

Core Committee Meeting March 8, 2006

Attendees: Linda, Lisa, Pat, Jan, Aaron, Marianne, Jerry, Jana, Lauri, Ed

4-H Checklist

Pat will need at least a draft of the checklist for the SE District call on March 21st. The original request for the list came from the SE District. The checklist should contain the minimum list of items that are managerial in nature that the counties can use as a quick reference guide. Once established, the checklist will be put on the web with hotlinks to it.

Volunteers

- Need verbiage on the Volunteer Application

Members

- Signed evaluation release – change the language to mention IRB. The university requires an IRB if it is planned to release any data.

Safety Requirements

- A hotlink to Camp Management Standard
- There needs to be a link to incident reporting – info on when the report needs to be submitted to the State Office.
- Add Shooting Sports required training

Group Medical Release, Photo Release, Evaluation Release all together in one spot – this would be the hotlink.

Separate out what is informative (what is needed to improve a program) and what is absolutely required.

Jerry will produce another draft of the checklist and get out to people next week.

Code of Conduct Dress Code

- The council recommendation came into Forum focusing clarification on youth dress codes and codes of conduct for youth. In the committee process youth argued quite strongly that adults needed to be in the same kind of discussion. There was young people's testimony that they were embarrassed by the way some of the adults around them dressed. The

council recommendations come to the Core Committee – we can accept recommendation, modify or reject.

- Jana reported that Snohomish County has decided to go with the Code of Conduct for youth and “A Valuable Partnership” for adults. The interpretation can apply to the appearance and behavior of adults.
- Lauri stated that there will be new wording in the Fair Premium Book about appropriate dress for competitive fit and show in her county.
- Jana’s concern was that undoubtedly there are staff members and administrative volunteers that are unwilling to step in and enforce the dress code. She felt it is important to teach these folks how to intervene in these situations.

Suggestions:

- 1) Have to work with 4-H staff who are role models for youth in understanding that they do have the authority and they are not the “bad person” if they use that authority.
 - 2) Piece for VDAT also – they need to learn how to handle these situations as well.
- Need to separate the adults and the youth. The Volunteer Partnership has been well worked. There is a place here for the volunteer committee to have a module on “how to approach someone who is inappropriately dressed”.

Response for Recommendation:

- 1) The Valuable Partnership form needs to be dusted off and used along with training on how to use it with volunteers.
 - 2) Unless it is a state event, the counties should be responsible for establishing the dress code/code of conduct for their counties.
 - 3) Specific state events will have criteria developed.
- If we accept the recommendation with these modifications, Jan will work with the State Ambassadors and the Teen Programming Committee in reviewing the documents to ascertain if the wording is coming across. She will strive to accomplish this by our next meeting. Jan will assure teens that tools and training will be provided to implement.
 - Ed suggested that the youth that have expressed concerns regarding a statewide dress code should review the current documents and make their suggestions.
 - Lisa will approach the Professional Development Action Team with this issue and Jana will contact the Volunteer Development Action Team.

Change in time for Core Committee Meeting

The pros and cons were discussed. Jan recommended that we put this item on hold until she has the opportunity to speak with the two teen members to see if changing the time to 4:30 p.m. would be more convenient for them.

Know Your Government Conference

270 youth attended this year. There were changes in the direction of the conference – it was not just to learn a process of government, but to build from lifeskills that would be the foundation to seeing that process come to its fullest.

Three specific outcomes:

- 1) Honest communication
- 2) Positive relationships
- 3) Promoting other people's agenda as much as theirs

Career Development – the State Ambassadors

- Eight Conference Managers were trained to be leaders among the teens.
- Bumped up a number of teen leaders by 50%
- State Ambassadors took on a newspaper role – designed and formatted the newspaper. Delegates were asked to interview, format, take pictures, and some did a video. Each morning the SA's delivered the newspaper to the delegate's rooms.
- Each county came with approximately 5 bills that they had written in their pre-session.
- Seventeen bills became the legislative platform – the bills will follow delegates to the National Conference.
- The chaperones were invited this year to participate in Challenge activities and preparation for the Legislative Breakfast. The chaperones were excited to again be part of a youth/adult partnership.
- Jan shared that there was a lot of shared leadership, educational opportunities and relaxation.
- The team working on the curriculum is doing an extraordinary good job of integrating our curricula with essential learning which is required as part of the WASIL.
- The legislative speaker for the breakfast was Lt. Governor, Brad Owen. Pat received a "heads up" that Brad Owen was speaking in Lincoln County to a non-4-H group and he spoke of how powerful 4-H is and what a great impact it is making.

Committee Liaison Reports

For our next meeting, Jan Klein will be reporting on Teen Programming, Clothing & Textile, and Food & Nutrition. Lisa will report on Global Ed & PDAT

Our next meeting will be April 12 – 509.335.1700 passcode 5730

