

**Florida Association of County Human Service Administrators
FAC Annual Conference
FACHSA Business Meeting – Marco Island
June 24, 2009**

Members Present By Phone * and In Person:

Minnie Rolark, Alachua County
Bonnie Hinson, Alachua County
Susan Myers, Broward County
Vicky Carpenter, Charlotte County *
Marcy Krumbine, Collier County
Marilyn Wesley, Escambia County *
Dave Rogoff, Hillsborough County *
Manus O'Donnell, Hillsborough County
Karen Hawes, Lee County
Jan Huffert, Martin County ICR Administrator
Claudia Tuck, Palm Beach County
Royetta Runyon, Pasco County *
Pauline Tracy, Sarasota County
Beth Ryder, St. Lucie County *

Others Present:

Gretchen Harkins, Sr. Legislative Coordinator, Broward County
Sarrah Troncoso, FAC
Heather Youmans, FAC *

Welcome

Meeting called to order at 9:10 by Pauline Tracy. A quorum was established

Introductions

Introductions were made by all in attendance both on the phone and in person

Approval of the Minutes

A correction was made to the November 2008 meeting minutes in regards to the attendance list. A motion was made by Beth Ryder to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Wesley. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Claudia Tuck reported that the balance in the account is \$10,795.10. She also reported that 31 counties have paid annual dues. The report would be emailed to all members. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Marilyn Wesley and seconded by Susan Myers. Motion carried.

Legislative Overview

Heather Wildermuth was present by telephone and Sarah Troncoso in person, to discuss the various legislative issues addressed during session. Heather will be on maternity leave for awhile.

Drug Court – SB 1726 - This bill appropriated \$18.25 million to go into the court system to fund drug courts and treatment. A point of distribution will be provided.

SB 1540 – Zero Tolerance – The Juvenile Justice System is reevaluating the zero tolerance program.

Bills 2108/1718 - Fifty million dollars were removed from the Clerk of Courts.

Passed Bills

Tobacco Bill SB 1840 – This bill created a \$1 a pack surcharge on all cigarettes but cigars were exempt. It is estimated to generate over \$900 million originally for health care however, the revenue was already diverted to other needs.

DOH SB 1662 – This bill repealed rate exemptions for County Health Departments. Any vacant positions will need to revert back to the minimum for the pay grade in order to be filled.

Florida Kid Care HB 918 - This bill processed good administrative changes and is expected to enroll more children into the program.

Florida Kid Care HB 807 - This bill funded a study to look at counties that had good enrollment in the program and others that did not have good enrollment to determine best practices for the program.

HB285 – This bill restructured the Medicaid LIP (Lower Income Pool) Council and added members.

HB597 – This bill expanded the definition of homeless and added both AHCA and the League of Cities to the State Council on Homelessness. The bill notes that the Housing First model is the preferred model for ending homelessness.

Failed Bills

HB 1033 – This bill addressed the Emergency Services response to individuals who had heart attacks.

HB 239 – This bill addressed the revenue received from the Choose Life license plates and proposed utilizing a not for profit corporation to expend the funds.

Crime Reduction Act – This bill sought to move to community based care.

In addition to the legislative update, Sarah and Heather provided other information and updates to our group.

Juvenile Justice billing - The cost for counties increased from \$212 - \$237. Some counties did get hit with higher bills as long as 6 months after reconciliation.

Ana Casey Foundation - This foundation is looking to pilot a Juvenile Detention Initiative to decrease the number of juveniles in detention.

Federal Stimulus Funding - The different pots of funding that was being distributed to Florida was reviewed by Heather.

OPAGA - Ten counties were selected to participate in a study on which agency would be best to perform child care services review and licensing.

Other Discussion:

President's Update: Karen Hawes noted that she provided a NACo legislative report from the conference she attended and it is on the FACHSA website along with the minutes to the meeting. She explained that our NACo membership is not paid at an affiliation rate but rather at the county rate based on the county of our organization's President; ie. This year at the Lee County rate. FACHSA pays these dues. However, for FCOA, FACHSA does pay at the affiliate rate for membership.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

On February 25, the Executive Committee met and discussed the recommendation to suspend dues for participating/current counties for one fiscal year – 2009-10. A motion was made by Marilyn Wesley and seconded by Susan Myers. The motion was passed.

The Executive Committee also recommends that FACHSA send representatives to attend the FAC Policy Conference to be held at Lake Mary on September 23-25, 2009. A motion was made by Marilyn Wesley and seconded by Beth Ryder to reimburse two people up to \$700 (to include registration, hotel, meals and travel) to attend.

The group further discussed sending one representative for the Legislative Conference and one for the Annual 2010 Conference with each at a cap of \$700 for reimbursement. This motion passed.

A motion was made by Beth Ryder and seconded by Susan Myers to cap the reimbursement to the NACo conference at \$1200 once a report has been submitted to the membership. This motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Krumbine
Secretary