

PLN *Ad Hoc* Committee Report
from Bob Schrader, Nick Place, and Bill Woodrum

Colleagues:

Summary of information received to date:

- 4-H response to questions I sent
- PLN Breakout Group summary from Mary Peabody
- PLN Breakout Group Summary from Rod Howe
- PLN Breakout Group summary from Kathleen Morgan

I have not received program feedback from FCS (Kathleen Morgan), ANR (Dan Kluchinski) or CRD (recently promised ASAP by Mary Peabody)

Looking to the NEED discussion (Nick) on Monday, I suggest the following summary of issues and next steps might be discussed:

Issue Area Opportunities:

1. Integrate efforts where possible with Food Systems Initiative – This is an element of all responses
 - a. Support vibrant regional food systems
 - b. Focus on foodsheds
 - c. Focus on ethic food production
2. Focus of health (diabetes and obesity prevention) with diverse audiences in the northeast. Elements to include
 - a. Access to safe healthy food
 - b. Health and well being
 - c. Workforce development
 - d. Value added agriculture

Aggs - 1519 - \$500,000

This was also an element of all three breakout groups. A focus on Latino audiences was also suggested

3. Investigate New Mexico Health Extension Agent program model for potential in northeast.

Michelle - Pruster Conf

*CT - Obesity -
Connection to medical schools*

Feedback on Process & Support: (primarily from 4-H group)

1. Identify other projects moving forward to encourage collaborations and avoid competition
2. Help the groups/team to set priorities
3. Fund teams as needed to come together
4. Continue to support and evolve the PLN model to bring faculty together

My suggested next steps: These generally concur with Bill's comments

1. Ask Directors to support further development of 2-3 teams (1-2 of these may be within the Food Systems Initiative)
2. Ask 1-2 directors to step forward to be liaisons to individual group