



Iberia FCS Advisory Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Amy Juneau. Amy, Mandy and Adrienne introduced themselves and program areas. Nikki LeMaire was unable to attend but did send information on her program areas for attendees.

Blair Hebert, County Agent and Parish Chair for Iberia Parish welcomed attendees. Blair explained the mission and role of the LSU AgCenter research and extension programs. He also gave an overview of the programs in Iberia Parish. Blair also discussed the budget issues the LSU AgCenter is having this year.

Time was given for members to review the minutes of the last meeting and the issues facing the parish in 2008-2009.

Amy addressed the issue of childhood obesity in Iberia Parish with the Smart Bodies program. The Smart Bodies Program went to Magnolia Elementary and Pesson Elementary in the 2008-2009 school year. She also spoke about the Six Easy Bites club that 4th-6th grade 4-H'ers in Iberia Parish can enroll in. Amy spoke about the Wal-Mart grant for \$2,000 to help expand the Six Easy Bites club and activities.

Mandy told the group the reason why we did not conduct any diabetes education classes last year is because the diabetes curriculum is currently being revised. She did say that she will try to offer the diabetes classes when the new curriculum is released. She did say that a super foods and heart healthy program were held in the past year, but there was a lack of participants at both programs.

Adrienne then gave a brief overview of the programs done for Family Development and Family Resource Management. Adrienne is working with the United Way and other non-profits in Iberia Parish to extend financial literacy information/education to individuals utilizing VITA sites and to promote tapping into EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit). There will be at least one VITA site in the parish and volunteers will be needed to help man the sites. The AgCenter has contracted with the District Attorney's office to provide a paraprofessional for their mentoring moms program. In addition, Nikki LeMaire will be working with the program in a supervisory/consultant role. A Character Critters in-service was provided for all Kindergarten teachers in the parish last year. Each teacher was provided with story boards and implementation guides.

After last year's issues were addressed, Adrienne reminded participants of what the purpose and role of advisory committee members are. Amy did address that most if not all the agents do participate in TV appearances on Meet Your Neighbor and KANE radio segments. Mandy stated that she and Amy are often quoted or asked for information for newspaper articles for The Daily Iberian.

Attendees were asked to identify current pressing issues that the FCS agents could address for the 2009-2010 programming year. Issues identified are: bullying, stretching your food dollars, and chronic diseases.

Donna Gautreaux, OFS Iberia Office suggested that the agents do fliers or short programs in the lobby while they are doing food stamp certifications on Monday through Thursday. Participants were thanked for attending and reminded us to contact us if the need arises. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

APPENDIX A
IBERIA FCS ADVISORY MEETING ATTENDEES
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Mandy Armentor	LSU AgCenter – Vermilion
Amy Juneau	LSU AgCenter – Iberia
Adrienne Vidrine	SW Regional FCS Coordinator
Donna Gautreaux	OFS Office-Iberia
Wilda Naquin	Iberia LVFC
Mary Lee LeBlanc	Iberia VFC
Bea Mamerow	Iberia VFC
Crystal Wiesser	Iberia Parish District Attorney's Office