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**WISCONSIN DAIRY TASK FORCE 2.0
SUB-COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE
MINUTES**

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The Education and Workforce sub-committee of the Wisconsin Dairy Task Force 2.0 met on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 beginning at 2:30 p.m. via teleconference, based at DATCP, 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison, WI 53708 in Room 456.

Call to Order

Chair Lori Weyers called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Members Present

Members present included: Paul Scharfman, Amy Penterman, Lori Weyers, John Schmidt, and Rene Johnson. Bob Milligan and Krista Knigge, both Dairy Task Force 2.0 resource people, also attended. Dairy Task Force 2.0 Chair Mark Stephenson and DATCP staff Ashley Andre also attended.

Dave Buholzer was unable to attend.

Minutes

Approve minutes of last meeting

Chair Weyers asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Paul Scharfman made a motion. Amy Penterman seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Consider recommendations

Chair Weyers thanked Chair Stephenson for his efforts to make the modifications to the recommendations since the previous teleconference.

Chair Weyers introduced recommendation #6, the need to address barriers for farmers to take advantage of services from the DWD Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Krista Knigge gave an overview of the revised problem statement to make it clear that the Wisconsin created policy has greatly impacted the number of farmers that the DWD Division of Vocational Rehabilitation serves. Chair Weyers noted that the revisions were helpful in providing clarity. Mr. Scharfman moved to move the recommendation on to the full Task Force 2.0 as written. Rene Johnson seconded. The group approved the motion.

Chair Weyers introduced recommendation #17 about Wisconsin's "hidden workforce." One of the additions since the previous teleconference was additional information about the survey component. Mr. Scharfman is comfortable with Chair Stephenson's edits of the recommendation. Chair Stephenson noted that one thing he did was to put the study as the first recommended

solution, since the survey would need to be completed prior to the ‘asks’ for the other recommended solutions.

Bob Milligan shared his concern about what the full Dairy Task Force 2.0 will do with this recommendation without any specific action steps or budget. Chair Stephenson noted that the first step is likely to contact the UW-Population Health Institute for the possibility of conducting a survey. Possibly this could be done in-kind by the University given the support of the Dairy Task Force 2.0. As for funding, it is not likely to make this round of the biennial budget. The implementation of these solutions will be very important.

Chair Weyers noted that perhaps DWD could be a possible partner for funding for some of this work. Mr. Milligan agreed that would strengthen the recommendation. Ashley Andre will make the edit to ‘h’ as directed by the group: h) Promote the program *and also look for additional funding support* through the Department of Workforce Development.

Mr. Scharfman noted the importance of encouraging counties to do this work. Chair Stephenson clarified that ‘by county’ is included in the recommendation solution, a.

John Schmidt made a motion to move the recommendation forward. Mr. Scharfman seconded. Chair Weyers asked for additional discussion. Mr. Scharfman noted the importance of going county by county, mayor by mayor with this information. He can emphasize the Dairy Task Force 2.0 made this recommendation and now let’s bring it to your community.

The group agreed to move the recommendation forward.

Chair Weyers introduced recommendation #24, creation of a dairy internship program. Mr. Schmidt gave an overview of the modification since the previous teleconference including emphasizing the Wisconsin Technical College System as the partner, that the farm is responsible for paying for the intern, and that any state funds are for the technical colleges to support farmers and implement the program.

Chair Weyers asked for discussion. Mr. Milligan noted that the clarifications made were excellent. Ms. Penterman moved to advance the recommendation forward. Mr. Scharfman seconded. The group approved the motion.

Identify next steps

Mr. Milligan asked if this was the end of the sub-committee’s work. Chair Weyers noted that it is unless a request is made at the full Dairy Task Force 2.0 meeting that the group address another issue. Chair Stephenson complimented the group’s work.

Adjournment

The sub-committee adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Minutes drafted by Ashley Andre.