



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**TO:** Washington Association of County Officials Membership

**FROM:** Stacie Prada, Jefferson County Treasurer  
Education Committee Chair

**SUBJECT:** 2020 EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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Since our 2019 conference, not only have we learned more about how “We are Family,” but how “We’re All in this Together.” Over the course of the past year the Education Committee’s work has echoed those themes.

We began our work buzzing with post-Conference excitement. In a post-Conference survey, attendees rated their general experience at the conference, 43% of attendees rated their experience as a five, based on a scale from one - five and 47% of attendees rated their experience as a four. Additionally, WACO Staff received positive reviews from conference attendees

As we entered 2020, the Committee began work in earnest to host an in-person conference like every conference in the past six decades. But the Committee quickly had realized that it had to adjust to the realities we face due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Not only has the committee worked diligently to present an entirely online conference; but we also created a number of training opportunities online for both the entire WACO membership, as well affiliate specific online trainings.

The scope of the Committee’s work was in flux during 2020, and it was a perfect opportunity to work towards creating an Education Strategic Action Plan that gives more definition to the work and goals of the Committee. At the time of writing this report we are nearly complete with the initial draft.

As we move forward you can expect more online opportunities for education, as well

as some great public outreach initiatives. I look forward to seeing what the next chair and the committee accomplish in 2021.