

**Southern Region Family and Consumer Sciences Program Leaders
Meeting Notes**

November 9, 2016

Attendees:

State	Name	University	
Alabama	Eunice Bonsi	Tuskegee	
	Cynthia Smith	Alabama A & M	
	Dorothy Brandon	Alabama A & M	
	Kyle Kostelecky	Auburn	
	Celvia Stovall	Alabama A & M	
	Jatunn Gibson	Auburn	
Arkansas	Valerie Colyard	Univ. of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	
	Irene K. Lee	Univ. of Arkansas at Pine Bluff	
	Anne Sortor	Univ. of Arkansas	
	Rosemary Rodibaugh	Univ. of Arkansas	
	Lisa Washburn	Univ. of Arkansas	
	Martha Ray Sartor	Univ. of Arkansas	X
Florida	Michael Gutter	Univ. of Florida	
Georgia	Vivian Fluellen	Fort Valley State	
	Linda Johnson	Fort Valley State	
	Debbie Murray	Univ. of Georgia	
Kentucky	Joanne Bankston	KY State Univ.	X
	Kristopher Grimes	KY State Univ.	
	Ann Vail	Univ. of KY	
	Cherry Kay Smith	Univ. of KY	
Louisiana	Kasundra Cyrus	Southern University Ag. Ctr.	
	Karen Overstreet	Louisiana State	
	Gina Eubanks	Southern University Ag. Ctr.	
Maryland	Virginie Zoumenou	Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore	
Mississippi	Wanda Newell	Alcorn State	
	Mattie Rasco	Alcorn State	X

	Paula Threadgill	Mississippi State	
North Carolina	Claudette Smith	North Carolina AT	
	Michael Yoder	North Carolina State	
	Mitzi Downing	North Carolina State	
	Sarah Kirby	North Carolina State	
Oklahoma	Jorge Atilas	Oklahoma State	
	Dorothy Wilson	Langston University	X
Puerto Rico	Carmen Gomez	Univ. of Puerto Rico	
	Gladys Malave	Univ. of Puerto Rico	
South Carolina	Crystal Stafford	South Carolina State Univ.	
	Ethel Jones	South Carolina State Univ.	
	Kimberly Ray	South Carolina State Univ.	
	Julie K Northcutt	Clemson	
Tennessee	Laura Stephenson	Univ. of Tenn.	
	Lynn Brookins	Univ. of Tenn.	
	Allisen Penn	Univ. of Tenn.	
	Leslie Speller-Henderson	Tenn. State Univ.	X
	Chiquita Briley	Tenn. State Univ.	
Texas	Jacquelyn White	Prairie View A & M	X
	Carol Rice	Texas A & M	
	Stephen Green	Texas A & M	
Virgin Islands	Lois Sanders	Univ. of Virgin Islands, St. Croix	
Virginia	Crystal Tyler-Mackey	Virginia Tech	Melissa Chase
	Debra Jones	Virginia State Univ.	
	Novella Ruffin	Virginia State Univ.	
West Virginia	Cindy Fitch	West Virginia Univ.	
	Kelli Batch	West Virginia State	X
	Bonnie Dunn	West Virginia State	
USDA-NIFA	Beverly Samuel	USDA-NIFA	
	Ahlishia Shipley	USDA-NIFA	
	Caroline Crocoll	USDA-NIFA	
Advisors	Gina Eubanks	LSU Ag Ctr/Southern Univ.	
	Rich Bonanno	NC State Univ	X

Attendance was recorded. Gina Eubanks is anticipating the appointment of a new advisor to take her place as she takes on additional responsibilities. Jacqueline White has officially assumed duties as our PLC Representative 1890 and will attend the next meeting.

On November 28-30, Leslie Speller-Henderson will represent FCS Extension in a meeting about Local Foods System SERA 47 in Atlanta. The work is very important and will address recent interest in local foods role in growing and stabilizing local economies, and address gaps in food access. The work will involve five activities: identify issues; create learning communities; design resource repository; strengthen impact measuring. Leslie invited others to join the meeting as well.

One POW item includes a plan to submit monthly themed blog posts to NIFA with FCS examples from Southern Region. Neither of the key contacts, Cherry Kay Smith and Debbie Murray, are on the call for an update.

Leslie presented the southern region FCS Extension accomplishments at the program leader meeting in conjunction with NEAFCS. She shared the FCS Extension capacity map. The information was collected through a Qualtrics survey. Jacqueline White will look into resending the survey to those who have not yet reported their capacity. States need to specify the zip codes before returning the information to Jacqueline.

The next NEAFCS meeting is in Omaha Nebraska, and the Central region has asked Leslie Speller-Henderson and Mike Gunter to assist them in planning for the program leader meeting.

Culture of Health – Deb Murray attended the health specialists' teleconference in November and another is planned for December. The specialists have asked for our guidance in defining their role in the health and wellness framework, e.g. a conceptual model to help guide their work. A suggestion to work on this request during our face to face meeting at the board of human sciences (BoHS).

Watch for an email asking our plans to attend the BoHS/CAFCS annual meeting in March, in order to plan.

State Sharing:

Tennessee local food conference in Dec 2-4, bringing together a number of institutions to encourage local food sources.

Louisville Kentucky is host to Association of Financial Counseling and Planning Education (AFCPE) annual meeting on November 16-18. Some Extension specialists will be presenting on health financial literacy, at the Extension pre-conference.

Prairie View A&M agents have planned a diabetes conference on November 15. Over 200 have registered, many from Senior centers. Researchers from campus will present on healthy lifestyle practices. Also, the system is attempting to hire three agents, plus a bilingual specialist. Agents are serving increasing numbers of Hispanic individuals and families. Translation support is needed by agents.

University of Arkansas will email a report.

Oklahoma is trying to hire someone with FCS expertise.

Tennessee Nutrition Education Summit is planned in January to inform other about Extension services.

Virginia is hosting community, local and regional foods systems listening sessions to learn what is happening statewide. They are planning to pilot a healthy food retail program, inclusive of all programs. They are implementing a NIFA funded grant focusing on living with diabetes, working with counties that have a higher than national incidence of diabetes. It also includes expanding and continuing to train master food volunteers to assist agents with food demonstrations.

West Virginia State secured a USDA capacity grant for grandparents raising grandchildren workshops. They are partnering with local school systems to recruit. Bonnie Dunn is running the grants and also working with Social Work department on campus to implement the program.

Kentucky State is working on hiring agents in five Kentucky counties.

Alcorn State signature program, Holiday Affair, is an annual program. It targets elderly and focuses on scams that arise during the holidays. It also includes healthy food demonstrations, budgeting for the holidays. They typically have 200 plus to attend. They also partner with 4-H agents.

Since we asked the health specialists to join us last August, some have suggested that we consider inviting specialists from another subject matter area in the future. August 21-24, 2017 are meeting dates in Texas in 2017, in Ft. Worth.

Expect email with details of March 8 meeting in conjunction with BoHS and CAFCS. Meeting was adjourned.