



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Staff from the Washington County's Human Services Department (HSD) have merged the functions of the Behavioral Health Taskforce, the Community Options Program, and the Coordinated Services Team initiative. HSD staff contacted Paul to facilitate a process that would result in a new mission statement, vision statement, goals, and a name for the merged group. As a result of this contact, Paul facilitated three meetings that engaged 14 staff and community stakeholders.

Evaluation results indicated that 100% of participants agreed that creating a mission statement helped clarify their role as a group, 100% agreed that creating a vision statement assisted them in understanding the general direction for their group's future, and 100% agreed that defining goals increased their understanding of the desired results of working together as a group. Additionally, the group agreed to call the group the Washington County Behavioral Health and Children Services Advisory Committee. Overall, participants evaluated Paul's facilitation as excellent (4.6 on a 5-point Likert Scale) and one commented after a session, "Very impressive! (We) got a lot done in one and a half hours."



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Program Highlights November 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- Mon., Nov., 5th** **Taking Care of You Workshop Series: Stress Reduction for Child Care Providers**, 2 part series. Public Agency Center, 6:30pm-8:30pm
- Mon., Nov., 12th**
- Wed., Nov., 7th** **Taking Care of You Lunch and Learn** 2 part series (Washington County Employees), Public Agency Center, Noon to 1pm
- Wed., Nov., 14th**
- Thu., Nov., 8th** **Master Gardener Annual Meeting**, 1113 A/B, Public Agency Center, West Bend, 6pm
- Sat., Nov., 10th** **4-H Achievement and Recognition Program**, Washington County Fair Park, 6:00 pm
- Thu., & Fri., Nov., 22nd & 23rd** **UW-Extension Washington County office closed** for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will return on November 26th.

DECEMBER

- Tue., Dec., 4th** **Soil, Water, & Nutrient Management Meeting**, Millhome Supper Club, Kiel, 10am
- Tue., Dec., 11th** **Beef Quality Assurance Certification**, Public Agency Center, Rm 1113 A/B, West Bend, 7pm

LAND USE & PLANNING COMMITTEE

(UW-Extension Oversight Committee)

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

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Stephanie co-developed and co-presented “**Mission Possible: Motivational Interviewing for Farm Succession**” with Fond du Lac County Dairy & Livestock Agent Tina Kohlman at the Wisconsin Farm Succession Professional Network’s annual meeting on October 23. Thirty-six farm succession professionals (lenders, attorneys, accountants, consultants, and business advisors) were in attendance and participated in the hands-on activities regarding open-ended questions and listening skills. Based on a post-meeting evaluation, respondents (n=23) ranked the overall professional development opportunity a 4.6 (on a 5-point Likert scale, 1=“did not meet the goal” to 5=“exceeded goal”). When asked “What presentations provided useful information?”, respondents indicated the following: Motivational Interviewing (17), lessons learned from case studies (10), and WI Farm Center resources (10).

Following the meeting, an individual in attendance from the WI Farm Center shared “...that [she] would not have been able to work successfully with a client if it wasn’t for the communication and listening tools [she] learned...” from our presentation.



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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Training Youth Leaders: 80 youth leaders attended Washington County’s 4-H Officer Training. These youth were newly elected as club officers for the 2018-2019 4-H year. Youth met in officer teams by their club in the beginning. They talked about ways to create an effective environment for their officer team.

During the general session they also talked about creating S.M.A.R.T. goals for their club. The youth learned that a S.M.A.R.T. goal is specific, measurable, achievable, results-focused, and time-bound. The goal also needs to be within their control and not someone else’s control. Example: Our club will offer healthy snacks to help members make healthy living choices at our monthly meetings.

After the general session, officers went to their specific officer sessions ranging from president to recreation leader. Youth and adults who had previously served in the positions co-facilitated the officer training sessions. These sessions were to help them feel comfortable and confident in their newly elected office.



FAMILY LIVING EDUCATION

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Building Partnerships in Germantown School District-Carol’s role as a Germantown Youth Futures (GYF) Board member for the past 5 years, has been sharing UW-Extension resources for parents of teens and GYF board members. She also provided leadership since January of 2018, as the GYF board chair. As chair, Carol worked with Paul Roback, Community Resource Development Educator. He developed the strategic planning process for the GYF board. As a result of the strategic planning, GYF board members have moved forward on several identified actions items which included the approval of the modified GYF mission & vision statements, implementing Parent Chat sessions during GYF youth meetings, recruiting new board members and generating an end-of-the-year GYF report for marketing & recruitment purposes.

Carol facilitated the first Parent Chat “Let’s Talk About It” on Oct. 4th at Kennedy Middle School with 12 parents. Eight of the participants (75%) expressed feeling more or somewhat comfortable talking with their teen about difficult topics after participating in the Parent Chat. A parent stated, “having discussions with other parents” was beneficial.



NUTRITION EDUCATION (FoodWise/SNAP-Ed)

Renee Vertin
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For details on **Feeding America/United Healthcare’s** Mobile Pantry event, 10/10/18, in Germantown, see October’s article online. **American Mobile Home Community** approved FoodWise’s tacking up poster (left photo) in prominent site to promote the event. Photo on right: food distribution in church’s parking lot, and nonprofits making outreach (UH, WIC, Our Kids’ Closet, Berean Family Worship Center, & FoodWise).



Renee’s participation: meetings of **Full Shelf Food Pantry** Board and **Community Support Coalition**, and Centennial Open House of **UWEX**.