

Florida Association of County Human Services Administrators  
Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek ( Orange County)  
Wednesday, June 22, 2011, 10:00 a.m.  
Meeting Minutes

**Attendees/County:** John Goodrich/Orange County, Margaret Brennan/Orange County, Amy Engelken/Citrus County, Cathy Pearson/Citrus County, Susan Myers/Broward County, Pat James/Volusia County, Dona DeMarsh/Volusia, Paula McGhee/Polk County, Jan Howell/Polk County, Bonnie Hinson/Alachua County, Wilma Daniels/Polk County, Marilyn Wesley/Escambia County, Michelle Banfield/Alachua County, Candie Nixon/Alachua County, Maria Vega/Marion County, Cheryl Amey/Marion County, Helena Kenny/Pinellas, Stefanie Myers/St. Lucie County, Beth Ryder/St. Lucie, Ann Arnall/Lee County, Allison Thall/Lake County, Emily Lewis/Charlotte County, Lynn Kiehne/Pinellas County, Clark Scott/Pinellas County, Dave Rogoff/University of South Florida, Heather Wildermuth/FAC, Health and Human Services Lobbyist, Pauline Tracy/ FACHSA President ,Sarasota County, Claudia Tuck/ FACHSA President-Elect, Palm Beach County, Elmira K. Warren/FACHSA Secretary, Alachua County, Marcy Krumbine/FACHSA Treasurer, Collier County, Jean Rag/Hernando County, Celestia McCloud/Osceola County and Lanard Perry/Alachua County.

**Welcoming Remarks and Introductions** - Pauline Tracy, Affiliate President offered opening remarks and those in attendance introduced themselves. FACHSA Executive Committee met and voted to pay the difference between the cost of the business meeting lunch and what attendee's per diems allowance was for a lunch meal.

**Presentation of Award** The William E. Sutton Award was given to Dave Rogoff (formerly with Hillsborough County) for his demonstrated commitment to helping people in the Human Services arena while also enhancing the mission of the FACHSA Organization. Dave shared with the group in his new role with University of South Florida he's working with Health and Human Services agencies with a focus on issues of Post Disaster Recovery, with an emphasis on coastal communities. He will be forwarding information at a later date about a Webinar regarding the same.

**Secretary Report:** Elmira K. Warren presented the following FACHSA meeting minutes; Nov 17, 2010 Business Meeting held in Nassau County & February 2<sup>nd</sup> FACHSA mid-year workshop held in Orlando. The minutes for both meetings were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marcy Krumbine reported that we started out with a balance of \$11,477.38 since the last report provided at the Legislative Conference.. Since then the most notable changes included the collection of \$1,310.00 in dues and payments of \$1,669.00, which included \$1,310.00 in annual dues to NACHSA. The net result was an ending balance of \$13,281.28 as of 6/22/11. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Discussion ensued about waiving dues for members during 2010. Dues were collected again in 2011. A decision was made to have dues be required, but a County that is fiscally constrained can apply for and may be granted a waiver.

One County is a member of FACHSA, but not FAC (Hernando). There is nothing in the FAC By-Laws requiring Counties to be members in order to be Affiliate FACHSA members.

At what point do you cut off FAC benefits to non paying FAC Counties?

NACHSA will pay for President/designee to go to NACO.

**Legislative Report:** Heather provided an update on the 3 Health and Human Services priorities this year; Medicaid Reform, Health Departments and Transportation Disadvantaged.

**Medicaid** - HB 7107 & HB7109 were the two implementing bills that passed and are now the law of the land as of July 1. It's statewide and all Medicaid enrollees, with a few exceptions, will be enrolled in Managed care. Please refer to Heather's handout for a quick review of changes that will occur and provisions that may be of interest to counties. For example:

- Managed Care Plans will be required to sign a 5 Year Contract and if they do something to violate or pull out of one region they'll automatically lose their contract in all of the other regions in which they have a contract with.
- Anyone who receives a contract in Regions 1 & 2 (Panhandle) will automatically receive a contract in a larger region in which they bid on.
- There's a guaranteed 5% savings built into the contracts with the managed care providers.
- There are penalties for early withdrawal, etc.

The Medical Loss Ratio was removed and replaced with **??**—which pays a bonus to Managed Care Providers for discharging people out of nursing homes and not referring others to nursing home facilities. It's being referred to as Granny Dumping. There's also a concern that it will put an undue burden on Nursing Homes in that some can hardly pay their bills now and the outlook will be bleaker if people in need of their services are diverted from them. The bigger concern expressed is that there doesn't seem to be any provision for appealing decisions that wrongly keep people out of nursing homes.

