

**Florida Association of Social Services Executives
 Special Business Meeting
 10:30 a.m. –11:45 a.m.
~~Wednesday~~ ^{Tuesday}, June 22, 2005
 Tampa, Florida**

Present:

Marilyn Wesley	Escambia Co.	Wilma Daniels	Polk Co.
Jean Rags	Hernando Co.	Heidi Denis	Osceola 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 Rusciollelli	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.	Louis LaTorre	Monroe Co.
Gay N. Williams	Brevard Co.	Fletcher Smith	Lake Co.
Marion Henson	Clay Co.	Vicki Kilroy	Osceola Co
Mary Foy	Highlands Co.		
Kevin Roberts	Highlands Co.		

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

Purpose & History: M. Wesley explained how and why this meeting was developed noting that over the past 5-6 years this discussion has come up before. Recently the Executive Committee felt there was a benefit in joining FACSSE and the Aging Affiliate. The meeting was established to have an open forum to discuss this venture and the positive and/or negative aspects. M. Wesley asked that F. Murry chair the meeting.

Fred reviewed and opened discussion related to participation, dual roles, and overlapping issues. Fred explained the reasons the conversation began and that it was brought to the Executive Board approximately 2 months prior. Fred reviewed the following major issues to be discussed:

- *Establish a committee from both agencies to merge by laws including the election of officers.
- *New Name
- *Timeline
- *Financial obligations, short term/long term, bi-annual conference costs and expenses for the President to attend the National conferences.
- *Membership fee schedule
- *All recommendation to be brought back to FAC for approval.
- *Feed back on where we want to go with FACSSE

General Discussion included concerns on the benefit of joining two agencies, the need for one issue, one voice, one meeting. Need to work closely with aging, human services, area agencies on aging on crossover issues, noting that they are all human service issues. Fred noted that there are FACSSE members who are dual members with Aging and they already deal with the same issues. Discussion included coordinating efforts and the composition of families.

Fred clarified to the group that the offer to merge came from the Aging Affiliate and that we need to discuss if we want to go forward. L. LaTorre informed the group that the Aging and Social Services were under one umbrella until the Older Americans Act then separated and is just coming back around and the time is right to rejoin again. L. LaTorre (Monroe) motioned to consolidate Aging & FACSSE, K. Roberts (Highland) seconded, vote was unanimous and asked for F. Murry to move forward in speaking with the Aging Affiliate.

F. Murry stated that he would request one county that has played a dual role to be on the committee of 5, with 2 coming from social services and 2 from aging. K. Roberts requested that the committee be flexible for additional members to be added as long as they can attend.

M. Wesley suggested that we establish a footprint of how we move forward and that a report come back to the group at the December 2005 Legislative Conference. End of discussion.

M. Wesley asked in the interest of time for counties to share any updates. Updates were received from Collier, Seminole, St. Lucie, Volusia, Pasco, Charlotte, Lake, Osceola, Highlands, Monroe, Alachua, Hillsborough, St. John's, Clay, Duval, Sarasota, Broward, Polk, Hernando, Escambia.

M. Wesley thanked everyone for their participation and expressed hope for a good hurricane season and encouraged everyone to attend the September Bi-Annual Social Services Worker Conference in Lee Co.

No other business, meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.