

FCS Program Leaders
NCCEA
Indianapolis, IN
Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Attending: Chelsey Byers Gerstenecker sat in for Jennifer McCaffrey (IL), Pat Bebo (OH), Angie Abbott (IN), Ann Keim (WI), Deb Gebeke (ND), Paula Peters (KS), Jo Britt-Rankin (MO), Dawn Contreras (MI), Linda Boeckner (NE), Suzanne Stluka (SD). Chad Higgins (IA) sat in for Deb Sellers for part of the meeting

Program Goals for the Year:

- Support multi-state projects that evolved as a result of the April 2016 NCR Specialists' meeting.
- Encourage multi-state work groups to focus on having a consistent evaluation plan, outcomes, and indicators for their projects.
- Continue to explore systems for gathering consistent evaluation data across the region.

List of NCR FCS Multistate Projects

1. Dining with Diabetes – planning to meet in Chicago
2. Aging – survey out PLs for distribution in states; plans to meet in November and then at the Health Outreach Conference in Maryland
3. Master Food Volunteers – Linda B. will pull the group together on a conference call before November meeting
4. Farm Stress - The group has met and they will continue meeting this fall; planning to be in Chicago
5. Master Gardener / SNAP-Ed group – the group has met face to face; planning to be in Chicago
6. Food Safety – planning to meet in Chicago; Michigan State is the lead.
7. Together We Can – conference call and moving forward with plans, planning to meet in Chicago
8. Training Nutrition Educators in Systems Approaches – Minnesota has developed a training and working with Cornell; planning to meet in Chicago
9. Financial Resource Management Proposal – Group has been very active and moving forward with student loan project, planning to meet in Chicago
10. Master Food Volunteer – Group will be meeting in Chicago

Actions for the Coming Year:

1. Bring together the Specialists involved in the multi-state projects in Chicago on November 29-30, 2016 to have the projects build/refine logic models and discuss common indicators and outcomes.
2. Have monthly meetings to continue working toward our goals.
3. Meet regularly with NIFA and representatives from all regions to assist with planning the National FCS Program Leader Meeting in Omaha at NEAFCS.
4. Assign a State Leader to act as the liaison for each multi-state project. The assigned liaisons will meet with the multi-state projects to give them support. They will also report back to the rest of group on the team's progress.