

**Florida Association of Social Services Executives  
Business Meeting  
8:38 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.  
Wednesday, June 22, 2005  
Tampa, Florida**

Present:

Marilyn Wesley	Escambia Co.	Wilma Daniels	Polk Co.
Jean Rags	Hernando Co.	Comm. Bob Janes	Lee Co.
Fred Murry	Broward Co.	Barry Williams	Collier Co.
Pauline Tracey	Sarasota Co.	Candice Franco	Collier Co
Tom Joyner	Duval – City of Jacksonville	David Medley	Seminole Co.
Susan MacLean	St. John's Co.	Beth Ryder	St. Lucie Co.
Gloria Benischeck	St. John's Co.	Gloria Fordham	Volusia Co.
Dave Rogoff	Hillsborough Co.	Royetta Runyon	Pasco Co.
Evelyn Rusciolelli	Marion Co.	Vikki Carpenter	Charlotte Co.
Bruce Dangremond	Hillsborough Co.	Manus O'Donnell	Hillsborough Co.
Susan Myers	Alachua Co.	Karen Hawes	Lee Co.
Bonnie Hinson	Alachua Co.	Bob McKee	FAC
Gay N. Williams	Brevard Co.	Fletcher Smith	Lake Co.
Marion Henson	Clay Co.	Vicki Kilroy	Osceola Co
Mary Foy	Highlands Co.	Heidi Denis	Osceola Co.
Kevin Roberts	Highlands Co.		

**Welcome & Introductions:** Request for everyone to please sign in.

**Secretary Report:** M. Wesley informed the members that there were two sets of minutes from the December 1, 2004 Legislative Conference taken by Royetta Runyon (Pasco) and Barry Williams (Collier). Motion to approve, K. Hawes, second F. Murry, approved unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** B. Williams reviewed the report, noting that fiscal year 2005 all dues were paid, except Okeechobee did not renew. Balance in the checking account is \$4031.39 and a \$5,000 CD generating interest. Barry stated that we currently have 35 counties as members and that he believed the dues would change in even years. All bills will be sent prior to the end of September. Barry thanked Fletcher for all his hard work as Treasurer.

Barry explained that the budget indicated that the organization is overspending by approximately \$1,000. Karen Hawes asked if there could be a reduced or introductory membership rate to recruit new members. Marilyn stated that she would be working with Jean to send an introductory letter with the FACSSE Social Worker Conference information to non-member counties asking them to join.

Motion to approve treasurer's report and the preliminary budget for FY05 made by F. Murry, second by E. Rusciollelli, approved unanimously.

E. Rusciollelli (Marion) motioned for a policy to be established for counties that do not renew or pay their dues to be removed from mailings with appropriate warnings. K. Hawes second, under discussion. Members discussed the current fee structure noting a cap of \$250. Other discussion noted costs of travel for non-participating counties or counties that may not have a Social Services Department. M. Wesley clarified the motion stating that this would apply to counties that end their membership only. B. Williams offered to extend an invitation letter to non-member counties in September. M. Wesley requested all members to send their membership ideas to her in the future for review. Motion was repeated, vote showed 4 opposed, motion approved by majority.

**Legislative:** Bob McKee a limited legislative report indicating the FAC Legislative Report would be available in approximately 1 week. Bob stated that the major issue continues to be Medicaid reform. Discussion and review continued on the new Medicaid reform demonstration projects phase I in Broward, Duval and expected in Clay and Nassau counties via SB838. K. Hawes shared an audio conference date for June 28, 2005 with a deadline of June 24 to register. M. Wesley will have copies for the group by tomorrow a.m. B. McKee indicated there should be no increases for county Medicaid nursing home or hospital.

Bob discussed SB 404, related to Medicaid and HB497 related to trauma care funding and HB569 regarding open Kid Care enrollment. The group reviewed the DJJ cost shift and Bob reminded members that they should be requesting a reconciliation statement from DJJ throughout the year and to not wait till they decide to send one.

M. Wesley thanked Bob for his report and stated that she would check if the FAC Legislative Report would be available electronically to be sent out to members. B. Ryder thanked Bob for filling in for JoAnn Hart in the Medicaid County Billing workgroup.

M. Wesley requested a change in the agenda to move to the special presentation. M. Wesley read an honorable summary of Commission Bob Janes (Lee Co.) accomplishments over the years and thanked him for all his support in FAC and FACSSE.

**Old Business:** M. Wesley reviewed information from the NACO Legislative Conference noting it was interesting with lots of discussion. Marilyn noted the major issues were illegal drugs, over-the-counter drugs, in addition to facing many of the same issues as last year. B. Ryder added her comments from attending the NACO Health & Human Services Workforce Conference as a board member of NACHSA. Beth indicated that there was much discussion on the lessons learned from the hurricanes. M.O'Donnell (Hillsborough Co.) added his comments from attendance. M. Wesley thanked J. Rags for attending in her place and providing FACSSE representation. K. Hawes provided information on the upcoming Bi-Annual Social Services Conference in Lee Co, noting details were available on the web site and provided a hand out.

**New Business:** Vikki Carpenter (Charlotte) provided the members with an update on the 211 system, reviewing the current Florida network map showing 13 providers of 211 with Charlotte County becoming the 14<sup>th</sup> serving 40 counties with 211 INF. Vikki discussed the FLARES

updates related to 211 and 311 efforts. Recommendation of the Trail by Wind and Water publication for better understanding of the 211 benefits.

M. Wesley stated that there would be representation at the 2005 NACO Annual Conference and the NACO Health & Human Services Workforce Conference in November and encouraged others to attend. Marilyn informed the group that the FACSSE Policy issues would be discussed at the Roundtable meeting later in the day.

No other business, meeting adjourned at 10:10a.m.