Paul was contacted by the president of the Kettle Moraine Symphony board to provide facilitation that would assist the board in being more strategic. After a preplanning meeting with board leadership, Paul designed and facilitated a four-hour strategic planning session that was attended by nine board members.

As a result of this facilitation, 100% of the participants strongly agreed that reviewing the organization’s mission statement helped clarify their role as an organization, 100% strongly agreed that creating a vision statement assisted them in understanding the general direction for the organization’s future, 100% strongly agreed that identifying and prioritizing goals increased their ability to identify issues and set priorities, and 88% strongly agreed that discussing action plans increased their ability to focus goals into future actions. Overall, 100% of the participants evaluated Paul’s facilitation as excellent. A participant commented that Paul is “an excellent facilitator of group organizational development…I specifically asked the Board to allow me to contact you and ask for your help.”
Farm Technology Days: The 2017 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days was held in Algoma July 11-13. UW-Extension hosts the Education Station each year with both indoor and outdoor displays. Stephanie was on the education committee and lead the Specialist Central and Farm Business areas. Other theme areas included animal management and technology, crops and soils, water management, horticulture, and fruit.

Over 300 people participated in the discussions in Specialist Central on dairy, farm business, and water management. Washington and Ozaukee county residents were in attendance throughout the three day show and participated in three of the specialist discussions including language access and simultaneous interpretation activities.

4-H Summer Outreach: This summer the UW-Extension Office has been teaming up with partner agencies to reach youth in our community. Our Summer Outreach Coordinator, Adrianna Lubner, has coordinated hands-on activities and 4-H experiences for youth at Family Promise, Riveredge Nature Center, Casa Guadalupe, and through West Bend and Hartford Parks Programs. She has also educated youth at Safety Town and through our own third annual Zombie Survival Day Camp. Our Summer Outreach program would not have been possible without financial support from Washington County Human Services Department and without our partner agencies. Thank you!

Fall Open Houses: As we wrap up our summer programming, we are getting excited for our fall Open Houses. New families are invited to learn more about 4-H on Wednesday, August 9th from 5—7 pm at Washington County Fair Park. Youth will be invited to participate in hands-on activities and talk to youth members and adult volunteers. Can’t make it August 9th? There is also a mini open house Monday, August 14th from 6—8 pm at the United Way Resource Center in Hartford.

25% of kids ages 6 to 15 attain the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity each day. FoodWise Educator Sarah Faust used jump ropes donated by Modern Woodmen of America as a fun activity to lead kids in reaching this goal, helping them to strive for healthy weight, and to improve mood and mental health. A 5-lesson series was provided to 80 youth at 3 Summer Program sites of Hartford and West Bend Rec Depts. Youth (grades 3+) also used the MyPlate tool to make healthy food choices, and learned that eating a variety of produce helps their bodies. Sarah guided youth toward positive dietary changes by offering tastings of new fruits and vegetables. 65 responses in post-lesson surveys revealed youth committed to 117 behavior changes to improve produce intake in the upcoming week. Evidence-based nutrition programs help youth develop awareness and establish healthy habits for a lifetime.