



COLORADO FOOD SYSTEMS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Thursday, September 7th, 12:00pm-1:30pm
Colorado State University, Lory Student Center, Fort Collins, CO

Present:

Joel McClurg (member), Tracy Miller (member), Sandy Stenmark (member), Wendy Peter Moschetti (member), Dawn Thilmamy (member), Tom Parks (member), Meigan Lovelace (member), Jody Beck (member) and Brehan Riley (member), Becca Jablonski (staff), Reuben Gregory (guest), Libby Christensen (guest)

Minutes

1. COFSAC Bill & Sunset Review
 - a. LiveWell is proceeding with COFSAC bill – merging farm to school task force and COFSAC, may need to play around with the number of official members.
 - i. LiveWell and RMFU are talking about changes in strategy for Bill this year. Having additional partners are likely to be useful.
 - b. All docs submitted for the Sunset review. Have heard back a few times and they seem to be very happy with the documents that we provided.
 - i. Becca will check in about the process and timeline – will we have to go through the Committee.
2. Beginning Farmer Center
 - a. National Young Farmers Coalition convened a meeting to support a statewide Beginning Farmers Center – one stop shop.
 - b. Potential for CSU to put seed funding into it – essentially to expand upon existing Building Farmers program – with the hope that political folks will get it funded.
 - i. If CSU takes the lead, potential to have it located at the National Western Stock show with Adrian Card as lead.
3. COFSAC Leadership Transition
 - a. Chris Wiseman may be transitioning off COSAC as he is leaving CDA. There is a possibility he is going to stay on.
 - b. Discussion about Tom Parks stepping up as Chair, Meighan can stay as Vice Chair, and Becca will stay as staff support
 - c. Tracy moved to make Tom Parks Chair of the COFSAC, with Meighan the Vice Chair (Sandra seconded), unanimous

- i. Dawn and Tom agreed to jointly run the winter 2017 meeting
- 4. CO Blueprint of Food and Ag
 - a. Update on process
 - i. Blueprint includes three pieces:
 - 1. Public attitudes has been completed – report is available online
 - 2. Synthesis of Community Engagement Townhalls
 - a. Draft sent to COFSAC last week, received comment from Sandra and integrated, opportunities for additional comments through November
 - 3. Value chain is not yet finished – Greg Graff (in the Dept of Ag and Resource Econ) is the lead on this
 - b. How should COFSAC move this Blueprint process forward?
 - i. Should we split into subcommittees? Challenge is that there aren't enough of us. But maybe we could bring in outside people to support the subcommittees.
 - ii. And/or, potential to bring in people associated with each of the cross cutting issues so that COFSAC is better informed and in a place to make recommendations.
 - iii. Discussion about if cross cutting issue 8 should be reframed, or we should add point 9.
 - iv. Can we get edits by October 31st ?
 - c. Discussion about the release of the draft Blueprint
 - i. COFSAC members are going to support release by 'staffing' one of each of the 8 points in the last part of the session.
- 5. Next Meeting
 - a. November 15th – 10:30am-12:30pm meeting @ CDA
 - i. Framework for moving COFSAC forward, including strategic planning
 - ii. Hope is that COFSAC will 'accept' the document at the next meeting including discussions about how action steps will be integrated into COFSAC programming
 - b. Potential for February joint meeting with the Farm to School Task Force at CDA, depending on how strategic planning looks