

*SOUTHERN REGION FCS PROGRAM LEADERS NETWORK (PLN)  
CONFERENCE CALL*

May 27, 2010  
10:00 am

**Attendees:** **Ellen Murphy** (LSU Ag Center), **Kasundra Cyrus** (Southern University), **Monica A. Fields** (South Carolina State University), **Carolyn Nobles** (Prairie View A&M University), **Jorge Atilas** (University of Georgia), **Susan Barefoot** (Clemson University), **Evelyn Crayton** (Auburn University), **Gina Eubanks** (Southern University), **Millie Ferrer-Chancy** (University of Florida), **Vivian Fluellen** (Fort Valley State University), **Lue Jolly** (Florida A&M University), **Thelma Sanders-Hunter** (Tennessee State University), **Krystal Smith** (West Virginia State University), **Anne Sortor** (University of Arkansas), **Laura Stephenson** (University of Kentucky), **Marshall Stewart** (North Carolina State University), **Elizabeth Bolton** (University of Florida)

**Greetings/Introductions:** A welcome was extended to the group by Ellen Murphy, Chairperson of the Southern Region Family and Consumer Sciences Program Leaders Network.

**Roll Call:** The roll was called by Monica A. Fields, Secretary of the Southern Region Family and Consumer Sciences Program Leaders Network.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

**Administrative Advisor's Report:** Millie Ferrer-Chancy reported:

- Extension is responding to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico by participating in multi-state conference calls to coordinate efforts. Participating states include Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and Florida.
- The states have identified the primary information source as EDEN and Dr. Beachy has agreed to award \$200,000 from special needs funds for their efforts.
- Task forces that address the Agricultural Community, Damage Assessment, Food Safety, and Family Stress and Financial Management have been established. All task forces are developing a one-page document that will identify their Plan of Work, objectives, and strategies.

**Q.** Are the 1890 schools involved in this project?

**A.** She is not aware of any involvement from 1890 schools but she will be consulting with her 1890 counterpart in Florida.

**CECP (I Learn) Module Development:** Carolyn Nobles reported:

- All of the nutrition modules have been posted at [pdc.extension.org](http://pdc.extension.org). The nutrition modules cover the life span.
- The housing modules have not been posted.

The Priester Conference was very well planned and organized. The Southern Region FCS PLN was represented by Evelyn Crayton, Carolyn Nobles, Kasundra Cyrus, Krystal Smith, and Vivian Fluellen. The coordination of the Health Disparities conference with the Priester conference is now a completed action item.

### **AFRI Grants**

- Prairie View A&M University is collaborating with Texas Tech and Kansas State Universities to submit a childhood obesity grant. The project will be implemented in elementary schools and utilize the OrganWise Guys curriculum.
- Florida A&M University is coordinating with the University of Florida, the University of New Mexico, and Mississippi State University for a childhood obesity grant. They are also partnering with the University of California on a South African nutrition project.
- The University of Georgia is submitting a childhood obesity proposal for students in kindergarten through second grades.
- Louisiana State University AgCenter Extension is submitting an integrated research and extension project that is an enhancement of the successful Smart Bodies program.
- Kentucky is submitting an integrated proposal with the College of Medicine and Public Health.
- Clemson University's Youth Learning Institute is working on an integrated proposal.
- The University of Florida is partnering with other organizations to submit a grant to address childhood obesity.
- Auburn University (ACES) is planning to submit three AFRI grant proposals, an Extension grant, an Integrated Grant, and a Conference proposal.

### **Administrative Advisor's Report:** Gina Eubanks reported:

- The AEA (Association of Extension Administrators) is planning for the summer meeting in Baltimore, MD.
- An 1890 impact document from all of the 18 institutions is being prepared.
- The AEA supports the SNAP-Ed match but are asking that the match be waived for 1890 schools. This issue will be addressed with the executive directors from this region.

**Q:** Is the group only asking for the match waiver for 1890 schools?

**A:** This solution will apply to 1890 schools and smaller 1862 schools. The waiver will allow for greater opportunities to apply for the funds. Extension is the organization of preference for SNAP-Ed delivery.

The Southern Region FCS PLN needs to develop goals that will address both EFNEP and SNAP-Ed.

### **August PLN Conference:** Kasundra Cyrus reported:

- The speaker for the luncheon will be Dr. Meryl Broussard, Interim Deputy Director for NIFA.

- The Southern Region FCS PLN should develop consistent nutrition outcomes and impacts and discuss scheduling a training session for agents. Each leader should bring state nutrition outcomes to the August meeting.
- Action items and cross-committee issues will be discussed. The schedule has not been completed for cross-committee meetings.
- The group should invite a national program leader such as Etta Saltos or Susan Welsh to give specific information that should be included in a childhood obesity proposal.

**Board on Human Sciences:** Jorge Atilas reported:

- Plans are being made for the November meeting and the logic model is being finalized.

**Evelyn Crayton** reported:

- Bonnie McGee from Texas also attended the Priester Conference. Many states were represented with excellent presentations by specialists and agents.
- I served as a reviewer for the 1890 Capacity Building Grants.

**Submitted By: Monica A. Fields**

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