

Minutes

University of Illinois Extension Unit 13 Extension Council Meeting

11/ 09/2017

6:00PM

- I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Council Chair, Diana Herriott
- II. Civil Rights Training: County Director, Ginger Boas, Provided the Annual Civil Rights Training for Council members. In addition to providing Civil Rights policies, a comparison of Unit census data with program participant demographics was shared with the council members. A discussion followed about where to target educational efforts.
- III. Tour of Illinois Nutrition Education Program (INEP) facility at Champaign-Urbana Public Health Building. Council members had their meeting in the newly renovated INEP office. The space includes a Certified Commercial Kitchen, educational area, staff offices and a meeting space.
- IV. Director and Educator Reports
 - a) County Director: Ginger reported that there continues to be no movement with the County Board Match funds from the state. Hiring continues to be slowed, with multiple positions open as a result of attrition. (See Attachment 1)
 - b) Educators Ryan Pankau, Kathy Sweedler, Jamie Boas, Melissa Schumacher, and Caitlin Kownacki provided information about their respective program areas. Highlights include: Thirty-eight Master Naturalists graduated from the fall training. Master Naturalists have logged almost 20,000 volunteer hours this year. A new Master Money Program started this month. United Way of Champaign has invited Extension to apply for a second round of funding for the Money Mentor program.

Amy Cain will begin as Champaign County 4-H Extension Program Coordinator. This position replaces Kathy Mullins.

The INEP program continues to grow. The SNAP-Ed program added one new Community Worker position in Vermilion County. Caitlin discussed her role in assessing operations and helping schools and food pantries arrange their areas so that the healthy foods are appealing. She also discussed new partnerships in with area agencies and schools throughout the Unit. Melissa Schumacher, EFNEP Educator, hired five new staff members who started this month. Two positions will be in Vermilion County and three positions in Champaign County. She also reported on the Market to my plate program that partners local foods with INEP participants.

Participants are provided with hands-on family cooking education and receive a CSA basket full of fresh fruits and vegetables to fix the recipes at home. An evaluation of the program effectiveness is currently being conducted.

V. Old Business: Civil Rights Training

VI. New Business:

- a) Holiday Scheduling for Extension. Ginger discussed holiday scheduling with the Council. The office will be closed from December 24-January 3.
- b) Action Plans are being developed for program planning and will be provided to the Council at the next meeting.

Adjournment at 8:30

Next Meeting 2/8/2018 at the The Linden, 204 Wheat Ave., Rantoul, IL 61866