

**Florida Association of Counties Human Service Administrators
FAC Annual Conference
FACHSA Business Meeting – San Destin
November 29, 2006**

Members Present:

Wilma Daniels, Polk County
Heidi Denis, Osceola County
Mary Foy, Highlands County
Mary Krumbine, Collier County
Bonnie Hinson, Alachua County
Jessica Lambert, Citrus County
David Medley, Seminole County
Susan Myers, Alachua County
Cathy Pearson, Citrus County
Myra Price, Hillsborough County
Jean Rags, Hernando County
Kevin Roberts, Highlands County
Minnie L. Rolark, Alachua County
Beth Ryder, St. Lucie County
Clark Scott, Pinellas County
Ed Smith, Polk County
Chip Taylor, Sarasota County
Brad Thorpe, Citrus County
Pauline Tracy, Sarasota County
Claudia Tuck, Palm Beach County
Marilyn Wesley, Escambia County

Others Present:

Vivian Allercon, FAC
Amanda Ghaffari, FAC
Lucia Maxwell, FADAA
Heather Youmans, FAC

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 9:15am by Marilyn Wesley.

Report from Executive Committee Conference Call - Marilyn Wesley

- Marilyn reported that Fred Murray resigned from his position, thereby creating a vacancy in the president position. Vote conducted and Jean Rags was selected to be the new president.

Action: Kevin Roberts made a motion to approve. Members voted - all in favor.

- David Medley, former Secretary, requested to change to the position of Treasurer which the Executive Committee approved, leaving a vacancy in the Secretary position.

- Beth Ryder has been chairing the Nominating Committee and will have a report this afternoon.

Introductions

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

FAC Report - Heather Youmans

Jean Rags introduced Heather Youmans, FAC Legislative Advocate for Health & Human Services. She reported as follows:

SChip Funds

- SChip funds will be reauthorized
- If funding level is frozen, some states will experience a shortfall. Florida is not expected to have a shortfall until 2008-2012.
- Members were encouraged to stay in touch with local delegation members to reauthorize funds.
- Jean Rags added a request from Marion County.
- Maxine noted that under this program organizations can get funding for special needs. Funds are actually being distributed.

Baker Act Bed Capacity

- Distribution of funding is being reviewed - currently the formula is 10 beds per 100,000 population.
- DCF is researching to see if the formula matches the need.
- Next meeting of the Baker Act Committee is in January. Heather represents FACHSA on the Committee.

KidCare for non-Title XXI Children

- The group discussed the possibility of reopening enrollment and the documentation issues associated with KidCare; however, policy groups are not looking at reopening enrollment. They will be looking at health insurance for all children. Karen Woodall is representing several Child Advocacy groups.
- Local match for KidCare is being returned to the counties due to the decrease in number of children served. Heather advised that the numbers will continue to decline due to the closed enrollment.

- Discussion ensued regarding access of legal immigrant children to health care; options discussed.

FAC Policy Representative Report - Amanda Ghaffari

- Suggest general revenue funds through local matching grants.
- Many other groups are focusing on the issue of the mentally ill being held in jails.
- Broad grant program - prohibition on building with funds. Coming from the anti-murder legislature; will put a burden on County jail system. Governor-elect Crist is expected to sign this as his first legislation.
- Public Safety Coordinating Councils – there is a mandate for all counties to have one. The key is for FACHSA members to serve on their local councils to participate in funding decisions. The goal is to have County Commissioners oversee the councils with FACHSA members recommending progress and monitoring results.
- DJJ rule changes - Jean Rags advised the group of her plans to attend the DJJ Rule Change Committee meeting later that week to speak against the changes. Several counties have noted a high error rate (10-25%) on the back-up documentation that relates to the predisposition of juveniles. Thirty fiscally constrained counties (those with less than 75,000 population) are exempt from these charges. Recent increases in the monthly billings were mailed to counties with no explanation. The rule change would reduce information / documentation provided related to billings.

Children's Services Councils (CSC) Association - Vivian Allercon

Jean Rags introduced Vivian Allercon of FAC who is leaving FAC after 23 years. She has been hired by a new association that will be representing CSC's across the state.

Medicaid Substance Abuse Treatment Billing - Lucia Maxwell

Jean introduced Lucia Maxwell from FADAA (Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association) who reported on the status of the Medicaid billing for new substance abuse services through AHCA:

- Billing for this program can begin as early as January 1, 2007.
- ACHA is currently revising their system to accept the new codes:
 - Outpatient Detox
 - Intervention
 - Community Support (Aftercare)
- Guidelines and requirements were reviewed in detail - handout provided.

- Only participating counties will be eligible to bill these services and only selected providers will be authorized.
- Liability is assigned to the provider.
- The county will be required to sign a quarterly match certificate as well as to submit a Local Plan.
- Lucia will send a list of qualified medical providers through Jean Rags.
- There will be three trainings for the counties in January. The morning session will be for the county staff and the afternoon session will be for agency staff.
- Twenty-nine counties have submitted letters of interest in this program.

Membership Directory

Jean distributed the current membership directory and requested all present to update their information. Recommendation was made for members to add cell phone numbers.

Review of Policy Statements

Heather Youmans reviewed the following proposed policy statements in advance of tomorrow's meeting with the commission:

- **AED legislature** – Concerns in this area are related to training.
- **Behavioral Health** - Strikethroughs were moved to guiding principles; Baker Act Bed Capacity; increase funds for public receiving facilities and hold harmless private facilities receiving Baker Act funds. Wording for MHSA funding was recommended to be changed from "appropriate" to "support funding sufficient to meet existing statewide formulas".
- **County Health Department** - preparing for Medicaid reform.
- **Florida Kid Care** - support statewide health insurance. The group agreed that they would not support legislation that would cause a fiscal impact to the counties. Recommendation to change "support statewide" to "support efforts to cover every child in the state who is without adequate health insurance without mandating additional costs on local governments".
- **Long Term Care Medicaid Reform** - There has been discussion regarding not putting this program in place until outcomes of the pilot programs are reviewed.
- **Medicaid Nursing Home Services** - Discussed methodology concerns and the support statement. Heather will review this policy statement based on discussion and make some recommendations before the policy meeting.

