

**Florida Association of County Human Service Administrators  
FAC Legislative Conference  
FACHSA Business Meeting – Daytona Beach  
November 19, 2008**

**Members Present:**

Karen Hawes, Lee County  
Marcy Krumbine, Collier County  
Jean Rags, Hernando County  
Chip Taylor, Sarasota County  
Pauline Tracy, Sarasota County  
Claudia Tuck, Palm Beach County  
Minnie Rolark, Alachua County  
Bonnie Hinson, Alachua County

**Others Present:**

Heather Youmans, FAC  
Lee County Commissioner  
Wayne Applebee, Sarasota County

**Welcome**

Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon by Karen Hawes. A quorum was not established.

**Introductions**

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

**Leadership Executive Committee Changes**

Karen explained the resignation of David Medley and the change in organizational leadership.

Karen Hawes – President  
Pauline Tracy – President Elect  
Claudia Tuck – Treasurer  
Marcy Krumbine – Secretary

Jean Rags, Past President, was presented with a plaque to recognize her valued service to the organization.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The approval of the minutes for the June 2008 meeting was tabled until a quorum is established.

**Treasurer's Report**

Pauline Tracy reported that the balance in the account is \$7,562.06

Claudia Tuck reported that the bills for the organization's annual dues had been mailed and the remainder were passed out to those in attendance. The total amount billed for FY2009 was \$6,160.

An item was brought up for discussion concerning reimbursing for travel for the national convention. It was suggested that the reimbursement not occur until the representative from FACHSA reports back to the Board and/or membership regarding the conference.

**Action Item:** This item should be presented as a motion when a quorum is established.

It was also suggested that FACHSA become a member of NACo. Karen volunteered to check with Beth to find out the past history on our membership and to bring this back to the membership for a vote.

**Action Item:** Karen Hawes to discuss with Beth Ryder the past history of FACHSA membership in NACO. This item should be presented to the membership for a vote when a quorum is established.

Jean Rags shared that 5 counties in Florida will be attending the NACo conference and presenting their success with the NACo prescription card. Financial support was discussed but not approved since the counties are representing their program and not FACHSA.

### **Survey**

Karen Hawes presented the results of the survey regarding Human Services programs and expenditures in counties through out the state. She mentioned how critical it was to get complete information. Karen suggested that members contact counties which did not submit a survey to ask for a response.

### **Legislative Overview**

Heather Wildermuth was present to discuss the various legislative issues expected to be addressed this coming session.

**Medicaid Reform** – FAC position is clearly no expansion of Medicaid reform.

**LIP Board** – Currently the Lower Income Pool Board is comprised of representatives from hospitals. It is being proposed the local governments (county administrator or designee) also have representatives on the Board. FAC is looking to be the entity to make those recommendations for appointment.

**Health Initiative** – Heather stated that there is widespread support for a cigarette tax that would be tied to health initiatives or a type of health trust fund. Currently, the discussion ranges from .35 to well over \$1.00.

**Transportation Disadvantaged** – FAC is supporting the increase of the motor vehicle registration fee to increase the revenues to the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund.

**Community Care for the Elderly** – FAC supports the restoration and expansion of the CCE funding.

**Choose Life License Plate Funds** – Heather is reviewing ways to expand strategies to expend funds within counties while remaining true to the intent of the legislation. Language to amend the statute may be introduced.

**Medicaid Nursing Home** - It was mentioned that there is discussion again this year to increase the county's share of the cost to pay for Medicaid Nursing Home residents. There is also a discussion of presenting a bill to create a workforce training program to train home health aides to keep our elderly people cared for locally and while retraining and employing people in our communities.

**Discussion of role of FACHSA in legislative priorities** – The FACHSA members that were present stressed the importance of communicating our role and our participation in formulating legislative strategies with our commissioners. It was discussed that the Executive Committee may want to be involved in the Policy Conference.

**Action Item:** Involvement of the Executive Committee at the Policy Conference should be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.

**Medicaid Billing Discussion** – It was suggested that our affiliate send out a letter regarding Medicaid Billing and the issues and concerns we have. Karen Hawes stated that she would send a draft of the letter to us for review.

**Action Item:** Karen Hawes will distribute a draft letter regarding Medicaid Billing.

**Other Discussion:**

Karen discussed the issues regarding Medicaid Behavioral Health. She stated that this is being paid out based on the number of enrollees but there is a concern regarding the level of services that are provided. There appears to be issues regarding how contracts are developed in Tallahassee.

A number of counties discussed their participation in the NSP (Neighborhood Stabilization Program). Jean Rags asked that Action Plan Amendments be sent to Hernando County.

**Action Item:** Completed NSP Action Plan Amendments should be sent electronically to Jean Rags, Hernando County

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Krumbine  
Secretary