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Florida Association of Counties Social Services Executives
FAC Annual Conference
FACSSE Business Meeting – Marco Island

June 28, 2006

Attendees:

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| Marilyn Wesley, Escambia | Claudia Tuck, Palm Beach |
| Jean Rags, Hernando | Ed Smith, Polk |
| Fred Murry, Broward | Bonnie Hinson, Alachua |
| Susan MacLean, St. Johns | Karen Hawes, Lee |
| Beth Ryder, St. Lucie | Fletcher Smith, Lake |
| Cliff Smith, Pinellas | Jean Fleming, Pinellas |
| Tom Joyner, Duval | Stephen Ferrante, Broward |
| Sylvia Thompson-Gilbert, Palm Beach | Clark Scott, Pinellas |
| David Medley, Seminole | Candle Nixon, Alachua |
| Ann Arnall, Lee | Vikki Carpenter, Charlotte |
| Kevin Roberts, Highlands | Heather Youmons, FAC |
| Pauline Tracy, Sarasota | Nancy DeLoach, Sarasota |
| Royetta Runyon, Pasco | Adelaida Reyes, Pasco |
| Dave Rogoff, Hillsborough | Evelyn Rusciorelli, Marion |
| Marcy Krumbine, Collier | Cathy Pearson, Citrus |
| Marion Henson, Clay | Manus O'Donnell, Hillsborough |
| Gay N. Williams, Brevard | Vicki Kilroy, Osceola |
| Bob McKee, FAC | Heidi Denis, Osceola |
| Maureen Freaney, Pinellas | Evelyn Bethell, Pinellas |
| Gwen Hall, Polk | Susan Myers, Alachua |
| Mary Foy, Highlands | Dorothy Little, Palm Beach |
| Gloria Benischeck, St. Johns | Gloria Fordham, Volusia |

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 9:10am. Sign in sheet passed around and a request was made for changes to be made to the FACSSE roster as it is circulated.

M. Wesley welcomed everyone and asked for everyone to make introductions noting what county they are from and who they represent. M. Wesley noted a correction to the afternoon meeting. The DOEA will be presenting later in the afternoon due to delays in arriving. The presentation will be related to the Communities for a Lifetime. M. Wesley noted that due to FAC general sessions there was limited time for additional workshops.

Secretary's Report: M. Wesley noted that the minutes were attached and sent to all members along with the agenda but it appears to not have been received by many counties. B. Ryder noted that her county is responsible for the server and if anyone is having a problem to let her know.

Beth will also send test e-mail and asked for everyone to reply. J. Rags provided review of the three sets of meeting minutes to be approved from November 30, 2005 business and special meetings.

Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

M. Wesley noted that B. Williams was unable to attend today's meeting. M. Wesley circulated the current report and asked for any comments.

Motion approved.

Legislative Issues:

M. Wesley introduced Heather Youmons, HHS legislative liaison from FAC. H. Youmons noted that she had circulated handouts for; Certified Medicaid Match, Intent to Participate and Medicaid Nursing Home Certificate of Residency. Heather noted that she has limited information on the new program from AHCA on federal certified Medicaid match for substance abuse services. Heather stated that the present agreement is not a commitment, only stating that there is a statewide interest. The deadline for submitting this agreement is **August 20**. Discussion continued on the difficulty of understanding the program and concern over if this program will offset money that we are currently receiving that may be taken away by the state. Heather stated that no county will sign on to do this until confirmation is made regarding the final wavier language. The wavier will be written if there is statewide interest then AHCA will write the wavier and submit to CMS, which they then have 90 days to respond. Heather will research some questions related to which services are allowed and reimbursement concerns from discussion. Heather requested for everyone to e-mail her questions the group had on this issue.

