

Core Committee Meeting April 12, 2006

Attendees: Jerry, Linda, Lisa, Jan, Don, Jim, Pat

4-H Management Checklist

- The checklist is up on the 4-H website. By design, Jerry has not put out or announced it, as he still wants to further test the piece.
- The changes in format have been well received. It is essential that the checklist be kept to the absolute minimum requirements for operation of a 4-H Program in the state of Washington.
- Jerry urged committee to alert him of any changes that need to be made. Jan Hiller may want to make additions under "volunteerism".
- The consensus is that the checklist is very close to what has been requested by the Southeast District.
- Jerry will announce the checklist after May 10th. There will be a hot link on the front page of the 4-H website.

Code of Conduct

- The Code of Conduct was brought up at both Program Days and there seemed to be confusion with what the original recommendation was at Forum. Jan sent a clarification e-mail of what the recommendation was and listed the steps the Core Committee was taking. She is requesting input from the committee before she puts it out on 4htalk. It was agreed at the last meeting that we would separate the adults and the youth members because the recommendation was modified that it is not only member, but member and volunteer and that a committee would be formed that would have 50% youth representation to discuss the Code of Conduct. The volunteer Code of Conduct is already defined in the Valuable Partnership. Don stated that the discussion at Forum was that the Valuable Partnership doesn't go into enough detail regarding attire for adult volunteers. It was also decided at the last meeting that individual counties would develop their own Code of Conduct.

Pat feels strongly that we do have a State Code of Conduct for youth. The Valuable Partnership is, in fact, the code of conduct for volunteers. Pat advocates that both documents be utilized for behavior guidelines.

Don's expressed concern to what happens when neighboring counties have different codes with members participating across the county lines. The solution might be for counties to make available on their website for other counties to view if they want to partake in an event.

- Jan stated that the Valuable Partnership Agreement needs to be put in the forefront as a reminder that this is a guideline for volunteers.
- The Valuable Partnership Agreement may be a piece for VDAT. Pat and Jerry will speak with Jan Hiller regarding adding to the training module.

Action Item:

Jan will look at the Code of Conduct that we have for state events and the code that Island County has in place – share both with the teen reps and ambassadors to reach a consensus and recommendation from the youth perspective. Jan will be meeting with the Ambassadors within the next month and she will email the teen reps. She will report back to the Core Committee at our next meeting.

Action Item:

Lisa discussed the dress code with PDAT via Kevin about the need to dust off the Valuable Partnership Agreement and provide some training at Program Days or Forum on how to use with staff and mid-management volunteers. Lisa will follow-up with Kevin to ascertain what direction he needs to go forward with the PDAT Committee.

Information Piece

Pat is very pleased with the work that the VDAT Committee in preparation for strengthening the educational outreach for the upcoming Forum.

Committee Reports

Global Education – Lisa

- Carol Beckman is Lisa's contact for this committee. As of January 2006 there was no Global Ed committee in place. Carol sent an email asking who in Washington State was doing Global Ed. She heard back from Carey Roos, Doreen Hauser-Lindstrom, and Nancy Baskett. Washington 4-H families have been partnering with three Japanese organizations since 1972. They will be hosting summer inbound programs delegates and chaperones and for 2006 Carol will have 30 Japanese youth ages 12 – 14 who will be coming to Washington from July 24 to August 10th. The summer outbound program is sending 6 – 8 youth to Japan for four weeks summer home stay. She will also have a seven-week program. Currently Washington 4-H families are hosting three students from different parts of Japan. They will reside on the west side of the state.
- Nancy Baskett has been doing cyber mentoring – mentoring teachers in Siberia since 1998. Nancy has recently added a partnership with a high school teacher to give Siberian youth and Pierce County youth a global experience through a cyber exchange. The youth from both countries

learn about each other's cultural communication skills that will transfer to global business careers.

- At Know Your Government, Carol had Japanese exchange students write an article for the KYG Conference. One of the students was assigned the job of a reporter. Each evening she would write an article for the following mornings issue of the "Bill on the Hill".
- Carol is trying to form the Global Ed Committee with Nancy, Doreen, Carey, and any others willing join the committee. If we are ever going to move our Global Ed Program on, we really need to get an effective working committee.

PDAT – Lisa

- Committee is completing a professional development matrix for 4-H and will present it to the A-Team the end of March.
- They have picked a theme for each of the Program Days. Each Program Day will have at least some part devoted to the Essential Elements.
- Pat added that the PDAT Committee did present at the A-Team meeting and it went extremely well – Mary Katherine Deen, Karen Poulin, and Christy Price. They did a very nice job reflecting the professional development within 4-H.

Clothing and Textile – Jan

- Have developed a logic model of their goals.
- They have a very active listserve where ideas and questions are constantly back and forth for staff and volunteers.
- They also had a display at the Sewing Expo.
- For past couple of years they have done a training at Forum in some area of clothing and textiles.
- They have been trying to go forth with some judging clinics, but have not had the response necessary to go ahead with them.

Food and Nutrition

- A listserve has just been developed.
- Have been working on the packets that are going out to the fairs. They are focusing on judging areas of food and nutrition.

Don will report on the Advisory Board at our next meeting. We also need to appoint a committee liaison for Challenge.

Pat alerted the committee that prior to our next meeting, she will have documents together for committee review on the Federal Plan of Work. Pat is very hopeful, for the first time, that our state 4-H plan of work and our life working goals will be in alignment. There are three major areas that will be emphasized in the next 5 years:

- Health and Wellness
- Citizenship
- Science and Technology Literacy

Our next meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on May 10. 509.335.1700 passcode 5730