

Southern Region Family and Consumer Sciences

January 7, 2016

Agenda

Attendees:

Arkansas – Lisa Washburn

Florida – Michael Gutter

Kentucky – Cherry Kay Smith

Oklahoma = Jorge Atilas

Tennessee – Laura Stephenson and Leslie Speller-Henderson

Welcome and Call to Order

Stephenson

Minutes

Smith

Meeting notes from the November 5 meeting were distributed prior to the call. Approval will be sought at the March 9 meeting.

Old Business

Update on Health Extension Specialists pre-conference to NHOC-

Lisa Washburn reported on preliminary plans. The overarching challenge the committee seeks to address is providing support from a state perspective level, while developing programs for local level, collecting data that supports the scholarly work specialists need to advance.

The following sessions were discussed:

- Program planning – with publishing in mind from the beginning, but still useful on a local level. Nancy Franz was invited but is not available. Joseph Donaldson from UT was suggested as he has worked on county and state levels, on JOE board; He uses the Re-aim framework that aligns with public health. Ahlisha Shipley wants to be involved and may know of other across country who might meet this need.
- Grant writing – from state level but appropriate for counties
- Policy Systems and Environment - Looking for someone to address PSE's and how to apply in Extension work. The KY Coordinating Center for Nutrition Education and TN center for PSE might add to the discussion. Using CDC on the agenda as well as the southern region's centers so both CDC and Extension understand how each are positioned to address health PSE's. And how does this position us for interstate grant projects. Leslie sent a document she just located about PSE's.

Registration details: will be set up as a southern region event. Others can join if they like, but will be marketed to southern region.

Networking and Discussion: Time will be set aside to foster collaboration, share interest areas, etc. The plan is to send registrants and potential registrants information prior to the conference so they can be prepared at the session to discuss potential collaborative projects. .

Timing: Discussion regarding 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. versus beginning with a luncheon, and whether folks are able to travel in the morning or whether forced to come in the previous evening. The committee will investigate flight schedules into Roanoke.

Program leaders need to be thinking about supporting a health specialist to attend this pre-conference.

New Business

POW items

- a. *IT SR interested in working with us on mapping FCS state/regional/county/parish coverage to show capacity –*

When Anne Sorter presented the FCS POW on our behalf last August, the IT group was very interested in collaborating with us on this project. Laura will contact the chair of this group about moving forward. Our original plan focused on human resource capacity, but IT may have some other ideas. And how will the southern region center be involved? Laura will investigate with the chair of the IT group.

The following agenda items will be tabled until the March meeting.

- b. *FCS plans to explore a message that will appeal to the critical needs of the audience we are trying to serve. For example: “Help you Live Better” ...by: a. Prevent Disease, b. Improve Home Life, c. Build Wealth*
- c. *Explore FCS rural development opportunities for the region (Murray, Gutter, Kostelecky)*

SR FCS meeting at BOHS – March 9, 2016 from 10 am to noon NOT March 11, 2016

State Sharing

All

University of Kentucky – Cherry Kay Smith

- Still working on potential solutions to alleviate some administrative challenges and high ratios of supervisors to supervisees
- School of Human Environmental Science is planning a Belgium-Holland study tour May 11-22, 2016. The cost is \$3600 plus airfare. Initial deposit of \$1500 is needed now. Contact Ann Vail if interested.

Tennessee State – Leslie Speller-Henderson

- adding staff for process and evaluation, many transitioning from public health
- hosted TN local food summit

Oklahoma – Jorge Atilas

- facing budget challenges due to reduced dollars from the energy sector
- mid year budget cut around 3%, and possibly 5-6% next year
- excited about results from their new evaluation system, but still struggling with evaluation. FCS evals are often longer and more personal, and often more challenging to get completed
- parenting program court mandated for divorced parents, translating to Spanish; have used active parenting and helping them revise and include infants
- Arthritis Foundation partnership, but partnership with AARP

U of Tennessee – Laura Stephenson

- Regional Center of Excellence for PSE Change