H. Youmons discussed the Certificate of Residency for Nursing Home ONLY and asked for feedback and stated that if we are going to move on this issue then we need to decide what we are going to do; accept the recommendations or come up with new ones, the report is getting old. Heather stated that if we are going to do something during the next legislative session we need to decide now. It was requested and agreed upon for the group to submit their recommendations to Heather by the deadline date of July 24. Heather will compile the information and contact the President to set up a conference call for all to participate. K Roberts suggested a sub-committee review the information instead of the whole group. **E. Bethell suggested that in place of the future conference call that the group agrees to continue the Business meeting and meet at 2pm this afternoon to discuss this issue.** Suggestion was agreed by consensus and M. Wesley stated that the 4-5:30pm roundtable workshop will still be available for other discussion. .

H. Youmons reviewed federal legislatives issues of; reauthorization on SCHIP adds on. If by 2007 there is no more money put into SCHIP, 17 states will fall short, Florida is not one yet but by 2012 Florida will be included if additional money is not added to the program. Heather stated, that in order to avoid this loss we need to start talking about this issue with our legislative delegation and local officials.

Heather noted another issue is emergency care, wait times and the need for pediatric emergency care and specialty care. Heather stated that in some states there are 24 hour waits in emergency rooms. Discussion on Medicare decreases and malpractice issues are reflecting on the number of doctors leaving Florida because it is not profitable. K. Hawes recommended that FAC hold a special session on this issue the next time they have the majority of county commissioners in one room. Continued discussion included the impact of trauma rooms and care and if funding will be moved from ER diversion care to trauma as may be proposed by other health organizations. Heather suggested that FACSSE get involved with these other groups and letting our county representatives know that there has to be an open discussion. E. Bethell recommended that the group get started having these discussions and make it a priority. Bob McKee suggested that the legislative issues survey forms that are sent out to the counties would be a good place to put this issue on the agenda and then if it makes it on the agenda then it would be appropriate for a small group to begin work. It was agreed that a small group would begin now, the following members agreed to participate:

Fletcher Smith, Karen Hawes, Dave Rogoff – Chair, Ed Smith, Cathy Pearson and Vicki Carpenter

Finally Heather provided an update on Medicaid reform noting that it is continuing to move forward in Broward and Duval counties and they are expected to be functional by September.

M. Wesley presented a certificate of appreciation to Heather Youman for all her hard work during the 2005-2006 Legislative session.

Old Business:

F. Murry informed the group that after several meetings the end result between the Florida Aging Affiliate and FACSSE is to merge. F. Murry recommended the merger and the new name be changed to the Florida Assoc. of Counties Human Service Executives. B. Ryder suggested that the name be changed from Executives to Administrators, by consensus it was agreed to change it to Administrators.(FACHSA) F. Murry recommended a committee be formed to revise bylaws, budgets and FAC transition to complete the merger. Volunteers: B Ryder, F. Murry, Steve Forante, Sylvia Thompson-Gilbert and Susan Myers agreed to participate.

FACSSE Bi-Annual Conference:

K. Hawes expressed her appreciation and thanks to Ann Arnall for all her hard work and the great success of the conference. A. Arnall expressed her thanks to all who helped and informed the group that they had returned a profit of approximately \$700 to the affiliate. Some discussion on having human trafficking to the next conference to possibly being held by Collier and changing the date to late May to avoid the hurricane season. F. Murry presented K. Hawes and A. Arnall with certificates of appreciation for all their hard work.

Bi-Annual Social Workers Conference:

M. Wesley stated that the response from participants was so great that B. Williams, Collier County had committed to hosting the 2007 Conference. Collier County stated that with the change in administration and Barry leaving his positions that they would like to decline at this time. M. Wesley stated that Escambia County would be willing to host the 2007 Bi-Annual Conference. D. Rogoff asked if a theme had been selected. Discussion revolved around a hurricane session theme. Low support, discussion ended. M. Wesley stated that a request would be sent out to members for their input.

New Business/NACO-NACSHA Workforce Development Conference:

B. Ryder reviewed the benefits of HACSHA and encouraged members to join and participate. B. Ryder referred the conference information to Manus O'Donnell who is on the planning committee. Beth passed around the brochure on the NACSHA and Workforce Development Conference. M. O'Donnell explained the conference will be held in St. Petersburg and rooms may still be open at the Hilton as the Vinoy is currently filled. **Manus noted that if you register/attend the conference that you will receive 1 year free membership with NACSHA, this applies only to new members.** Manus noted that this includes the NETWORK newsletter, which is sent out three times a year. Manus also noted that anyone wanting to submit an article to contact him and he will notify the group of the theme for the next conference soon.

