



**Southern Region Program Leadership
Family & Consumer Sciences
August 20 – 22, 2019
MEETING MINUTES**

Alabama	Catrina Hoffman
	Eunice Bonsi
Arkansas	Martha Ray Sartor
	Debie Head
	Easter Tucker
Florida	Dreamal Worthen
	Kimberly Davis
	Mike Gutter
	Karla Shelnutt
Georgia	Allisen Penn
	Kena Tolbert
Kentucky	Jennifer Hunter
	Allison Young
	Kris Grimes
Louisiana	De'Shoia A. York
	Kasundra Cyrus
	Denise Holston
	Gina E. Eubanks
Maryland	Virginie Zoumenou
Mississippi	Paula Threadgill
	Kimberly Smith-Russ
North Carolina	Carinthia Cherry
	Rosalind Dale
	Sarah Kirby
	Rich Bonano
South Carolina	Michelle Parisi
	Kimberly Baker
Ohio	Mary Kershaw
Oklahoma	Jorges Atilas
	Dorothy Wilson
Tennessee	Matt Devereaux
	Leslie Speller-Henderson
Texas	Jacquelyn White
	Angela Burkham
	Stephen Green
Virginia	Melissa Chase
	Kathy Hosig
USDA	Beverly Samuel

Welcome and Introductions– Jacquelyn White, PLN/FCS Chair

Updates

- 1890 Administrative Update – Dr. Rosalind Dale
 1. System-wide AEA conference in Orlando, Florida next year.
 2. 1890s many of the program leaders that support 1890s do not plan to move when NIFA relocates. This may impact historical knowledge and working relationships.
 3. In regards to mental health, Dr. Carolyn Williams has sent out a memo to all 1890 administrators to poll who has staff doing mental health work.
- 1862 Administrative Update – Dr. Rich Bonanno
 1. Very small percentage of people moving to Kansas City due to USDA/NIFA relocation. Looking for staff now to fill upper level positions. Many positions vacant.
 2. Be patient about funds, may not come as quickly due to transition.

Updates from NIFA Representative Beverly Samuels

- Compared to other NIFA program areas, the FCS Division has two vacancies currently. However, this is not reflective of those who may not be moving to Kansas City for the relocation of NIFA which should be final by September 30, 2019.
- Apprised the group on NIFA's talking points on top issues.
- Grant funding may be available for industrial hemp programming.
- There are three revised/new knowledge areas in FCS
 1. KA 804. Human and Environmental Issues Concerning Apparel and Textiles.
 2. KA 807. Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation Response, and Recovery.
 3. KA 808. Human Issues in Residential and Commercial Structures.
- New grant initiatives:
 1. Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative
 2. AgVets
 3. Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network

Dr. White led a group discussion in reference to reviewing the 2019 Plan of Work/Annual Accomplishments and updating the 2020 Plan of Work/Annual Accomplishments.

Michael Gutter presented on Partnerships with Health Sciences Campuses-Mapping to Systematize



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- Dr. Gutter encouraged everyone to have conversations across disciplines and departments about all aspects of health; engage in connections/collaborations that may lead to partnerships.
 - Please update Dr. Gutter about any programming that you may already be involved in or if there is any work currently being done on your campus.

Board of Human Sciences Update: Jorge Atilas

- No report

Since the retirement of Dr. Debbie Murry, Dr. Paula Threadgill will be assuming the liaison role for the Health Specialist's programming/workgroup.

Rachel Welbourn presented a short presentation in reference to heir's property. A steering committee has been formed and they are currently planning a meeting for February 24 – 25, 2020 (tentatively) in Atlanta, Georgia. Anyone desiring to work with the group or who would like additional information can contact Rachel in reference to inclusion on the heir's property listserv (an email with additional information has been sent to the listserv).

Food Systems: Speller-Henderson and Virginie Zoumenou

- SERA-47 Project - Strengthening the Southern Region Extension and System to Support Local & Regional Food s Needs and Priorities
 1. The annual meeting in Savannah, GA will be one full day on December 12, 2019, after the Community Food Systems Conference.
- NC1196 USDA Research project focuses on Food Systems, Health, and Well-being: Understanding Complex Relationships and Dynamics of Change.
 1. The annual meeting will be in October or November 2019 in Texas.

Dr. Sarah Baughman gave an informative presentation about the Military Families Learning Network.

- The network promotes readiness and quality of life of Service members and their families.
- The mission is to connect military family service providers to timely and cogent research, the Cooperative Extension Service and to each other.
- The network sponsors podcasts that focus on real life topics affecting military families.

Angela Burkham of Texas A&M polled the group as to those states/universities doing mental health/first aid programming:

- Louisiana
- Mississippi



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- Tennessee
 - Florida
 - Kentucky
 - North Carolina
 - Texas

Angela indicated that she has a Mindfulness Curriculum and will be contacting these states in terms of programming.

Updates on Issue Based Group Work

- The group decided that there will be no more work groups at this time. Work groups will be further discussed during our next conference call, November 6, 2019. At this time, the groups will be redefined and chairs/volunteers selected.

Beverly Coberly of E-Extension Foundation provided information about E-Extension, its history/origins, funding sources and subject matter. She also spoke of success stories which were by region and inclusive of both 1890 and 1862 universities. One of E-Extension Foundation's goal is to support Cooperative Extension.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

REMINDER

Next Meeting, November 6, 2019

1:00pm CT/2:00pm ET

via Conference Call/Zoom