



Recruiting Members to a Community Partner Advisory Group

Potential advisory group members may ask ...

Why am I being asked to be a member of the Advisory Group?

Your input is valuable because you are interested in the well-being of your community. You have knowledge about issues, linkages with community organizations, a variety of experiences and influence of others. All these qualities will contribute to a diverse Community Partner Advisory Group.

What are the benefits of serving on an Advisory Group?

- Networking with others who share similar interests and concerns
- Helping shape local programming efforts important to the people in the county
- Helping to gather support for establishing and/or extending educational efforts in important areas
- Participating in leadership and issue-focused educational events

What does Extension need?

- Help with identifying and framing the issues of local concern
- Assistance with evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of community-based programs
- Help with communicating to others the value of Extension's educational programming

What type of commitment am I making by joining an Advisory Group?

- Active participation during your term
- Willing to carry out the stated expectations of group membership
- Agreeing to work cooperatively with other members to determine the work of the advisory group
- Willing to share information with your social/business/community networks
- Willing to collaborate with other Extension planning groups

Within county government, what is this status of an Advisory Group?

The general premise is that advisory groups will consist of volunteer members. Most county boards have guidelines or rules for establishing committees and advisory bodies. A Community Partner Advisory Group should follow procedures used for similar advisory bodies and not be subject to higher standards, nor receive dispensation from local rules.