



Work Group Updates March, 2010

NE Iowa Food & Farm (NIFF) Coalition- Teresa Wiemerslage & Eric Nordschow

- March 17: Presenting at the Decorah area Ag luncheon
- March 18: Driftless Region Food System meeting – multi-state food system
- March 23: Regional Farmer's Market workshop, Calmar
- March 23: Regional Food Service workshop on Food Procurement, West Union
- April 1: Presenting at the Marketing & Food Systems Conference of the Leopold Center, Ames
- April 29: High Tunnel Workshop, Decorah at River Root Farm
- Food Safety Certification (Protocol for Farmers) Plan – Johnice & Teresa
 - March 29th – local focus group
 - Goal – pilot this year, have farmers work on food safety plans over summer, potentially create opportunity to sell to bigger markets
- Ames meeting – Horticultural discussion

Farm To School Update – Flannery Cerbin and Rachel Wobeter

- Presenting at the National Farm to Cafeteria conference in Detroit in May
- Working with School expectations – garden produce in cafeteria
- County Team mtgs last month went well. Lots of interest in helping.
- 13 teachers participated in the teacher workshop
- Spending time observing the Cross-age teaching events at each school

Youth – Lynette Anderson & youth

- Regional Youth Team
 - Focus on communication with school administration
 - Working on RT Leadership youth representatives
 - Would like to host an Iowa Youth conference in summer 2011. They will ask @ WKKF Networking meeting in April
- Youth Team Updates
 - Getting the Waukon team up and going with Steph Perkins
 - Valley of Elgin – Lynette, Sue & Scot may go to a staff in-service
- Youth grant – planning on weekly time with Lauren & Bronc

School – Sue Burrack

- March 9: Almost 50 people attended the workshop for youth, adults. Topics:
 - Youth –Adult partnerships
 - Legislation – Healthy Kid's Act, Iowa core curriculum
 - Pilot Updates – Farm to School, SRTS
 - School Wellness Committee
 - The meetings are well received and participants appreciate the networking time
- Next workshop is April 8

- Focus is school wellness committees and building capacity in school wellness committee & communication

Active Living – Scot Michelson and Lindsay Erdmann

- 5 of 6 schools submitted their SRTS mini-grant proposals
- Will be interviewing Heidi Skildum for the SRTS Coordinator position. Deneb Woods will be included because of her expertise with SRTS mapping & assessments
- April 10: Iowa Outdoor Summit: Scot, Flannery, Rachel, & Marissa
- Chris Seeger, ISU Extension: interested in working with FFI – “Let’s Move” funding
- Tim Lane: IA Dept of Public Health: Inquiry about SRTS regional application for Education, Encouragement
- SRTS videos from Iowa Bicycle Coalition are posted at www.iowafoodandfitness.org
 - Safe Routes to School featuring NE IA schools
 - Wearing a helmet
 - Setting up a bike rodeo
 - Riding on paved shoulders

Community Health – Haleisa Johnson & Lori Egan

- 15 attended the Community Health WG mtg. on March 16
- Reviewed the CAP and the Community Wellness Grant
- Planning a Fall conference for health professionals
- Planning the presentation for the April county team meetings on the County Health Rankings