

NUTRITION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE FOR PLANNING AND GUIDANCE

We are seeking several *Extension specialists*, particularly in the Western Region in the areas of nutrition, nutrition and health, and/or health to serve on a National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Nutrition and Health Committee for Planning and Guidance <http://nifa.usda.gov/nutrition-and-health-committee-planning-and-guidance>. The mission of this committee is to provide expert opinion, share information, collaborate on committee work, workshops, or other initiatives and work with NIFA national program leaders regarding *future* national health and nutrition policies and programs to strategically position the Cooperative Extension System (CES) for the future. Please feel free to share with interested colleagues.

The Committee is comprised of 10-12 Extension specialists with a chair, co-chair, secretary and Committee members. The composition and the assignment of duties will be determined by the main Committee. The Committee has monthly conference calls with subcommittees created as necessary to address issues as needed. It is suggested that any one interested in serving discuss this opportunity with his/her Family and Community Science (FCS) program leader or director.

The roles and responsibilities of the Committee include (but are not limited to):

- Advise on the need for relative priority of specific topics within nutrition and health programming areas;
- Advise on the content, structure, and targeted audience of such programming;
- Provide feedback on training and resource needs of Extension nutrition and health educators;
- Assess the development, delivery and evaluation of Extension's nutrition and health educational programs;
- Consider the establishment of a nutrition and health curriculum review process;
- Identify a Learning Network in nutrition and health for eXtension to include potential leadership and focus;
- Help to ensure that national emphasis for related programs aligns with local/county needs;
- Identify professional organizations, potential partners and stakeholders who will support Extension nutrition and health efforts and programs at the national, state and local levels;
- Foster dialogue and sharing of resources;
- Develop national indicators to better identify and market nutrition and health Extension outcomes.

Please contact Dr. Jane Clary Loveless jclary@nifa.usda.gov if you have any questions. Please follow the attached application instructions and send to Dr. Jane Clary Loveless, **May 15th, 2015.**

Application Instructions:

1. Letter of interest (2-3 pages): include your current position title, length of time in position and percent Extension appointment; other related positions; describe unique expertise you bring to this committee; prior experience on advisory committees, and benefits you expect from this service. Typical service is a 3 year rotation. Please indicate if this is acceptable or if you desire a shorter commitment. Finally, if there is a particular subcommittee you are interested in serving on, please indicate this and why. The current subcommittees are evaluation indicators, curriculum oversight, nutrition and physical activity policies and programs, professional training and communications and linkage to resources.

2. Curriculum Vitae (shortened version, limited to 3 pages);

3. Letter of permission or nomination from your supervisor.

This committee is self-directive and develops goals and objectives based on the needs of the system. Some current issues/concerns being addressed include:

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