**Transportation Disadvantaged System** – all 67 counties have Transportation Disadvantaged Systems and there is concern that the folk needing the services the most will lose access when Managed Care Organizations take over.

**County Health Departments** – the House of Representatives refused to list County Health Departments as “essential providers”. FAC is still working on this issue, as health departments are key providers in their respective communities.

FAC was successful in saving 10 Million in funding that was slated to be cut. It helps 36 counties.

**Disposition of Human Remains** – this bill failed. Heather wasn't quite sure why it failed, but offered that she'll spend more time on it in the future and hopes to get it passed within a 3 year window.

**Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity** – it started out a bad bill and was easily killed before the legislative session even started.

**Homelessness** – had been looking real shaky, but efforts resulted in getting 100% of recurring funding restored. However, the non-recurring funds were cut.

**Choose Life License Plate** - counties will no longer receive these funds; they'll be going to Choose Life, Incorporated, instead effective 7/1/11.

**Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Meetings** – attendees were encouraged to attend some of the meetings and voice their concerns and getting comments in to AHCA.

**AHCA /Medicaid Billing** – announced that Karen Zeiler would be available tomorrow (Thursday) to give a presentation on Medicaid billing and was willing to take questions and discuss related issues and concerns. It seems that AHCA has backed off the idea of withholding revenue to counties for failure to pay Medicaid bills as it wanted them to.

**Homeless Policy Council Report** – Claudia Tuck reported that FAC ~~has to~~ holds ~~a the~~ seat ~~teon~~ the Council and not the affiliate ~~but they look to FACHSA for a recommendation to fill a vacancy~~. Dave Rogoff was in ~~the seat prior to vacancy; he suggested Claudia to Heather to fill the seat vacancy and passed the baton to Claudia~~. Claudia has been serving on the council since May and a subsequent motion was made by Jean Rags and seconded by Stephanie ~~Myers to~~ ~~Myers to~~ formally appoint Claudia as the representative to the Homeless Policy Council of DCF. The motion passed. An Annual report is being prepared for the Governor, which Claudia will distribute to the group when it's finalized. All meetings are open to ~~anybody the public~~ and can be participated in via conference calls.

**County Survey Results** – Claudia Tuck presented information related to the survey. Twenty-nine ~~(~~ ~~29~~ ~~)~~ counties participated and the report was distributed via email. ~~10~~ ~~Ten~~ Member Counties did not ~~respond~~ and 6 Non- member Counties did. A committee took on the task and was recognized for having done a great job. It was pointed out that FACHSA By-Laws require us to do a survey once a year. Also, of interest is that old surveys will be posted on FACHSA's website. The consensus was that the surveys provide useful information and that we will continue to improve the tool and make the information even more useful. The next survey will go out late November and ~~be~~ due ~~at~~ the end of January 2012.

**DOJ Recommended Settlement Agreement** – Presented by Ginny Hazen and Mark Francis (Broward County). Susan Myers gave an overview and introduction of her staff. DOJ conducted a Project Civic Access Review of Broward County's Emergency Management Program – the first one done in Florida. It was done to determine ~~if of~~ operations and services were provided in accordance with ADA requirements. DOJ assessed buildings and operations and found Broward County wanting in some areas. Broward County implemented over 90% of DOJ's recommendations, but chose not to agree ~~to~~

**4to 4** specific areas because it would place undue financial burden on the county, fundamentally change the nature of their programs and even expose the county to some liabilities.

DOJ responded by suing Broward County, but the county is standing firm. Broward County staff's presentation to meeting attendees was very enlightening with respect to what DOJ expectations are and what counties can do to be compliant with expectations. It was an excellent and well received presentation.

**Strategic Planning** –with everything going on it was suggested that the Executive Committee take on this initiative to plan and submit a proposal on how to move forward with it for perhaps next year.

**ACHA Discussion Items** – Karen Zeiler will be available to talk about related issues tomorrow (Thursday). However, a few notable things shared were: [some of the County concerns regarding HCRA bills were being turned over to and AHCA implementation of their HCRA regulations.](#)

**Next Workshop** – to be held early February 2012.

**Roundtable Discussion** – County representatives provided information and updates regarding their respective counties and programming in their areas.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Elmira K. Warren, FACHSA Secretary**

**Pauline Tracy, FACHSA President**  
**Claudia Tuck, President Elect**  
**Marcy Krumbine, Treasurer**