been a 3.6 million dollar cut to UW- Extension Cooperative Extension. This is a direct hit to the base funding. The big picture question is "How to do less with less and yet maintain the UW-Extension structure".

The proposed model currently has 24 (soft boundary) multi-county areas. The possibility exists that staff will be reduced and or combined across the new areas. Counties will determine staffing needs.

Julie Keown-Bomar stated that following:

- New areas could have multiple partners
- This will be a paradigm shift for UW-Extension and Counties
- WACEC need to be involved
- Staff will need to be more educated with digital services

Public Input

No member of the public spoke.

Q & A

The Extension Education Committee and both County and State staff asked several questions on the proposed model, which consisted of:

- Is the Administrative staff supported by the County
- Will the governance body and state statues still work?
- What is the tenure policy?
- What kind of synergy is created by new model?
- When do we start incorporating partners?

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Blaeser
Committee Clerk