

Cooperative Extension Accomplishment Report 2016

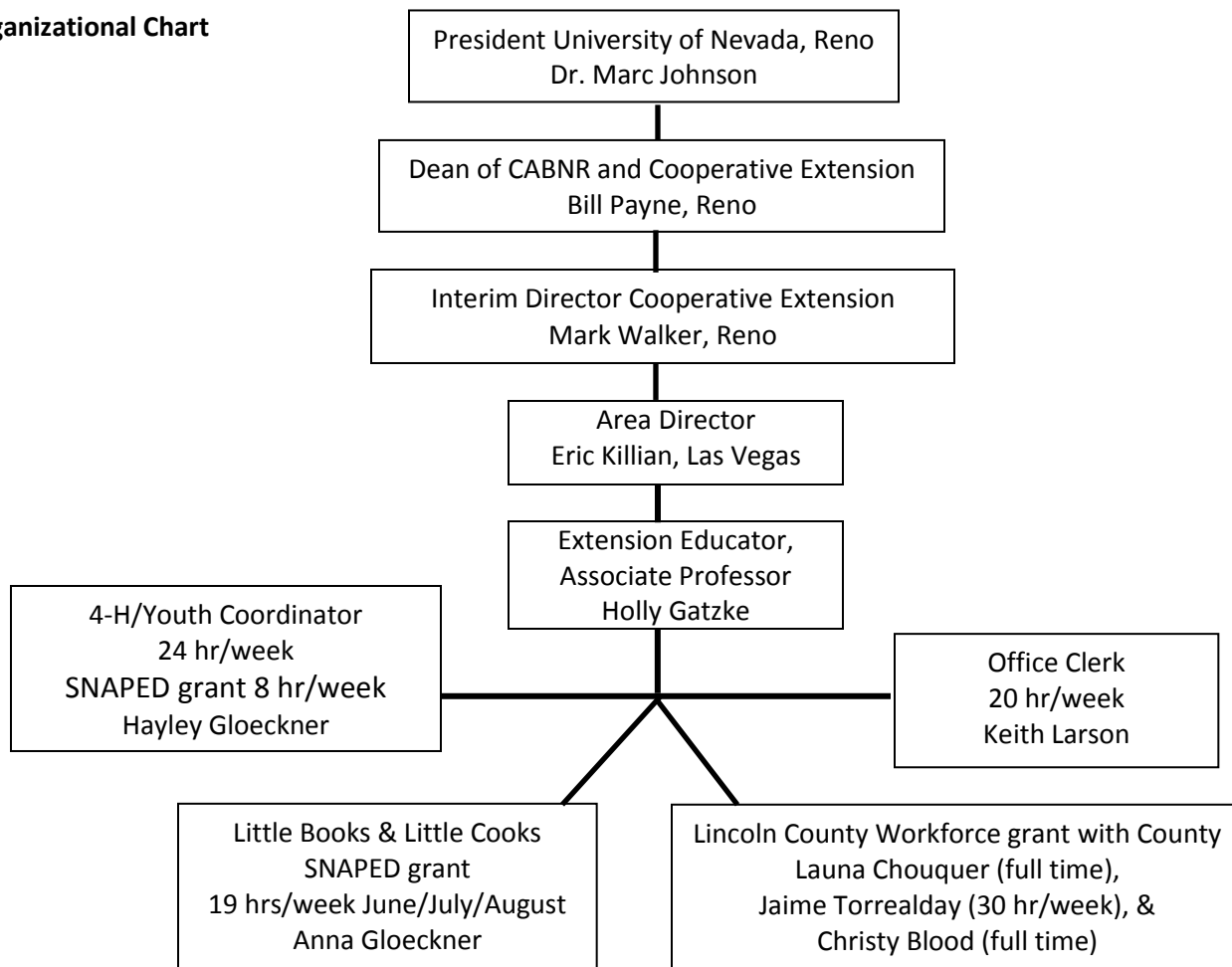


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Organizational Chart



**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION'S
MISSION IS TO DISCOVER,
DEVELOP, DISSEMINATE, PRESERVE
AND USE KNOWLEDGE TO
STRENGTHEN THE SOCIAL,
ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL
WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE.**

The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension was established in Nevada in 1914 as an educational partnership between the federal government, county governments and the land-grant university. Cooperative Extension conducts “educational, research, outreach and service programs pertaining to agriculture, community development, health and nutrition, horticulture, personal and family development and natural resources in both rural and urban communities of Nevada.”

The Lincoln County Extension website, www.lcextension.org is live and ready to distribute news of all of our 2017 programs through posts that will go to Facebook, Twitter, emails in Lincoln County.

2016 Programs

Local Food Industry

The Local Food Program resulted in further local sales of Lincoln County foods and statewide farm improvements from the education workshops and discussion groups on production, reduced risk, business, marketing and processing under Lincoln County and statewide projects. We have developed a curriculum for "Starting your Food Business" has been built and used in a fall workshop and will be further taught in workshops and online.

Workforce Development

Our adult career project educated 31 participants to not only acquire skills to gain occupational training and employment but also increased their confidence and life skills in planning and decision making. Of the participants: 16 became employed, 15 completed occupational training.

Fifty three at-risk youth were taught how to plan their career path through the workforce program providing improved education and career opportunities. By addressing barriers through individual education plans seven youth achieved their high school diploma or equivalent, three youth enrolled in occupational training, 35 youth received work experience education and 13 youth gained employment.

The evaluations of the workforce program are as follows (Significant increase in the "after" working with Lincoln County Workforce compared to "before" rating from survey):

Positive Change	Topic
23.7%	I believe that I can find a job that I like
20.4%	I think of all the results, both good and bad before making an important decision
20.4%	When I make an important decision, I think about how my decision might help or hurt another person

Health & Community Development

The health program ran the Little Books and Little Cooks SNAPED project in Panaca and Pioche. Twenty six parents learned healthy eating, positive interaction with their 26 preschool children and school readiness was gained by preschoolers in Lincoln County. Healthy Eating on a Budget SNAPED project continued to produce knowledge gain and improve behavioral patterns for food use and nutrition practices in the 35 participants. The pilot Community Garden and local food coupon projects provided over \$5000 of local foods to residents.

Our collaboration with Lincoln County Regional Development Authority, Lincoln Communities Action Team (LCAT), Rural Development, SBA, International Mountain Biking Association, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Parks and the City of Caliente will work community planning and business services needed to capitalize on the mountain bike developments. LCAT continued marketing targeted to surrounding areas drew in more visitors from those areas and first responder training for mental health created a greater positive attitude and healthier community environment improving local lifestyles.

4-H

4-H ran 34 4-H clubs with 42 volunteers and 211 4-H members in clubs. The youth expanded the number of completed projects from 264 to 352 entered in the Lincoln County Fair. Our office worked with 34% of the total youth ages 5 to 18 in Lincoln County in 2016.

Fiscal Summary

(County budget, grants awarded in 2016, and actual state and federal 2016 expenditures through UNR)

County Expenditure	Workforce grants	Statewide grants	State \$86,068	Total \$ 977,248
\$ 37,431	\$362,000	\$405,277	Federal funds	
			\$86,472	



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