



# El Paso County Advisory Board

November 15, 2017

5:30 pm

Colorado State University Extension Office at 17 N. Spruce St.

## Meeting Minutes

**Advisory Board Members present:** Ed Dills (Chair), Don Bunce, Steve Loy, Kathleen O'Donnell, Cheryl Nunnali, Phillip Williams, Tyler Peoples, Sharanne Rothenbucher, Emily Killeen and Barbara Bates.

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of the El Paso County Cooperative Extension Advisory Committee is to promote, advocate, and support the County's Cooperative Extension programs and staff by developing and implementing a strong marketing strategy that results in educating community officials and providing information flow between county citizens and Cooperative Extension.

Member	Topic	Topic/Discussion
Advisory Members	Introductions	All present introduced themselves. Two new members were in attendance.
Ed Dills	Strategic Planning	<p>Barbara had prepared a summary of recommendations based on conversations with Emily and Briana (attached). Discussion followed including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible funding sources</li> <li>• “Hot” areas of need in the county/state</li> <li>• Community interest in 4-H; barriers to expansion with both traditional and non-traditional programming</li> <li>• Volunteer support from previous MFSA’s</li> <li>• Utilization of 4-H volunteers to expand their involvement in new clubs (mentoring is in place)</li> <li>• Potential impact of a part-time Project Coordinator for 4-H Youth Development In lieu of hiring a degreed AG/livestock agent</li> <li>• Strategy on moving from part-time to full-time in the future with support from the county</li> <li>• Steps forward in the path to defining, developing and filling county level positions</li> </ul> <p>Following discussion, Steve made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented and move forward. The motion seconded by Kathleen. All favored with verbal “aye”, none dissented.</p>

Barbara Bates	Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both Briana and Barbara received team awards at CSU Extension Forum for their contributions to Cottage Foods education and the Colorado Building Farmers program respectively.</li> <li>• Barbara shared a report outlining the 5 top accomplishments for 2016 that pertained to the El Paso County Strategic Plan 2012-2016. She also provided an update about upcoming events/programming for 2017. Ed suggested she market the CGC program to Tobin at FFCCHS. Many members of the Advisory Committee agreed they would enjoy participating in Super Saturday.</li> <li>• Discussion followed about how best to introduce this committee and CSU Extension to the newly elected Commissioners. It was agreed that Barbara would invite them to future meetings in December, January and February and see what their response was.</li> </ul>
		Meeting was adjourned at 6:40.
		Next meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2016