

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - District 2
April 2019 – Summary of Activities - Luke Allen**

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 19

COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS - 4

SCHOOLS – Seneca, CHSAS, Olympia, Tremont, ISU, Reavis, WILCO, Harvard, North Boone, Belvidere, Belvidere North, Earlville, Newark, DeKalb, Heartland College, Normal West, Normal, Rolling Meadows, Partners For Success HS.

COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS – Cook (x3), Grundy

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED – 1

PARTICIPANTS – 12

Using SAE for All and National Quality Program Standards tools, Ag Teachers, JJC WCFA conf.- 12

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 4

Performance review meeting- Dean Dittmar, Tremont

FCAE Staff Meeting, Springfield

Planning for IL FFA Convention AgEd Engagement workshop/room, Megan Coy, Champaign

Future of Precision Ag/Chicago Farmers, Chicago

IV. MILES TRAVELED – Auto: 1760

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 16

Judged Form 1 POA applications

Assisted IL FFA Staff at State Livestock/Hort/Poultry CDE

Prepared for and moved District 2 Office to Wheaton

Sent Teacher and Individual Informational Requests

Worked with Candidates in Completing Requirements for CTE Licensure with Stipulation Certification

Managed new Website project

Assisted schools in posting teacher vacancies and finding quality candidates

Assisted Ag Teachers and Administrators with Three Circle FFA and SAE grant questions

Interview with RFD Radio

Wrote and Sent Email Messages/Updated Email Addresses on the Listserv

Prepared for Meetings

Completed Monthly Reports

VI. COMMENTARY

A lot of my time was spent this month answering questions about IFG and 3 Circles Grant, in addition to moving the office from Joliet to Wheaton. I'm very optimistic that this will be a great move for the FCAE Project; it will save both staff travel time and considerable monthly rent. I have researched new copiers for the office to find a good deal but I think I can squeeze a little more life out of the printer that we purchased when I moved to Joliet 12 years ago. I have been answering many calls and emails about the IFG 2nd round of funding and the 3 Circles Grant, many teachers and administrators have commented that the new worksheet is much easier to use this year. I'm excited to begin working with the Section 8 teachers to begin building an urban ag production course and CDE during the summer. The AgEd website buildout is ahead of schedule- on April 30 the program/teacher/student databases, event registration, and chapter accounting systems are all completed and ready to begin testing. Fair and IFG systems will be built in May.