

Florida Association of County Human Services  
Administrators  
Annual Meeting  
July 1, 2010  
Tampa, FL  
10:00 AM

Vikki Carpenter, Charlotte County  
Claudia Tuck, Palm Beach County  
Pauline Tracy, Sarasota County  
Beth Ryder, St. Lucie County  
Susan Myers, Broward County  
Tom Cavalari, Hillsborough County  
Royetta Runyon, Pasco County  
Ed Folkes, Pasco County  
Bonnie Hinsen, Alachua County  
Tom Joyner, Duval County  
Elmira Warren, Alachua County  
Candy Nixon, Alachua County  
Emily Lewis, Charlotte County  
Maureen Freaney, Pinellas County  
Clark Scott, Pinellas County  
Wilma Daniels, Polk County  
Jan Howell, Polk County  
Heather Wildermuth, FAC Legislative Representative – Health and Human Services  
Sarah Carroll, FAC – FAC Legislative Representative - Public Safety Advocate

**Welcome** - Beth Ryder, President, called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

**Introductions** – Attendees were asked to introduce themselves around the room and discussed what is going on in each county, budget and staffing cuts.

**Secretary's Report** – Marcy Krumbine, Secretary, presented the minutes for approval.

Vikki Carpenter moved to approve the minutes of the June 2009 Annual Business Meeting and Elmira Warren seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vikki Carpenter moved to approve of December 2009 Legislative Business Meeting Minutes and Susan Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pauline Tracy moved to approve the February 2010 Workshop Meeting Minutes and Jan Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Claudia Tuck presented the Treasurer's Report.

Checking Account Beginning Balance - \$10,795  
CD - \$5,000

Received – interest and dues – \$345.02

Total Income - \$15,795.10

Expenditures – \$2,798.54

Ending Balance - \$13,341.59

Elmira Warren made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and Pauline Tracy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion on dues was presented by the officers of the association because we waived the collection of dues this past year:

Beth Ryder mentioned that we should pay dues to keep organization going. Susan Myers wondered if there were ways to do it differently. Elmira Warren expressed the importance in supporting a professional organization.

Susan Myers presented a motion to reinstate membership dues and Pauline Tracy seconded the motion. If a member faces a hardship in payment, a case may be presented to the Executive Committee who has the authority to waive the dues. Motion carried.

It was discussed to have a workshop on legislative issues in August and another February.

## **Legislative Update**

### **Sarah Carrol, FAC Legislative Representative for Public Safety –**

Inmate Medical Bill – to cap the cost at 110% of Medicaid. The bill was amended early on in session to limit the cost of reimbursement for inmate medical services to 110% of Medicare. This passed Senate and not the House. Bill is expected to come back next year. FAC welcomes feedback.

Juvenile Justice - \$2.5 million dollar reduction for non-fiscally constrained counties last session. Unequal cost share between county and state – counties pay a much higher rate for the same detention care. Two counties are challenging statute on cost share, for those interested in joining please contact FAC or Stephen Todd with Hillsborough County Attorney’. Seven counties are challenging the 2008-09 fiscal year reconciliation. The multi-county challenge is scheduled October 19-22 in Orlando. All counties are welcome to join this formal dispute process. . DJJ is creating a Task Force to develop a Certification rule for counties that wanting to operate their own detention facilities. The first meeting will be July 19.

Pre-trial Bills – limited who could go under the pre-trial programs. Bill was defeated but may come back next session. There is a workgroup coming together to discuss limits and strategies for next session.

Reinvestment Grants – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation no longer exists but a little expansion money is available this year. \$3 Million for implementation and expansion grants.

Red Light Bill – revenue from red light tickets is to go to local Trauma Center.

Saved library funding

### **Heather Wildermuth, FAC Legislative Representative for Health and Human Services**

Heather reported that FAC was holding a series of webinars and invited members to attend. She then reported on the three priorities for Health and Human Services Agenda.

County Health Department – To reinstate the rate exemption. That bill was not successful and she hopes that it will be re-filed this year.

HB 5311 – acted as a compromise to the House’s plan to completely reorganize DOH. It included the following: no new programs to be instituted, no grant applications w/o permission, OPPAFA to do comprehensive study of Department, Physician Workforce Advisory Council and Medical Education Innovation Pilot Projects. Cost-based reimbursement (state share) reduction at \$40.3 million and general revenue reduction of \$10.5 million. \$4.4 million in budget authority to DOH for additional Critical Class positions within County Health Department includes physicians, nurses, and dentists. This bill passed.

Homelessness – various bills and issues included:

Collection of \$1 voluntary contribution from motor vehicle registrations and driver’s license. This bill failed.

HB11 – crimes against homeless and categorizing homeless as a protected class. This bill passed.

