

# **NE Iowa Food & Fitness Initiative Regional Leadership Team Meeting Summary July 23, 2008**

## **Upcoming Events and Deadlines**

- A note from the WKKF on 7/9/08 stated that the Food & Fitness planning grants are being extended from March 31, 2009 to August 31, 2009 to provide an additional 5 months to support your local collaborative planning process. Bridge funding proportional to your annual award will be provided to cover this extension period.
- Spring 2009 –Anticipated Distribution Call for Proposal (CFR) for Implementation Phase
- August 31, 2009 –Anticipated Deadline for Submission of Implementation Grant Proposal.
- Fall 2009 – Anticipated start of Implementation Phase

Regional Team members gave an update on the Detroit Networking Conference. Summary notes are posted on web at [www.iowafoodandfitness.org](http://www.iowafoodandfitness.org), click on Regional Team. Sixteen people from NE IA attended. The conference had a Graphic recorder—created flipcharts during the conference. This presentation is available on the web.

## **Work Group Reports**

### **Built Environment**

Met May 28. Books are being worked on. Rich Bell offered services in rebuilding flooded areas. Safe Routes to School has been hired on July 20—Deneb Woods.

### **Communication & Events Planning**

Met May 28. TAP team member Sept 8-10 to work with WG to develop Action plan and communication plan. Carole is working on plans for Hog Roast.

**Community Health Assessment** –Applying for a Wellmark grant.

### **Youth Planning**

Met on July 21. Learned about policy advocacy. Talked about NEMS project. Inventory of convenience stores and healthy food choices. They are hiring a youth coordinator—will be interviewing in August. They will be forming groups at each school.

### **School Engagement**

Working on school meeting with superintendents. School Regional planning team with 1 rep per school that serves as a direct contact to the superintendent. Talking about setting up a Regional school group meet monthly to take info back to school wellness committees.

### **Vision Deployment Matrix**

Carolyn Corbin has been hired to write the community action plan and to complete the Year End report.

### **Inclusive Team and Diversity Liaisons**

Met May 28. 4 targeted communities proceed with projects. Concern with Postville and communications program. Plant closings in several communities are an issue. Flooding in Elkader took out low income and elderly housing.