EVENT BRIEFING MEMO: The Experience of Civilian Workers in Rural Settings
Iowa City Public Library | Fellowship Area ★ 123 S Linn St ★ Iowa City, IA 52240

Staff Lead: [Redacted]   Lead Commissioner: Jeanette   Co-Lead Commissioner: ED

EVENT DATE & TIME: June 27, 2018 | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:
Commissioners will engage in an hourlong roundtable discussion in Iowa City with local, state, and federal
civil servants, focusing especially on civil service issues as they pertain to small towns and rural
communities. The goal of the discussion is to better understand challenges of attracting and retaining
public servants in non-urban areas, especially for high-demand expertise and younger Iowans who are
interested in public service.

The purpose of this meeting is:
• What are the barriers to public service in small towns and rural communities?
• What are critical, agricultural/rural needs that can be met through dedicated public service
opportunities?

PARTICIPANTS:
Participants will be government employees from the city, state, county and federal level. Some of the
represented agencies include Johnson County Board of Supervisors Office, Johnson County Farm Service

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
The questions below are provided for guidance only and are not intended to serve as a protocol or script
for the meeting.

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]