

## **Joint Council of Extension Professionals**

### **Minutes**

### **Zoom**

**August 29, 2023**

**1:00 pm EDT**

Mindy McCulley called the meeting to order at 1:01 EDT on August 29, 2023. Those in attendance representing KACAA were Adam Barnes and Corinne Belton, representing KAE4-HA were Deana Reed and Eric Comley, representing KEAFCS were Christy Stearns, Cabrina Buckman, and Leslie Workman, representing ESP were Amanda Hardy, Steve Musen, and Lynnette Allen and representing KASEP were Leslie McCammish, Nicole Breazeale, and Mindy McCulley.

- Review of Minutes – Minutes from the May 30, 2023, meeting were approved as presented and will be placed on file.
- Reports from Associations
  - KACAA - just finished with national meeting and Kentucky was one of the top 10 delegations in the nations. Many Kentucky agents were award recipients.
  - KAE4-HA – just finished with the state fair and now moving on to the other 90% of their responsibilities. Preparing for the national meeting in Pittsburgh (October 10-12). The state meeting will be in April.
  - KEAFCS – Heading to national meeting in Providence, RI with more than 70 in attendance. We will be hosting a virtual town hall tomorrow in preparation. State meeting will be held in Lexington in November.
  - ESP – State meeting will be held March 15<sup>th</sup> at KSU Harold Benson Farm. Will have a guest speaker in the morning. May be some optional tours in the morning. National meeting will be at the end of September in Billings, Montana. Dues notices will be coming soon from national, pay national beginning October 1, state will be reimbursed.
  - KASEP – Fall meeting will be virtual - look for Save the Date soon and Spring meeting will be live, April 17 at KSU. KASEP will be sending out a survey to see how KASEP can serve member needs better.

### **Unfinished Business**

- County Judge Executives Fall Meeting Breakfast – Covington KY
  - Mindy reviewed that the sponsorship fee for the KJEA breakfast this year is \$3100. Dr. Stephenson's office will cover the balance after the contributions from associations have been covered. The amount pledged is \$400 per association (except KASEP). The regional directors are selecting a gift and Ag Comm is working on a one-page handout that highlights our top community impacts for this year. We would like to have one representative from each association available to present to the county judges. Please let Mindy know who will be representing your association and she will send out information about lodging for those who wish to spend the night before.

### **New Business**

- Mindy shared the Promoting Mental Wellbeing and Substance Use Recovery Capital Impact Brief created by Lola Adedokun in Program and Staff Development (See attached). These Impact Briefs might be something that could be used in the future for Kentucky Judge Executive Association fall meetings in the future (there are only two developed to date, but she plans to create more, about one per quarter.)
- Mindy announced that the planned transition luncheon for October cannot occur because KEAFCS will not have had their annual meeting yet, so their new officers will not yet be elected and installed. Mindy will work with Natalie Taul (incoming JCEP chair) to secure a date for the transition meeting in December. The regular meeting will be held with Chris Crumrine on October 31 at the Hardin County office.

With no further business, Mindy adjourned the business meeting at 1:28 pm. We will reconvene with the Dean at 2:00 pm.

### **Administrative Update**

Dean Nancy Cox, Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, University of Kentucky shared a report on the \$100 million gift from the Bill Gatton foundation over the next 20 years. She shared that each part of the gift will have an Extension component. She emphasized that we will remain true to our roots and that the flavor of this gift will be to enhance rural communities. The actual name of the College has been changed to the Edith Martin and Harry Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment giving tribute to Bill Gatton's parents. We will generally be known as the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. When asking for input into how to use the funds, 500 responses were shared and Extension represented more than half of the responses. She discussed the Gatton Grand Challenges that will work on some of the themes that came out of the surveys and some others. The only "mandate" that we got from the Gatton Foundation was companion animal work. Dean Cox sees this area as an opportunity for partnership across many different departments and colleges of the university. While it is recognized that there is a benefit of having companion animals, there is hope that we can help fund some research to prove it. The College of Nursing Dean is interested in research on how horses can benefit children with Aspergers and other neurological challenges. She is excited about the opportunities that are available for all the Grand Challenges, but really expects that the companion animal will be a big win for UK. When the Gatton Foundation reps came to campus, most of everything that they saw was Extension but they sat down with Alex Elswick, Chad Lee, and Brandon Sears to hear a little bit about the work that we do every day. The Gatton Foundation expects us to be world-class in whatever we do, so we will do the footwork and groundwork to ensure that we have engaged all partners to ensure that we are.

UK Engage – Dean Cox stressed that the President doesn't ever intend for the VP for Engagement to be separated from the Dean's role. So, sorting through what makes sense, the Associate VP will always be the Extension Director. The first engagement academy will help faculty at UK understand what Extension does and does not do.

Also added first Behavior Health Fellow at 4-H camp at Lake Cumberland to help with adult and youth mental health resources. Working on a large partnership with UK Healthcare and FCS Extension. Also, starting County Connections in Daviess County, to see how many people from UK are in a given county. Proposal process by which team can propose new programs.

Dean Cox responded to questions about the James Beam Institute and what it means to the College and what it means for the economy as a whole. It was a \$5 million gift to build a research still and \$1 million gift to build a barrel house. The goal of this institute is to help all distilleries with common problems (like stillage waste – what to do with it), we have a comprehensive certificate program. As a signature industry for the state, as the land grant institution, we owe the state to work in this arena. The job market for students in this program is very promising. We are seen as the GO-TO place for an education in this arena.

She discussed some of the new facilities that will be coming to our college.

She wrapped up by discussing the fact that Extension seems to be in a better, stronger place than it was when she came into her role as dean. She feels, organizationally, a respect for extension from the President and across campus. She emphasized that there is nothing that we do through extension that doesn't involve Kentucky State University. She shared that we work together "hand in glove."