

WEAFCS Professional Development Committee

August 24, 2010

MINUTES

1. **Call to order.** Co-Chair Linda Olson called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Present: Jane Jensen, Linda Olson, Lori Zierl, Barb Haynes, Teri Zuege-Halvorsen, Mary Geissler, Pam Peterson, Peggy Nordgren, Sue Allen, Edie Felts-Podoll. Excused: Donna Doll-Yogerst, Angie Flickinger
3. **Minutes.** Pam Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2010 meeting with the addition of Sue Allen to the roll as excused. Lori Zierl seconded and the motion carried.
4. **WEAFCS Board Report.** Lori Zierl reviewed highlights from this morning WEAFCS Executive Board meeting, including identifying PILD representative, and the need for committees to review the bylaws and guidelines and send any suggested changes to Lori before the next Executive Board meeting.
5. **Co-chair responsibilities.** Linda Olson will manage contributions to the Communiqué, involving at least one member in each themed article, and including an ad about using the Professional Development Log. Linda will also schedule, announce and chair committee meetings, and attend WEAFCS Board meetings. Sue will serve on the JCEP Board and JCEP Conference Planning Committee, getting input from this committee to conference planning. Sue will also serve as a liaison to the Department of Family Development's Research & Studies Committee listening for work that could/should be shared as professional development.

After reviewing our committee goals, the co-chairs propose that we address the following agenda items at each Professional Development committee meeting:

1. Communiqué articles
 2. JCEP update/discussion
 3. WEAFCS Board report (as applicable to Professional Development)
 4. Information members may have discovered about professional development in opportunities in existing program areas, and/or new program ideas that could be explored via professional development.
 5. Other professional associations in FL program areas
 6. Following each quarterly meeting, send note to FL News about Professional Development Log
6. **JCEP Representatives** – Edie Felts-Podoll, Sue Allen, Barb Haynes
Barb is a new member of the Professional Development Committee – welcome! Linda Olson will pass along these three names to JCEP Board chair Kevin Jarrek, Chris Kniep is the conference planning chair. WEAFCS Prof Dev Committee is to focus on keynoters and workshops for the JCEP conference. Keynote speakers should be able to address all four program areas. The conference theme is not yet set but is generally pretty broad. It can be difficult to please our audience due to diverse interests. Edie suggested looking at the five priority issues on the federal level, which are food security and hunger, climate change, sustainability and bio energy, childhood obesity and food safety. We should encourage

members to participate in JCEP as presenters, poster sessions, etc. Edie clarified that once you're on the conference planning committee, you work with a specific sub-committee like food, keynoters, workshops, posters, etc. Edie's on food, Barb and I have yet to be slotted. Sue suggested Margaret Wheatley, author of *Leadership & the New Science* and international speaker. Barb Haynes supports the idea of Margaret Wheatley.

7. **Communiqué Articles** – DUE SEPTEMBER 27, SEND TO LINDA OLSON

Thank you to Jane Jensen who coordinated efforts with Sue Nitzke for Communiqué! Very helpful and things people could use. Linda put in a reminder to use the Professional Development Log. Marilyn Herman added Prof Dev opportunities from NEAFCS, which Linda will now try to do. We are not sure if/how we know when the NEAFCS newsletter comes out. We will remind people to go in and look at NEAFCS newsletter and provide the link.

For the next Communiqué, Pam Peterson will ask specialists Linda Roberts and Nancy Brooks to pull information and resources together about Couples Relationships. At Edie's suggestion, Linda Olson will produce an annotated reference to books recently published by state specialists including, Ellen Fitzsimmons, Sue Nitzke, Dave Riley, and Karen Bogenschneider. Also, a bit more detail about the programs of the WEAFCF / NEAFCS award winners will be submitted.

Ideas for future issues include Patrick DuCharme on Stress Management.

8. **Professional Development opportunities.** Ann Keim plans to keep producing her list of professional development opportunities in the FL monthly news, but could use input from other people. Linda will forward the NEAFCS info to Ann as well. If it is not too much work, we would like PD opportunities listed in both the Communiqué and the FL news.
9. **Updates from other Professional Associations.** Other Professional Associations may be useful to member seeking professional development opportunities, resources or information. For example, Peggy Nordgren offered that the National Council of Family Relations will have its national event in Minneapolis, MN, November 3-6, 2010. There is currently not a listing of professional association related the FL program areas. If members will track professional associations they might recommend, we would produce a list by the end of this year.
10. **Other business.** Teri Zuege-Halvorsen confirmed that the resources Pam Peterson provided for writing a department paper were placed on the Professional Development Committee section of the WEAFCF website. They are located just under the Professional Development Log.
11. **Next meeting.** December 1, 10:00 – 11:00 am via Wisline
Next Agenda Item: Review guidelines and bylaws for any changes at our next meeting

Adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Allen