



Regional Leadership Team Meeting Notes

The NE Iowa FFI Regional Leadership Team met on August 22, 2012 at 11 am at the Postville YMCA.

	Allamakee Co.		Chickasaw Co.		Clayton Co.		Fayette Co.		Howard Co.
X	Barb Winters	X	Joanne Tupper		Kay Vifian	x	Donna Story	x	Laura Schmauss
X	Angie Gibbs		Vacant		Vacant		Gordon Murray-John	x	Elaine Govern
	Postville Team		Winneshiek		Active Living		NIFF Coalition		School - RCs
X	Mary Koopman	X	Johanna Bergan	x	Scot Michelson	x	Teresa Wiemerslage		Emily Neal
X	Cici Mueller	X	Brandon Friedlein	x	Lindsay Erdman		Eric Nordschow		Sue Burrack
	Project Coordinator		Administrator	x	Ashley Christensen	x	Nick McCann		
X	Ann Mansfield	X	MJ Smith	x	Karla Organist				
			Core Partners				Community Health		Melanie Stewart
	Communications				Youth	x	Halesia Johnson		Elizabeth Makarewicz
			Jon Jensen		Lynette Houser		Lori Egan		

Others present: Cindy Baumgartner, Arlene Enderton, Amber Moose

Ann Mansfield welcomed the group.

Comings & Goings. Welcome – New AmeriCorps, FoodCorps Service members will be starting Aug 30-31.

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- Proposal, Community Action Plan and Budget submitted to W.K. Kellogg Foundation for another 4 years of extended funding at reduced levels (\$300K, 300K, 250K, 200K)
 - Mansfield discussed the current discussions with NICC coming on as the 4th core partner of the work.
 - The NICC partnership would help support the 4th FFI strategy of Early Childhood Programming
 - Pending grants: USDA Farm to School, Convergence Partnership, Wellmark
- Next stage of work: Creation of a sustaining and diverse regional structure; transition to a new FFI Regional Leadership Council to create and sustain strategic partnerships to sustain the work. Reviewed the current discussions for the proposed council.
 - Reviewed of council member position description, membership and plans for recruitment
 - Meet quarterly at locations around the region. Evening meetings to accommodate work schedules and youth participation.
 - Each quarterly meeting would have a program focus of one of the strategies: school wellness, food system, active living, early childhood
 - 18-25 council positions.
 - Looking at a nomination or invitation process.
- Overall, the reception of the proposal was positive. Current team members recognized the need for this next evolution. An invitation was extended to current team members to consider positions on the new Regional Council.

The remainder of the time was spent receiving work group and county updates.

Next FFI Regional Leadership COUNCIL Meeting will be scheduled for November, 2012 with new membership in place.

Recorded by Teresa Wiemerslage.