**WPSU Community Engagement Strategy Discussion 11/2/2020**

**Attending:** Sherry DelGrosso, Jenn Judd, Sara Songer, Ilona Ballreich, Laura Miller, Carolyn Donaldson

Map

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Service Area 1  
Counties: Warren, McKean, Potter, Tioga  
Hub locations: Warren, Bradford, Coudersport

Service Area 2  
Counties Venango, Forest, Clarion  
Hub Location: Clarion

Service Area 3  
Counties: Elk, Cameron, Jefferson, Clearfield  
Hub Locations: DuBois

Service Area 4  
Counties: Clinton, Centre  
Hub locations: State College, Lock Haven

Service Area 5  
Counties: Lycoming, Union  
Hub location: Williamsport

Service Area 6  
Counties: Armstrong, Indiana, Cambria, Westmoreland, Somerset  
Hub locations: Indiana, Johnstown

Service Area 7  
Counties: Blair, Bedford, Fulton  
Hub locations: Altoona, Bedford

Service Area 8  
Counties: Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Snyder  
Hub locations: Huntingdon, Lewistown

**WPSU 2020–2025 Strategic Goals**

**GOAL 1. Foster sustainable connections with the communities we serve.  
  
Objective A. Implement a community engagement strategy, framework, and principles.  
Action1. Partner with Penn State and external organizations to consult in plan development.  
Action 2. Segment WPSU's service area into manageable regions with centralized activity hub locations.**

**Objective B. Deliver initiatives with inclusion in mind.  
Action 1. Review events to ensure deliverables are welcoming to everyone and presented with accessibility options.  
Action 2. Collaborate with multicultural groups to recruit volunteers and draw in more diverse participation**

**Objective C. Establish a network of community leaders and advocates across coverage area.  
Action1: Identify and establish regular meetings with community leaders from activity regions.  
Action2: Build a network of public service non-profits to deliver and distribute public media materials.**

**Committee Discussion**

1. What do we want to achieve? Scope and Purpose? Distribution or collective vision?

Do we want to solve a problem or need in the community or do we want to work with them to provide free resources and learning?

Jenn: go to higher level existing strategic plan to help guide discussions with leaders. Look at organizations like Lions Club and Rotary. Issues will naturally float to the top. Don’t have to do a deep dive assessment to be useful. Re: historic and diversity. Bedford is not a diverse community. Jenn’s father has done a deep dive into black history in a small town and how residents are related.

Ilona: does our audience reflect the people who live in rural communities? If we have an external org we need to tie in with Extension. Who do we call the leaders in the community? Not necessarily job title. Look for representation across the community.

Ilona: There are changes and unexpected changes in programming that we won’t know until the program is release. We should not try to address community needs.

Carolyn: Our Town deeply tells their stories. Most probably never watch PBS but will watch this. How do we keep them to be a lifelong viewer/member?

Ilona: Form an Our Town cohort and feed them information. Speaking engagements, find ways to be part of the town.

Carolyn: we have emails from storytellers in Our Town. Community Advisory subcommittee to brainstorm about involvement ideas.

Ilona: way to get them started invite those who were participants is OT. Have a reunion of OT heroes.

Sara: Likes idea of getting people who already know us. Spreads out input from different areas. Get some teachers to tell us what worked and what didn’t.

Ilona: Our Town Kids Cut are all grown up now. Reunion of Kids Cut Our Town.

Carolyn: Social media influencers who can get the word out and also provide content.

Ilona: See if board members have people in their community who would be a good fit.

Sara and Jenn: Send out a list of Our Towns before board meeting.

Carolyn: December 10 is next OT Moshannon Valley. Could do a teaser during live pledge.

Sara: Two big actions to work on from this meeting>Input from educators and connecting Our Town.

**Ongoing WPSU Engagement Options**

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