\$2 million for Challenge Grant; \$3.25 Homeless Housing Assistance Grant, maintained \$4.1 million for homeless

Medicaid Reform – SB 1484 – extend the existing Medicaid 1115 waiver, preserves LIP, directed AHCA to develop methodologies to maintain the use of IGT’s in a Medicaid managed care

Children Services Councils for the early learning coalitions passed.

Reduce Healthy Families by a \$10 million cut. This passed.

Restore direct services funding for mental health and substance abuse (County Programs) \$14.4 million provided to 30 counties across the state. This passed.

Senior Services Special Taxing District. This bill failed.

**Reconvening at 2:05 – Pauline Tracy** – called the meeting to order and introduced Martha Lenderman from Pinellas Park, FL. Martha was honored with the FACHSA – Human Services Award.

Martha presented information on what the Baker Act is and is not (psychiatric and not medical). There are other laws on the books to accept patients in the hospital and provide other interventions for adult protective services, guardianships, nursing homes and ALFS. A facility can only accept a person who has been Baker Acted if they have been designated as an official receiving facility by DCF. Other facilities may accept involuntary admissions for emergency conditions for psychiatric evaluation and short term care. Baker Act Receiving Facilities are not treatment facilities. They do accept Baker Act admissions 24/7.

Voluntary admissions for adults/minors – have to be certified for competent within 24 hours.

Involuntary – reason to believe – mental illness, and danger for neglect or bodily harm.

Transportation is a huge issue . Unless the County contracts out the transportation services for Baker Acts, law enforcement is required to provide transport to the closest receiving facility unless there is an approved Transportation Exception Plan (TEP) in place..

Marchman Act – believed to be substance abuse impaired or loss of self-control and may cause physical harm to self or others – involuntary admissions; non-court or court involved admissions. Protective custody with or without consent. Can bring an adult to jail for substance abuse without consent.

County Funding – Chapter 394 – Part IV

Receiving Facilities & Contracting – can go to competitive RFP, licensing and oversight.

Definitions reviewed. Baker Act Funds can be put to bid if the BCC requests the Department to do so by January 15 of the contracting year.

Local Matching Funds include 25% cash match for Baker Act.

Funding equity

Florida Administrative Code – specific statutory code identifies allowable match and calculation.

Planning – State Master Plan; also requires District Plans and now have a new iteration in the Managing Entities created by the Legislature to serve as the fiscal intermediary. Note some inconsistencies between the language and the law.

Governing Body has authority to require modifications to the district plan which affects SAMH programs. 394.461 Sub 4a-d relates to data requirements, including annual reporting.

Behavioral Health Managing Entity – the equivalent of the old Mental Health Board. No rule has been promulgated as of yet. To get out of the middle of competing interests could delegate the plan oversight to the managing entity. Appears that system efficiencies are coming out of this change.

Lenderman reviewed court cases on responsibility for transportation, payment of Baker Act bills (County Responsibility) provision of health benefits even for undocumented residents.

Training opportunities available for Baker Act, suicide prevention, DCF website/mental health

**Awards** – Beth Ryder presents President’s Award (every 2 years) William B Sutton Award to Jean Rags.

Heather Wildermuth was recognized and shown appreciation for her support and help.

Plaques for all present officers were distributed by Beth and then Beth Ryder was recognized for being President and stepping in to help the organization.

**Nominating Committee** Vikki Carpenter chaired the FACHSA nominating committee. She presented the slate of officers and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none the slate of officers for the coming year are:

**Pauline Tracy – President**

**Claudia Tuck – President-elect**

**Marcy Krumbine - Treasurer**

**Elmira Warren - Secretary**

Jean Rags motioned to accept the officer slate and the motion was seconded by Susan Myers. Motion carried.

**Old Business** - none

**New Business** – The issue of conference reimbursement was brought up by Beth Ryder. The current policy was reviewed:

FAC Policy Conference - two people up to \$700 (to include registration, hotel, meals and travel) to attend.

FAC Legislative Conference – one person up to \$700 to include registration, hotel, meals and travel to attend

FAC Annual Conference - one person up to \$700 to include registration, hotel, meals and travel to attend

NaCo Conference – one person up to \$1200 once a report has been submitted.

A motion was made by Jean Rags and seconded by Beth Ryder to roll all travel in to one budget and give the Executive Committee the authority to decide on the travel budget for conference registration, hotel, travel and meals and also award scholarships as needed. The motion passed.

Other business – Elmira Warren discussed the importance of our affiliate to join the NACHSA and the e-Alert. The group reached a consensus to join as an association for this year as \$1310. Vikki Carpenter suggested we reevaluate next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Krumbine, MPA