

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

PSYCHOLOGY AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING CAUCUS

MINUTES

May 18, 2015

Allegany College of Maryland, CE Room #18 – Cumberland, Maryland

CALL TO ORDER: Paul McCusker welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending and called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. Paul then asked everyone to review the attached minutes from the February 23, 2015 meeting and after review, the minutes were approved as written. The following individuals were present:

Christa Snyder

Antoinette Wiseman

Joy Taylor

Michael Motter

Paul McCusker

Judith Altemus

Anne Sheetz

REPORTS

Continuing Education

Christa Snyder gave the CE report. She announced she didn't have any brochures with her at this time, however, upcoming courses include: "Trait Anger" on October 8, 2015; "Compassion Fatigue" on September 30, 2015; "Crisis Intervention" that is co-sponsored with the Psych & Professional Counseling Caucus being presented by George Everly on September 9, 2015; "Ethics" with Jane Rifle from WVU on September 15, 2015; "Bystanders and Bullying" on October 26, 2015; "NASW Training" on October 28, 2015; "School Counseling" at Rocky Gap on October 1 & 2, 2015 and "Behavioral Principles and Strategies" on October 14 & 15, 2015. Joy offered that if Christa sends the electronic copies of the brochures to her she would be happy to forward them to the Psych and Professional Counseling Caucus listserv as well as other health disciplines.

There was additional discussion on CE course ideas that the caucus could co-sponsor in 2016. Judith suggested a "Cultural Competency" course after next April. Other ideas included Jim Orth presenting "Mental Health Services for Those Who are Deaf." Another suggestion was "Integrating Socio-Economic Class Differences with Treatment Ideas." We will revisit course ideas at the next caucus meeting.

WMAHEC Board of Directors

Mike Motter announced that the last Board of Director's meeting on March 17, 2015 had several staff from DHMH and the Maryland AHEC Program Office in attendance. He announced the upcoming Annual Awards Dinner would be on June 9, 2015 and the awards would be presented that evening as usual.

Treasurer's Report

Antoinette Wiseman gave the Treasurer's Report and announced that as of March 31, 2015 the caucus has \$1,247.21 in the account.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update to Caucus Member list & Mailing List

Joy distributed the listserv for updates.

There were no PTF to sign at this meeting. Joy will prepare one for the lunches that we will be invoiced from ACM.

Update Regarding CE Programs

No update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mental Health Awareness Month 2015

Paul announced that there was a very nice Letter to the Editor article in the May 3, 2015 Sunday newspaper and that getting that published worked very well, in promotion of May as Mental Health Awareness Month. He gave a sample of it to Joy for our files.

Psychological or Professional of the Year Award

There was a lot of discussion about the award. We had agreed that we were giving a Lifetime Achievement Award to Lee Ross. There would be no other award presented this year. Paul thanked Toni for organizing all of Dr. Ross' history and credentials. Joy asked if Toni could get a head shot photo from his wife to be used during the presentation of awards on the Power Point display. Toni thought that Lee's wife and daughters would be attending. It was agreed that both Toni and Paul would jointly present the award.

Focus on the Future

Anne announced that she plans on participating with Focus on the Future this year and invited Mike and Toni to attend with her. They will check their calendars for availability.

Paul mentioned the need to add the elections of officers to the agenda. We will need to accept nominations of the executive committee positions so Joy will put that on next meeting's agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

Paul thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth