OSU Extension in the City call, 4/14/2015

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Updates from field:

Steve Brady
- An urban emersion project, September in DC, with teams of people to buy food and cook it for the whole group. Given money based on the food stamp budget.

Patrice Powers-Barker
- Breakfast on the farm. Connecting producers, and consumers.

Nicole Debose
- Maintaining funding with food policy committee, focusing on African American Women at health risks, community gardens are being tilled.

Tonya Horvath
- Interviews for the CED position, 4-H is at the top numbers in recent years. Working with City parks. Securing the CED will help solidify funding to come in. Stem camp this summer.

Laquore Meadows
- Two new staff members, a Program Assistant, and snap ed program coordinator.
- Franklin County is engaged with veggie snaps, being a sub grant team, getting a large chunk of funding. In alignment with veggie snaps, they are hosting a training at the Columbus public health department in order to get health educators on board and ready with the pilot program.
- Participating in two OSU cares grants. One is FCS, and the other is interdisciplinary and intergenerational, involving 4-H.
- Had a conversation with Central State University, had a chance to meet with their initiative leader, thinking about their future presence in Franklin County. Specifically interested in FCS and youth development.

Beth Boomershine
- Two 4-H foundation grants, one to do some videos that is partially funded for 4-H families for people who have never been involved in 4-H. The other grant – TBD.
- Milwaukee trip - great experience that consisted of engaging conversations. Biggest thing is that first gen 4-H is not just an urban thing, it’s a first gen 4-H thing everywhere. Looking into decline of 4-H, and ways to implement new strategies, and use research to locate some problems. Not separating by type of locations, but to work together as a state for the same goal.
Dan Remley

- Working with Jim Bates on a project called “We Grill”, a nutrition program focusing on grilling, with a parenting/relationship education.

Tony Staubach

- We are working on funding, we have some great partners advocating on our behalf.
- The Produce Perks program is growing in Hamilton County and will be growing regionally.
- We will be hosting home horticulture programs each month at our office and will be hosting additional SNAP/EFNEP classes.
- Things are going very well with the 4-H Agri-Science in the City Program. The youth are really enjoying all of the programs and opportunities. We are meeting with our 4-H Club at Rothenberg, but there are still things that need to be done to make that club sustainable.

Brain Raison

- Community meeting with 50 people, Ohio organizing collaborative group. Faith based groups, starting an urban grocery or market, with access to fresh food. Trying to connect local farms to the people in Dayton.
- He’s been invited to Michigan and NC to work with them on their food systems programs.
- Keep your eyes out for eXtension with food group, Brian is working with California to coordinate a team.

Jackie Krieger

- 6 months ago, they changed locations, to a building that they share with Summit County health department.
- Great collaboration with WIC folks, with a demonstration garden and other endeavors. Expanded Chickwest program, to Akron and Coventry city schools. Looking for homes for a bunch of chickens.

State and national updates:

Annual reports getting sent out to large counties. Best used if you insert your own county highlights. If you want to showcase your area, add more stuff to your report. Using quarterly newsletter, we have a format that you an access on the city website. Now we are looking at how things are progressing, and how we want things to go forward.

Innovative grants are available through extension again. There’s a link to that HERE

The due date is May 15th. Funding for individual projects are up to $5,000

Patterson lecture May 6th – an awesome event, during urban extension conference. Great time to set up cross campus partnerships

State update:

Historical documents are being posted about urban Extension, and looking at documents in to a qualitative data analysis software to identify these. We are also doing a literature review through
JOE as a starting point to identify more trends. Doing a more comprehensive review at the state and city level

Timeline located on the Extension in the City website. Cityextension.osu.edu

Looking at how different states have been wrestling with common themes. Seeing that the same conversations have been had in the past, and today. Not a lack of vision or information, but we are trying to determine what to do next. Looking at how we measure impacts. What kinds of things are we counting? Looking at those programs to see if there is something unique.

Personnel: jobs have changed a lot over time. How is this working? What have we learned, what can we learn?

Julie did a presentation and had a discussion to go more in to depth about this topic. Trying to look at where we are with urban extension, and seeing what things we want to do.

Working group update:

Health and Wellness in the City – Sending out an assessment to see what people do and their activities and comparing the to the ecop health and wellness framework, to point out how extension is approaching that nationally. Potentially creating some publications. Setting up framework for how to set up health and wellness in the city. Using the publication at Weinland Park publications, and making it statewide with other cities, based on ecop model. Joe and Dan are looking into using qualtrics, so other people can participate. Trying to think collectively of overall impacts.

City Highlight

Chicago – Illinois extension as a whole – they have an urban highlights program. Different states position themselves differently… in Illinois, it is the urban programs resource network.

Laquore was able to meet with the CED, and learned about the various program areas. Chicago is very diverse, some of the programming is targeted to the diverse population s groups. There is both the Chicago area, and the suburban area. There are 7 offices in Cook County.

Team is how they refer to their core. Looking at their general brochure that they distribute, teamness is a big part. They mention their partnerships. Their large scale programs are interdisciplinary. To raise awareness about extension. Inquiry adventures is a youth development program with the forest program, similar to what happens in Cleveland. Spring splash that takes place over spring break that are programs for young people. Learning is timeless is targeted toward their senior population. They do a lot of external marketing as well. The CED refused to use internal marketing people, and decided to go external because there is some competition.

Unique legislative communication. Two people are charged to communication with legislators. With their various programming, they put the legislator’s picture on the program.

They have 46 staff, with many other volunteers. Talent acquisition and retention is critical to take care of staff, and have professional development with the team.
Cook County funding and partnerships – there are many of them, and they consider them part of the team. They receive $3.6 million from the state of Illinois.

There is no county budget, but there is a state budget. Very interesting political landscape. The governor has proposed a big cut to the U of I, which may change the landscape.

**Closing remarks:** state extension advisory committee has been moved to June third.

Brian just got a letter awarding them $3,000 to do a food summit in Miami county, will happen in September.

Smith-Lever webinar on April 7th, we will share the link soon. From Cornell about Extension in New York City.

If anyone is doing work with hospitals, they have accepting brains research on hospitals and local foods, and that information will be forth coming.