

## Checklist for Orientation of New County Extension Council Members

*(This outline is intended to serve as a guide for preparing CEC Member Notebooks and for setting the orientation agenda. It correlates with materials available on the Kentucky Advisory Council website)*

- \_\_\_ Conduct council introductions and/or an icebreaker activity ([See agent resource page for potential icebreakers.](#))
- \_\_\_ Review/introduce county staff
- \_\_\_ Provide an overview of Cooperative Extension and the Council System
  - Mission and values
  - Extension history and enabling legislation
  - Extension structure and leadership
  - County Extension Council overview
  - Extension District Board overview
  - State Extension Advisory Council Overview

(Provide a copy of the "Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service Council System" publication for additional information and reference. A PowerPoint slide deck that corresponds to the publication is available [on the agent resource page](#) and can be adapted for local use.)
- \_\_\_ Review of Job Description for County Extension Council Members ([See agent resource page.](#))
- \_\_\_ Provide a description of the local County Extension Council with copies of the following as applicable:
  - County Constitution and Bylaws (provide a copy)
  - Membership list noting terms and rotation
  - Frequency and schedule of meeting
  - Officer list and description of duties
  - List of committees and descriptions of each (Info sheets for each recommended standing committee are available on [the agent resource page.](#))
  - Information about council projects/programs
  - Pending projects/plans for year
- \_\_\_ Share county demographics  
(Consider sharing [Kentucky by the Numbers](#) and/or [Blueprint Kentucky County Data Profiles](#))
- \_\_\_ Review a description of local programs, Plan of Work Emphases, and their impacts  
(County develops synopsis of emphases, including goals, impacts, etc.)
- \_\_\_ Funding and Budgets (Ensure any budgets shared are formatted to avoid disclosing specific salaries.)
- \_\_\_ Parliamentary Procedure/Robert's Rules of Order ([IP-15 – Simple Parliamentary Procedure](#))
- \_\_\_ Continued education of members may be done during regular meetings of the council throughout the year. Be sure to share with council members if any specific trainings are planned.

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