- **Program Issues** – The first item noted as a strikeout is in error. Support requirement to review results of pilot programs before their expansion.
- **Health Insurance** - Recommend a change from “imposing” to “mandatory”. Also recommend changing to a positive statement: “to increase the number of Floridians who have access to affordable health service”.
- **Emergency Medical Services** - Recommend a change to support legislation to maximize reimbursement directly to the counties from third party payers.
- **Florida Health Services Corporations** - Support funding for dental students.
- **Transportation** - Add in allocation.
- **Long Term Care** - Support allows expansion of planning several areas that would let counties serve as Area Agencies on Aging.
- **Senior Services Taxing District** - Provides general support for counties to have a taxing district.

Afternoon Session

Review of minutes of June 28, 2006

Jean Rags reviewed the minutes of June 28, 2006. A correction was noted in the name spelling for Vicki Carpenter and Steve Ferrante

Action: Motion to approve minutes with corrections made by Beth Ryder, seconded by Marilyn Wesley. Motion passed.

Email problems - Beth tested and is updating email addresses and the affiliate name on the Internet.

Treasurer's Report

David Medley reported the current FACSSE account has a balance of \$2,700 less June Conference expenses leaving approximately \$2,000 in the account.

FACHSA Merger Update and Bylaws Revisions

- Beth presented the revised bylaws as prepared in advance with input from Steve Ferrante and several members.
- Organization name clarified to be the “Florida Association of County Human Services Administrators”.

- The Aging affiliate merging with FACSSE has previously paid dues to other associations. Marilyn Wesley recommended that the group review which association the affiliate should continue to remain a member. The group agreed to leave other association memberships out of bylaws for now and vote on any such recommendation annually. Myra described the two affiliations which the Aging affiliate belonged to (CCE - Community Care for the Elderly and FASP - Florida Association of Senior Providers).
- Dues structure discussed. Group agreed to leave the current structure in place and bring a proposed increase to the annual meeting.
- Other revisions made to voting officers and duties.

Action: Motion to approve bylaws revision made by Ed Smith and seconded by Marilyn Wesley. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee Report

- Beth reported that the committee recommended Pauline Tracy for the position of Secretary.

Action: Motion to approve made by Chip Taylor, seconded by Marilyn Wesley. Motion passed.

Logo

Jean reported the need to revise the affiliate logo and offered for members to make suggestions.

Action: Myra to send the Aging Affiliate's logo to Jean who will forward to other members.

Marilyn Wesley noted a need to re-engage counties whose members have recently resigned.

Action: Jean will contact the counties to encourage participation.

Senior Investment Program

Heather to resend an email on the Senior Investment Program and include an analysis.

Amendment related to Disabled Veterans

Amendment related to Disabled Veterans removal from property tax roll reviewed.

Sutton Award

Rik Jimison sent an e-mail to Jean recommending Beth Ryder as the nominee for the 2007 Sutton Award. This award has been given by FACSSE every two years. Beth's contributions and dedication to FACSSE was discussed.

Action: Motion made by Karen Sutton, seconded by Ed Smith. Discussion. Motion revised to request that an application nominating Beth Ryder for the Sutton Award be forwarded to the Sutton Award Committee prior to the annual meeting. Motion passed.

Other

It was noted that is Ed's last meeting due to his impending retirement. Ed's contribution and dedication to FACSSE was discussed.

Bi-annual Conference - Marilyn Wesley

Timing and location of the conference was discussed in detail. Concern was expressed with the need to find an accessible location so as many line staff as possible could attend.

Action: Motion made by David Medley and seconded by Cathy Pearson that the chairperson establish a conference planning committee. Discussion: The goal is to have a central location, possibly in May or whenever is the most economical and not during the height of the hurricane season. Motion passed.

Proposed Conference Planning Committee Membership:

- Susan Myers
- Heidi Denis
- Cathy Pearson
- Marilyn Wesley
- Marcy Krumbine

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FAC Affordable Housing Survey

Jean Rags asked each County to complete the survey as soon as possible.

Updates on CareMark Prescription Card

Posters and cards are proprietary. The prescription card can also be used to supplement Medicare Part D, pet medications and for mail orders.

Roundtable County Updates

- Seminole - BCC approved request to set up Communities for a Lifetime

- Citrus - Moved into their newly renovated building - Now like a one-stop shop. Shared information on fundraising.
- Polk – Received an award for the Polk Health Care Plan. The Haines City Senior Center received a Florence Goldman Award.
- Hillsborough - In the midst of developing a Senior Center, library and head start combined site also BCC approved Communities for a Lifetime.
- Alachua - Health Care Partners Program has 500+ members. - funded by .25 tax and includes primary care, dental and pharmacy for up individuals who are up to 200% of FPL.
- Collier - Opened a senior annex but now working on participation. Also working with a program for the uninsured with physician donated care in partnership with American Medical Society.
- Palm Beach - Piloting notebook computer with free electronic record to be able to compute documents in the fields.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00PM.

Summary of Action Items

1. *Myra to send the Aging Affiliate's logo to Jean who will forward to other members.*
2. *Jean will contact the counties to encourage participation.*
3. *Pauline will ensure an application nominating Beth Ryder for the Sutton Award will be forwarded to the Sutton Award Committee prior to the annual meeting.*
4. *The chairperson will establish a conference planning committee.*