

Southern Region Meeting at the BOHS /ACFS Report in Alexandria Virginia March 8, 2017

The meeting started at 10:15 am

Were Present:

Name	Institution
Beverly Samuel	USDA/ NIFA
Ahlishia Shipley	USDSA/NIFA
Linda Kirk Fox	University of Georgia
Virginie Zoumenou	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Javiette Samuel	University of Kentucky
Laura Stephenson	University of Tennessee
Leslie Speller- Henderson	Tennessee State University
Jorge Atilas	Oklahoma State University

Announcement:

Ann Sorter’s Retirement (A card was signed)

Deborah Murray/Debbie’s surgery (A Get Well Card was signed)

Suggestions about Andy’s retirement:

1-Ann retirement’s scholarship: Develop an Emerging Leader’s initiative which will give a scholarship to support Emerging leader. Determine the selection criteria.

2- Discuss this suggestion with Ann and seek for her input

We all agreed that it will be valuable for Ann to be involved.

3-Get the list of all who retired (2010 –Present) and inform them about **Ann retirement’s scholarship**. Their involvement is welcome

4- Laura Stephenson will get in touch with Ann and will develop a small committee to work on the suggested scholarship.

Minute Approval

The minute was moved by Beverly Samuel and seconded by Jorge. All were in favor. The minute was approved with some minor corrections.

Suggestion

- **SPRING MEETING**

Jorge Atilas’ suggestion:

Motion: Next FCS Program Leaders Meeting will be combined with the CAFCS in Biloxi Mississippi

February 6-8 or February 13-16

BoHs meeting will be a month later.

The Motion to move the Spring meeting was moved by Jorge and seconded by Laura. All were in favor

- The motion to move the Spring Meeting to Biloxi has been approved.

Branding: New initiative

Jorge reported on the FCS Alliance. The logo will not change.

Capacity/ Mapping

The group discussed the following:

- **Jacki White's** data collection on FCS programs by zip code and county.
A mapping is being developed. It will show in different color each subject matter (youth development, human development, financial management etc.).
- **Michael Gutter's** vision on the development of partnership
- **Competencies Assessment Project:** It focuses on 4 competencies/4 areas:
 1. Nutrition
 2. Human development
 3. Community health and wellness
 4. Family Finance

New adjunct will be assessed, the needs will be identified. Online modules will be developed and will focus on basics.

Robert Wood Johnson Funding Opportunity:

Linda Kirk reported on the RWJ Culture of Health Initiative. She provided the group with the following information:

1. Community health and the county health ranking links were made available. They can be used while applying for the RWJ pilot phase.
2. The RFA will be under several waves. The wave 1 (pilot project) will be soon
3. A series of webinars will be scheduled to inform Land Grant Universities on how to apply for the wave1. The first webinar is scheduled on March 9 , 2017 at 2PM
4. Linda encouraged everyone to participate in the webinar to better understand the process of the pilot phase (Wave 1)
5. RWJ would emphasize volunteer engagement and leadership system.

ANR CRD / Local Food System

Leslie provided the group with an update

Youth Development and resources development

Leslie provided the group with an update

Development Plan:

Beverly Samuel (USDA/ NIFA) reported on EDEN and healthy homes. Information related to this subject is posted on NIFA Website,

Information on Future Conferences

- The National Health Outreach Conference (May 2-4, 2017)
- Health Specialist meeting at PLN
- Suggestion: other specialists should also organize their meeting, for instance: Nutrition specialists; healthy homes specialist etc.
- The group also discussed the following: should we combine “health and nutrition”?

Other Discussions

- **PLN Conference (August 21-25, 2017)**
 - Laura: How should we use accurately the PLN meeting? Should we shorten the meeting and finish it on Wednesday at 5PM?
 - Jorge: PLN, a very long meeting. How should we work with the advisors and shorten the meeting?
- **Survey**

We also discussed the survey conducted by Laura. She received very few responses. Laura will resend the survey in order to get more participants.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 am