

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

May 10, 2017

Attendees:

Rosemary Rodibaugh	Univ. of Arkansas
Martha Ray Sartor	Univ. of Arkansas
Michael Gutter	Univ. of Florida
Joanne Bankston	KY State Univ.
Cherry Kay Smith	Univ. of KY
Virginie Zoumenou	Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore
Mattie Rasco	Alcorn State
Michael Yoder	North Carolina State
Dorothy Wilson	Langston University
Leslie Speller-Henderson	Tenn. State Univ.
Chiquita Briley	Tenn. State Univ.
Jacquelyn White	Prairie View A & M
Melissa Chase	Virginia Tech
Novella Ruffin	Virginia State Univ.
Ahlishia Shipley	USDA-NIFA
Rich Bonanno	NC State Univ

Welcome and Call to Order – Leslie Speller-Henderson, Tennessee State University

Minutes – Minutes of the March 2017 meeting were distributed. A motion was made by Mike Gutter and seconded by Mike Yoder to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

Old Business

Project Ann Sorter – Emerging Leader Initiative - Discussion at the March meeting resulted in a plan to develop, promote and support an initiative for emerging leaders in honor of Ann Sorter. Rather than creating another leadership program, the suggestion is to support emerging leaders' participation in an existing leadership program such as the Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS).

FCS PLN February 2018 - FCS program leaders' February 2018 meeting will be in conjunction with CAFCS in Biloxi, MS on Feb 13-16, 2018. Joanne Bankston, Ky State University, will be co-chairing the CAFCS conference and will solicit our support and feedback.

New Business

SRPLN FCS State Reports - A motion was made by Joanne Bankston and seconded by Mike Gutter to submit annual reports to Cherry Kay Smith by July 15. Motion carried. Cherry Kay will provide an updated template to the list serve as well as post on website.

Health Specialists - The southern region health specialists met for dinner and discussion at the National Health Outreach Conference. Four states had health specialists in attendance. Lisa Washburn of Arkansas has done a great job providing leadership to this group. The health specialists met during the August 2016 PLN meeting in Nashville. They have asked to meet again in January 2018 at a central location, e.g. Memphis or Atlanta. (They did not think meeting during our August PLN meeting was a good idea.) Debbie Murray will continue to meet with the health specialists during their conference calls and be the link between program leaders and specialists. Debbie and program leaders on the call favor the health specialists meeting together, joined by at least some of the program leaders. Program leaders view the meeting as a good investment, where networks are built, positioning us for collaborative grant opportunities. The discussion will be continued at a future meeting when Debbie is available.

Advisor's Comments

Advisor Rich Bonanno asked for details on FCS committee's previous discussion about the timing of the Southern Region PLN and how to best use our time together. One challenge is managing attendance when program leaders are responsible for more than one program area.

Extension Directors were in a meeting with Sonny Ramaswamy where he reported some early discussion regarding combining EFNEP and SNAP-Ed. Sonny will be addressing PLN members who were invited to participate in a Nutrition/EFNEP conversation in St. Louis June 14-15, 2017.

Upcoming dates to remember:

August 1-2 Annual Meeting for SERA 47 in Atlanta, GA – Local food initiative

August 21-25 – Southern Region PLN Meeting in Ft. Worth, TX; looking for IGNITE sessions

October 18-19 - FCS Leaders Meeting in conjunction with NEAFCS in Omaha, Nebraska; IGNITE session proposals due to Mike Gutter June 15; and Program of Excellence due to **Pat Bebo** (bebo.1@osu.edu) and **Linda Boeckner** (lboeckner1@unl.edu) by June 10; (IGNITE session - 20 slides on a timer to end in 5 minutes; visuals are helpful)

February 13-16, 2018 – CAFCS in Biloxi, MS

The motion was made (Cherry Kay Smith) and seconded (Martha Sartor) to adjourn the meeting.