Case Study: Health Fairs

CASE STUDY NOTICE
The following case study is designed to be instructive of the issues that should generally be addressed in the situation described; they are not an exhaustive list of actions for every similar situation faced by Extension employees. The particular facts of the situation will always dictate the appropriate response. Specific questions related to a particular fact pattern should be discussed with the proper Extension administrator(s).

SITUATION:

The County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences has been made aware by a member of the Community Health Fair planning committee that a couple of vendors, who may be considered controversial, have been invited to participate in the annual upcoming health conference.

Instructions: Using the above situation, consider and discuss the following questions:
1. When confronted with the information presented in the scenario, how might you respond?
2. How would you suggest handling this situation in the future?

Immediate response and future solutions:
1. Work with collaborators to determine exactly what the exhibits/presentations/topics are going to be.
2. If topic/vendor is considered to be controversial, work with your immediate supervisor to determine whether it is appropriate for Extension to participate.
3. Contact supervisor to inform him/her of the situation, seek advice on any follow-up.