



**Southern Region Program Leadership
Family & Consumer Sciences
November 8, 2018
MINUTES**

ATTENDEES

Arkansas	Martha Ray Sartor
Georgia	Deborah Murray
Kentucky	Joann Bankston
Louisiana	De'Shoin A. York
Maryland	Virginie Zoumenou
Tennessee	Laura Stevenson
Texas	Jacqueline White
	Carolyn Williams
Virginia	Novella Ruffin
West Virginia	Debbie Jones
	Carolyn Stuart
USDA	Beverly Samuels

Welcome – Jacquelyn White, PLN Chair

Update from AEA - Carolyn Williams

Dr. Williams reported that we are in a critical time, especially with the Farm Bill. As a result, 1890 AEA is ensuring that all 1890 partners are highlighted via impact data, inclusive of photos, for a document that will be developed to show 1890s contribution to our clientele. Dr. Williams indicated that this group may want to consider developing such a document as well, to showcase the many programs and successes that we have had. She also indicated that we should be intentional in showcasing our nutrition programming in regards to skeptics that believe we are not capable of successfully reaching our target audiences. Dr. Williams recommended using USDA Secretary Sunny Perdue's report entitled *Taskforce on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity* as a basis for the impact document.

Update from NIFA Representative Beverly Samuels

Beverly indicated that NIFA solicited stakeholder input on the emerging needs and opportunities in food and agricultural sciences through four Listening Sessions that were held in various regions of the country. She thanked Dr. Jacqueline White, from Prairie View University, for her input at the NIFA Listens Session held in New Orleans, LA. She also indicated that if you were unable to attend in person, you still have the opportunity to share written comments until



November 30. Complete this survey to provide your input. Choose the option "Submission of written comment in this survey."

She also shared that USDA received 136 expressions of interest from parties in 35 states proposing to become the new home of NIFA. When additional information is available on the selected location, it will be shared with stakeholders.

Overview of Committee Plans of Work

- **Heirs Property: Worthen, Atilas, Gutter, Murry, Tucker**

No further meeting/information since the meeting in Orlando, Fl.

- **Economic Mobility/Entrepreneurship: Gutter, Stephenson, King, Stuart, Parisi, Hunter, Young, Bankston**

Email sent to group members to assess information and receive group member information.

- **Food Systems: Speller-Henderson, Zoumenou, Jones, Burkham, Head, Faulk, Wilson**

Dr. Zoumenou attended the SERA 47 Conference (Strengthening the Southern Region Extension and Research System to Support Local and Regional Food Needs and Priorities) for information and possible collaborative efforts.

Exploring mapping Health Care Connections for FCS Programs: Gutter, Murray, Hunter, Hosig, Jones

No report. However, Dr. Murray added that many groups are working with medical campuses and the Clinical and Translational Science Centers (CTSC) across the country want to engage more with LGUs. As a result, because of our rural health work, CTSC would like to have further discussions about possible collaborations.

Participate in NIFA Listening Sessions Virtually or in person: White, Gutter, York

Dr. Jaqueline White participated/spoke during a NIFA Listening Session. Five of the FCS agents at PVAM also participated in the Listening Session. They discussed issues surrounding trauma, mental health, human trafficking, among others.



2019 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Meeting, March 5-8, 2019, in Arlington, VA

- BoHS/CAFCS Awards Nominations Due November 20, 2018

Dr. White will be looking into the possibility of having Zoom meeting/conference call capabilities for those who can not attend.

State Reports

Arkansas	Dr. Sarta reported that they are in the process of hiring a Nutrition and Health Specialist.
Georgia	Dr. Murray informed us that she is retiring and a position announcement has been advertised.
Kentucky	Dr. Bankston reported that the Association of Home Equipment Educators had their meeting in northern Kentucky in which she was a participant.
Louisiana	Dr. York reported that they are in the process of hiring two new employees, a fiscal coordinator and field coordinator.
Maryland	Dr. Zoumenou, reported that they will be hiring a Youth Development Specialist and a 4-H Educator. On December 6 th they will be sponsoring Dine-In.
Tennessee	Laura Stevenson gave the following reports: <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Farm Bill is negotiation (House and Senate) and both the House and Senate have indicated that they are committed to have a bill signed by December 31st.b. Univ. of Tennessee is hiring a new Director for SNAP-Ed/EFNEP programs. Funding is steady and moving forward. Just hired a new Community Health professional. Will be having a Consumer Economics Faculty position opening in January.
Texas	Dr. White reported that she has hired two EFNEP staff members and an Admin. Oasis county FCS Extension agent is on hold until budgetary concerns are addressed. Grant

collaboration with Baylor and several other institutions for \$10 million. She also has a Program Specialist who is working on collaboration with the University of Houston.

Virginia

Dr. Ruffin reported that she serves on an Opioid substance abuse workgroup formed via ECOP. As a result a report was submitted but has not been released. Also, Virginia State has hired two new 4-H agents (STEM and Youth Development).

West Virginia

Dr. Stuart reported that they have an EFNEP position available. Also, in response to the Opioid crisis, they will be hiring a professional to work with Workforce Development for those individuals in recovery.

Other Business

None

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