

City Advisory Meeting

January 29, 2020

Welcome: Introductions

Ashley Brantley: learning Muscogee County, Bugs on Broad (pollinators info for Columbus and Phenix City children) winner will have a bronze statue on either side of river, Fox Elementary – ANR education

Ashleigh Day: club meetings for elementary students, Agri-Science (poultry focus), DPA for 7th-12th grade students will create resume including community service, etc, judging will start soon, summer camp is coming (4th, 5th and 6th graders), scholarship openings available for camp, transportation always main issue for counties

Rhea Bentley: cancer cooking school impact statement – large Hispanic representation and received mammograms/PAP test, home visiting impact statements – supporting language development for school readiness – noticed changes and increased parental time reading

Tracey Saxton: handwashing lessons presented in September 2019 in 4 lessons, made contact with the Co-Lead social worker at MCSD to receive data and review the impact of lessons, Relationship Smarts (lessons target 7th-12th, healthy relationships, teen dating violence, conflict resolution) coming up in February with Girls Inc. and Liberty Theatre, in the process of securing Big Brothers and Big Sisters and Catapult Learning Academy for Relationship Smarts as well

Shiketheia Simmons: graduation with 5 children (80 people present), always looking to recruit for more families, excited to work in Chattahoochee County, plan to collaborate with MCSD – still in process of meetings to look at all options with Dr. Nelson, guidance counselor, finally received accreditation with help from Villacia Jones

Tammy Keith: PAT, school readiness main focus, sub-curriculum to update nutrition (will be piloting), increased age for children to kindergarten, curriculum has increased, asked to be a part of various pilot program

LaZavia Grier: FY19 ended in October, the numbers for Muscogee adult, youth and Chattahoochee adult include 171 graduates, 326 adults reaching 1214 family members, and volunteers donated \$6392 in service hours, very pleased with the numbers – increase in diet quality, physical activity, food safety and food budget, FY20 is starting off strong as well

LaRelle Copeland: in the hospitals and community, screening for moms that may qualify for First Steps – including other community resources such as Safe Sleep, if they are interested in the program – connect them with home visitors, starting Chattahoochee County collaboration and very excited – working closely with Charelle Radcliffe (Health Department/WIC to recruit), always looking to recruit as well

Educate: Governor's Budget – another budget cut (4%), has not been voted on, asking everyone that you know to talk to legislators about not cutting Cooperative Extension – employees cannot lobby but we can ask others

Plan: Please contact legislators

Engage: How you can help Cooperative Extension? How can we help you?

- March 6 - WIC Community Baby Shower at 10AM (happens once a quarter)
- WIC Farmers Market coming up in summer – all counties
- Safe Kids/DPH: car seat safety
- Health Department: June 30 deadline to move into old Virginia College building
- Jack Lockwood DPH
 - Community Health Assessment (16 counties)
 - Live Healthy Columbus: focus group to discuss need in individual counties (already planning in Talbot and Muscogee)
 - Improvement Plan with DPH with Natalie Mann – new employee with DPH working with Jack Lockwood
 - Faith-Based Wellness: February 8 at Mercy Med for next meeting
 - Vulnerable population – emergency preparedness (March 10 – conference)
 - TV playlist of health-based video to play in waiting rooms
 - HoSa – Harris County High School (Workforce development – start group in every county)
- MCSD implementation to talk about wellness opportunities offered
- MyPlate in school nutrition has changed standards
- Coalition for Family and Consumer Sciences – meet with them regularly, bring to state and attention to Governor (show more impact for Extension)
- County Commissioners: bring them numbers, data, legislative update every year, night event
- Program Development Team for all areas