

Northeast Iowa Food & Fitness Initiative
Regional Team Action, 1/30/09

Situation from Scot Michelson:

The NE IA FFI needs a new fiscal Agent. The Human & Financial Resource work group has looked over all the information that the two organizations have sent to us along with their answers to questions we posed to them about their organization. Both groups can do what we need done as a fiscal agent but after talking to each group and looking over their responses, the H&F Resource work group feels the best group for the job would be the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque.

This organization brings a wealth of information about dealing with Foundations and have the staff and programming to handle our financial needs for the Initiative. They also bring to the table, other connections to organizations that can help support the FFI. They have people in their organization that are on some of our county teams. This organization helps support the Allamakee & Clayton County Community Foundations.

Upper Explorerland is the other organization that was interested in being the fiscal agent. We do not want to rule them out for being a partner with the Initiative. They have connections and people on their staff that can help with the Built Environment group issue. They work with County Engineers, Supervisors, and County Conservation folks on projects and grants. They will be a valuable partner for the BE workgroup to align with and get other grants and projects going.

Scot Michelson moved approve the selection of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque as the new fiscal agent for the Northeast Iowa Food & Fitness Initiative. Rick Edwards seconded the motion.

Results: February 2, 2009

Sixteen of 23 Regional Team members voting favor of the motion (70%): Rick Edwards, Scot Michelson, Mary Koopman, Brandon Friedlein, Robert Hughes, Carole Glawe, Danielle Bucknell, Eric Nordschow, Larry McGee, Leah Brown, Hannah Ranum, Brian Rodenberg, Sue Burrack, Halesia Johnson, Ronda Hughes, Karen Foster. No votes in opposition. All others abstained.