

The Howard County FFI Team met on February 18, 2009 from 6:00- 8:00 PM at the Laura Rose Lobby at hospital in Cresco.

Present: Joye Meyer, Charlie Baier, Elaine Govern, Wendy Schatz, Missy Hvitved, Larry McGee and Adolph Mick Gamez.

*NOTE: A girl's basketball game and poor weather in the county the same night resulted in low attendance.

Welcome by Charlie & Joye. A meal was served. People introduced themselves. Charlie talked about the goals and gave reminder that previous web casts can be viewed as well as reviewing handouts and previous minutes.

The members reviewed the Regional Team Summary, Timeline for NE Iowa Food & Fitness Initiative Work (January – August 2009), "Request For Activities" and "Request For Activities Score Sheet."

Group Discussion:

What questions or comments do you have for the Timeline?

We reviewed the timeline and there were no questions. However, there was talk about community gardens and attendees did not see how community gardens would work as a countywide project. Elaine McGovern made a motion that community gardens not be part of the county level meeting discussion but instead is given back to each individual community. Mike Gamez seconded that recommendation.

What questions or comments do you have for the RFA process?

We reviewed the RFA process and shared the answers to questions provided and asked people to review the information and submit their RAF by April 1, 2009. The following questions came up:

1. How can a for-profit organization or co-op apply for funding if they are not a 501-3c?
2. Are farmers, CSA, or other food producers or suppliers able to apply?
3. Does an organization need to attach their IRS form to prove they are a 501-3c?
4. Could Kellogg give us some ideas of what they will be funding?
5. Will we learn what other counties are applying for prior to April 1 so we can do a joint RFA?
6. Who will put the final request together that is sent to Kellogg?

NEXT MEETING IS: March 11, 2009 6-8 PM at the Laura Rose Lobby at the hospital in Cresco