2008-09 PROGRAM WORK TEAM ANNUAL REPORT FORM
(Please complete items 1, 2, 3 and 4 below)

1. Full name of your Program Work Team (PWT): Poverty & Economic Hardship

2. Names, affiliations and e-mail addresses of the PWT Co-Chairs: (With an asterisk [*], please indicate the co-chair responsible for finalizing this report.)

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3. As a separate attachment, please provide a list of names, affiliations and email addresses only of active members of the PWT. We realize the organizational structure of the PWTs varies widely. We are interested in obtaining contact information about individuals in the core decision-making or planning group of the PWT, not in an exhaustive list of all participants in general meetings or activities.

4. Please identify your PWT’s activities, accomplishments, and, most importantly, outcomes and impacts over the past year.

   In your successful PWT petition, your team committed to:
   • Fully engage your member stakeholders, especially externals.
   • Address specific statewide program needs.
   • Conduct or plan to conduct programs/activities to address those needs.
   • Seek and document productive outcomes through evaluation efforts.
   • Integrate applied research and extension activities.
   • Foster multidisciplinary approaches.
   • Explore external sources of support for PWT efforts and programs.

   PWT co-chairs should do their best to convey their team’s progress and accomplishments. Co-chairs are encouraged to choose and include any information that they believe best reflects the productive results of their team’s activities and that they wish to share with other PWTs, Program Councils, administration, and the public in general. It is particularly important to include specific programming outcomes and impacts in your report. Please consider and report any changes in audience behavior, skills, or conditions, and what differences occurred in individuals, groups, families, businesses, or communities due to your team’s work.

   Via the main PWT website http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/admin/pwt/approvedpwts.htm you can find your PWT’s petition and its previously submitted annual reports to use as reference.

   Please use the next page-and-a-half to report on your PWT’s progress and activities in FY 2008-09.
The completed report can be emailed as a WORD attachment to: Mike Duttwiler (jmwd1@cornell.edu) by Friday, February 5, 2010. Please give the WORD attachment a filename that includes the surname of the lead PWT co-chair (example: Smith-PWTReport07-08.doc).

Poverty & Economic Hardship Program Work Team
2009 Accomplishments

The team met on campus June 12, 2009 to assess progress and chart a course of action for the next period of time. During the first year the group adopted a “statement of purpose” to set the basic direction for the work. Now what is needed is a body of work from which to form a learning community, establish curriculum, and connect to stakeholders.

Three areas work were agreed to, and these areas will be initiated by writing “policy briefs” to be published by CaRDI. This policy briefs are envisioned to function as platforms for educational programs that set direction for the PWT.

1. “Poverty and Nutrition.” Kate Dickin in the Division of Nutritional Sciences will take the lead along with Tom Hirschl in this area. Nutrition is a fundamental need that is directly affected by poverty, and CCE has a long legacy of programming in this area. However much of this programming does not consider the ramifications and constraints related to poverty, and what communities need to and can do when poverty increases markedly or is unattended by state and federal policy.

2. “Poverty and Communities of Faith.” Dan Williams of Catholic Charities, Steuben County is taking the lead on this paper, and will collaborate with a group at Union Theological Seminary who have started a “Poverty Initiative” (http://povertyinitiative.org/). Poverty is fundamental social question related to
spirituality and social justice, and is a long-time concern of theologians and religious visionaries. In particular Martin Luther King, Jr. articulated a vision of a society without poverty, and this vision remains a motivating force within the movement to end poverty.

3. “Poverty and Health.” Andrea Haradon of the New York State Rural Health will take the lead in this paper. Poverty, especially within childhood, is recognized as a major determinant of health. Can communities fight poverty as a strategy to achieve better health status? This question will be explored in this policy brief.

The team is focused on writing these documents as its primary activity/impact/collaboration...