

**MINUTES**  
**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES SOCIAL SERVICES EXECUTIVES**  
**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2003**  
**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**  
**PGA National Resort & Spa**  
**Palm Beach County, Florida**

**Introduction/Attendance: Board Chairperson, Beth Ryder, St. Lucie County Welcomes the members to the Legislative Conference and Business Members. Self introduction includes their organizations/or County Department or Division.**

**Attendance Roster**

**Ann Arnall, Lee County**  
**Clark R. Scott, Pinellas County**  
**Cliff Smith, Pinellas County**  
**Evelyn Bethell, Pinellas County**  
**Fred Murry, Broward County**  
**Maion Henson, Clay County**  
**Phil Stalver, Seminole County**  
**Susan Myers, Alachua County**  
**Jean Rays, Hernando County**  
**Virginia Culbert, Polk County**  
**Joyce Johnson, Indian River County**  
**Rebecca Gregory, Palm Beach County**

**Karen Hawes, Lee County**  
**Marcia J. Walker, Pinellas County**  
**Kevin Roberts, Highland County**  
**Fletcher Smith, Lake County**  
**Gloria Benischeck, St. John County**  
**Royetta Runyon, Pasco County**  
**Marilyn Wesley, Escambia County**  
**Barry Williams, Collier County**  
**Heiari Denes, Osceola County**  
**Beth Ryder, St. Lucie County**  
**Cheryl Bass, Martin County**

**Approval of the June 2003 conference minutes: Minutes deferred to the next business meeting.**

**Sharing of information by members on various projects and initiatives:**

**Establishment of a Human Services Council - Lee County - Karen Hawes**  
**Implementation of Mental Health Initiatives - Ann Arnall**  
**Implementation of the Tourist Development/Shelter Plus Grant - Cheryl Bass**  
**Recognition of Centurions and Child Advocacy - Jean Ray**  
**Health Care Planning and Homeless Services - Joyce Johnston**  
**Adult Respite Care/Grants funding, Task Force for Health Centers - Billy Whitehouse**  
**Hire a new Director for Social Services - Heiari Denes**

**Taking over Senior Services - Flager County  
Taking Primary Health Care Services/Sign UPL Agreement with Hospital/**

**Taking over the community-based services for the County - Gloria Benischeck. New Primary Clinic, UPL Payment with Naples community hospitals/establishment of Human Services Council/establishing a senior center in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department - Barry Williams.**

**Hired a Benefit Manager/ sales tax to be placed on ballot for indigent care - Susan Myers**

**Health Care Task Force/public and private funding to hire a coordinator for Safe Haven for Women/Social Services Detox Center - Kevin Roberts**

**Focus on eliminating poverty in small cities/HUD Grant for after school programs/transportation/increase primary health care services for the rural areas/literacy program - John Schelley.**

**Elderly Services, Lead Agency/Referendum for Funding for Indigent Care Services. Child Care Services/Elderly Services - Virginia Culbert**

**Feedback on legislative conference activities - Marilyn Wesley**

**Home Program for homeless services. Joint Commission on Health Care Organization Accreditation/Chronic Homeless Assistance Grant - Fred Murry**

**CAP Grant/Indigent Care Clinic/Department of Housing and Urban Development Consolidated Five Year Plan - Fletcher Smith.**

**Legislative Agenda Report: Joanne Hart, Florida Association of Counties.**

**1. TDD Grant - Reduction of 11 million dollars in medically needy transportation funds. Forty-one counties responded to the contract with ACAHO. Only three counties refused the grant.**

**TDD Commission created a personnel committee to review the action of John Stanley regarding the contract.**

**TDD Commission will be meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> to review the recommendations on the grant and action taken by John Stanley.**

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**2. Kid Care:** Currently, there is an enrollment cap and waiting list for services. There was discussion on the re-certification process or whether kids have to reapply for services once the client reaches five years of age. Hospital association is very supportive of the Kid Care.

**3. Health Care Task Force:** Governor Bush has developed a task force to review affordable health care services through employers. Florida Association of Counties will be monitoring this issue.

**Baker Act Reform** is included in the legislative packet and the issue is supported by the Sheriff Association.

**Legislative Agenda:** The Health and Human Services Policy Committee will meet tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. to review the legislative packet for the association. The proposed legislative issues are enclosed in your conference packet.

**Treasury Report:** The Treasury Report was presented and accepted with one minor correction motioned by Marion Henson and second by Kevin Roberts to accept the Treasury Report. The report was unanimously approved by the executives. The report included the return of \$1,250 to the Florida Association of Social Services Executives from the Brevard County Social Services Conference Committees. The financial records of the organization are scheduled to be reviewed by the Lake County Auditors to ensure compliance with applicable accounting standards for a nonprofit organization. The total amount of funds available for the association is \$4,565.

**A letter of appreciation:** The executives authorized the president to send a letter of appreciation to the Brevard County for an excellent job of hosting Social Workers's Conference in August 2003.

**Nomination Committee:** Evelyn Bethell, Karen Hawes and Susan Myers were appointed to the Nominating Committee. The Nomination Committee report is due at the next meeting.

**Respectfully Submitted**

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**Fredrick J. Murry, Secretary**