

FACHSA Legislative Meeting
December 2, 2009
St. Petersburg, FL
9:45 AM

Attendees:

Pauline Tracy – Sarasota
Vikki Carpenter – Charlotte
Dona DeMarsh - Volusia County
Ann Arnell – Lee County
Susan Myers – Broward County
Heather Wildermuth – FAC Legislative Representative
Beth Ryder – St. Lucie County
Dave Rogoff – Hillsborough County
Bonnie Hinson – Alachua County
Candie Nixon – Alachua County
Elmira Warren – Alachua County
Claudia Tuck – Palm Beach County*
Marilyn Wesley – Escambia County*
Cliff Smith – Pinellas County
Jean Vleming – Pinellas County
Marcy Krumbine – Collier County
*attendance by phone

Welcome and Introductions: Beth Ryder, President called the meeting to order at 9:50. All attendees on the phone and around the room introduced themselves. The agenda was distributed along with the minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's Report.

Legislative Issues: Heather Wildermuth – FAC Legislative Representative

National – Heather noted that she is monitoring the health reform issues that are continually changing. FAC is working with NaCO to talk about the potential costs associated with health care reform. There continues to be discussion of passing through costs to states and counties.

State

AHCA – the issue of County's contributing more. This should be an issue this year that we fight except for the jeopardy of federal funding – January 2011. AHCA is driving this move.

FAC Policy Statements

New Items – Heather suggested that she just focus on the policy statements which were new statements.

Emergency Medical Services – In the past, they were not able to get direct billing. In order to maximize reimbursement from third party payers to County EMS provider, EMS folded in their services with all third party payers. The new issue presented itself as the STEMI (Segment Elevated Myocardial Infarction) better coordination of care w/o imposing additional liability on county government.

County Health Departments – Support reinstating the exemption from rate control for county health departments.

Medical Reform – There was discussion about if FACHSA wanted to add the issue of new health care program because of what may come down from the federal government.

Medical Homes Pilot Project – Support efforts to implement a Medicaid Medical Home pilot project that seeks to improve patient care through a patient centered, family centered, coordinated approach.

Graduate Medical Education (GME) - Support efforts to develop, expand, and fund GME positions to meet the healthcare needs of the state and its local communities, with a particular emphasis on GME programs that provide for specialties in need, as well as access to and development of physician practices in medically underserved areas. State of Florida ranks 43rd in training of residents. Residents tend to stay where they do residency.

Homelessness – Support legislation that streamlines current state statutes relating to homelessness and associated programs.

Heath Act – Unified funding agencies for the Continuum of Care to submit an application and who receives the funding – 3% for receipt of funding

Indigent Burials – Support revisions to current statute that would clarify the responsibilities of counties in the disposition of remains, eliminate redundant language, include an updated list of definitions, an eliminate references to the indigent status of decedents. Members want to see the language, concerned about references to the indigent status of decedents.

Heather came back with some of the information – committee from medical examiners – draft. Organization is recommending to strike the last reference to eliminate references to the indigent status of decedents. Heather to forward bill to listserv.

Secretary's Report: Marcy Krumbine Susan to approve/Pauline second - approved

Treasurer's Report: Claudia Tuck by phone – to approve current balance. Motion to approve Susan and Ann second

Old Business: Nominating Committee for next annual meeting – Vikki Carpenter, Marilyn Wesley, Mo Freaney (Pinellas County)

William B Sutton Memorial Award – Caught back up – haven't given since 2007. Make a nomination and present at the annual meeting

Human Services Award – to send out...by end of December. Heather to send recommendations

Review of web site. Check the directory for information.

FAC – asking if the County opted to not pay dues with FAC, can they still be a part of the association. General consensus – that should be a part of FAC's policy. Right now, our membership is open.

New Business:

NACHSA Conference – Join via the County representative who is the President at the time.

FACHSA 2010 Bi-Annual Conference – Not a good time to do a conference. Last one was in Lee County. Front line people. Good for them. Teaching tool. Use poly com at extension.

Annual meeting in June in Tampa. Want to talk about round tables.

Motion to adjourn.