Committee Reports: Nominating Committee

E. Bethell thanked the group as she announced this was her last meeting due to retirement. The nomination committee's recommendation is as follows:

David Medley - Secretary
Jean Rags - Treasurer
M. Price - Vice President (president elect)
Fredrick Murry - President

Motion approved.

Special Recognitions:

M. Wesley expressed her thanks to everyone who have served as past officers, current officers and members. F. Murry presented M. Wesley a personal gift, an award of appreciation and a plaque from FACSSE for serving as President 2004-2006. M. Wesley presented thank you gifts of appreciation to F. Murry (gavel, plaque), B. Ryder, Past President (personal gift), J. Rags (plaque), B. Williams (plaque), to be presented later this evening. M. Wesley stated that J. Rags would be collecting the money and reservations for the dinner at 6:30pm tonight. M. Wesley presented E. Bethell and E. Smith certificates of appreciation for the mini-conference they held in Orlando. M. Wesley presented V. Carpenter a certificate of appreciation for her work on 211. V. Carpenter

reviewed the status of the 211 programs and encouraged member support and participation.

M. Wesley also recognized retiring members: Joyce-Johnson Carlson, Rebecca Gregory, Louis La Torre, Evelyn Bethell and Gloria Benischeck. Marilyn congratulated the retiring members and thanked them for their years of support. F. Murry presented each member present with an award. G. Benischeck suggested that an associate membership be established for retiring members. E. Bethell thanked the members and wished them the best with the challenges ahead of them. F. Murry will mail any awards to members not present.

Workshop: Florida Department of Elder Affairs, Establishing Communities for a Lifetime by Bill Aldinger

Mr. Aldinger presented his program and provided all attendees with a brochure and a first aid kit.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am to reconvene at 2pm in the same location:

Continued discussion on; earlier issue of Medicaid Certificate of Residency recommendations.

The members continued to discuss the issue of whether the association should follow through with the committee's recommendations or to take a different approach to addressing the concerns of the Medicaid certificate of residency for nursing homes. Discussion continued, Motion made (D. Rogoff/B. Ryder) to support the committee's recommendations for Proposal #1, based on the same time periods noted in the report and to inform FAC of this action. Motion approved.

A second motion made (D. Rogoff/C. Smith) to request FAC staff to review the future of the Medicaid match in relation to the general waiver. Motion approved

H. Youmons informed the members that she would bring the approved recommendations to the FAC legislative committee and executive board for their approval.

Additional Discussion:

F. Murry asked for continued discussion on the Certified Medicaid Match Intent to participate in the reimbursement of specified substance abuse treatment services. Discussion continued on what is considered match, who receives the additional federal dollars, what programs qualify. Final consensus was to request all counties to research their county information and speak with their community mental health providers and decide if they will request their Board's approval. If a county gains their board's approval for the intent to participate please send a copy to H. Youmons.

A brief discussion was held on the new DJJ confidentiality agreement and reconciliation records. Discussion included information that once the DJJ confidentiality agreement was approved by each county and submitted to DJJ, they would in turn send a CD with the name of clients that show as a resident of the county. The County will then need to research and confirm the residency. Lake County noted that he had received two CD's full of names.

B. Ryder informed the members that L. La Torre had to resign from his position after a serious accident. Beth noted the many contributions made by Louie over the years and his dedication to the organization. Motion made to send Louie flowers or a special gift in appreciation for his dedication, leadership and passion in the human services field. Motion approved. F. Murry will handle the selection of the flowers/gift and make the necessary arrangements.

A. Arnall asked if any counties were conducting surveys related to the capital funding of non-profit organizations. Negative response. Ann advised that she would appreciate the members responding to a survey coming out soon.

County Updates:

F. Murry asked if there were any special projects or programs that any county would like to share with the group. None noted.

Meeting adjourned at 3:34pm