

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

PSYCHOLOGY AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING CAUCUS

MINUTES

May 19, 2014

Allegheny College of Maryland, CE Room #6 – Cumberland, Maryland

CALL TO ORDER: Paul McCusker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance and asked for introductions as there were a few new faces at this meeting. After introductions he asked everyone to review the minutes from the February 24, 2013 meeting. After review, the minutes were approved as written. The following individuals were present:

Christa Snyder

Anne Sheetz

Ellen Kitzmiller

Christy Wagner

Amanda Tart

H. Leon Bryan

Michael Motter

Paul McCusker

Judith Altemus

Joy Taylor

REPORTS

Continuing Education

Christa Snyder gave the CE report. She didn't have brochures for today's meeting but will bring them for the fall programs to the next Caucus meeting on August 25, 2014. She did remind everyone that Jason Edwards is doing a DSM 5 course on September 26th and she has a group counseling training on October 21st with Sherry Kane and will be starting back with the Problem Gambling series also in the fall.

There was discussion regarding the CE program that Christa is working with the Psych & Professional Counseling Caucus in organizing, as the date had to be changed. The new date is now November 10, 2014, and because it is on a day when Joy has the WC/SW Caucus meeting, she will not be able to attend. Christa assured her that she will get the sign in sheets, the participant forms and the evaluations with the three WMAHEC questions added to it to Joy at the conclusion of the training. It was also discussed that we will not have a business meeting during the lunch break of this training, which works out well since people will be on their own for lunch and will probably need to either eat at the cafeteria or leave campus. It was discussed that we try to offer participants an hour and 15 minute lunch break. Christa said that she could request from the presenter that since lunch will take extra time, that the lunch break start at 11:30am. Christa explained that the presenter, Esther Rosen Renee, will be presenting by herself and not using a team, as discussed at the last caucus meeting. She is a trainer from the Washington School of Psychiatry. The training will cost either \$69 or \$94 and will be for 6 hours and will offer CEU's in addition, psychology, professional counseling and social work, and does not include lunch.

Paul asked Christa if she could provide a notice in the participant packets of ideas for where people can go for lunch with maybe some brief directions since we hope to draw folks from not just the local area but from out of town as well.

Paul announced that we were hoping to have a very big draw for this event.

WMAHEC Board of Directors

Mike Motter announced that there was a lot of discussion about the caucuses at the last board meeting since we had some new members in attendance that were very interested in the caucus functions. He also announced that there still isn't any resolution between the City and AHEC for the breaking of the lease, and that there is a new logo and other efforts to rebrand the AHEC. He also announced that the next meeting would be at 5:00pm, followed by the Annual Awards Dinner to be held on Tuesday, June 3rd, 6:00 pm at the Cumberland Country Club, where we would be announcing the Psychologist or Professional Counselor of the Year award.

Treasurer's Report

Antoinette Wiseman was not in attendance so Joy gave the Treasurer's Report and announced that the caucus has \$1,160.20 in the account as of April 30, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update to Caucus Member list & Mailing List

Joy distributed the listserv for updates and Paul McCusker signed the PTF for today's boxed lunches provided by ACM.

NEW BUSINESS

Christa reminded everyone that if members of the caucus give her training ideas and/or speakers that she would be happy to coordinate those programs in hopes that the local professionals would support them by attending, and in doing so, would split the proceeds with the caucus. So if anyone has any training ideas, please get in touch with her by phone or email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Paul announced that we had a Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation announced at the County Commissioner meeting on May 1st and Joy will follow up with getting that picture to the newspaper.

There was discussion about upcoming community events and Joy will have Jackie send the Health Fair and Community Events Schedule back out to those in attendance at today's meeting. There was also discussion about how helpful it would be to have all the health professionals organized together at the Focus on the Future event since Anne Sheetz and another colleague were put in a separate area with the EMT's and firefighting professionals. Joy will email her contact at Focus on the Future and make this request.

The attending FCI professionals gave an update regarding their work at the prison and then there was discussion about the upcoming Introduction to Cultural Competency CE/CME and the recent Bridges into Health- Focus on Poverty, that was held at the beginning of May; there was a lot of positive feedback about that training and Joy announced that that same speaker will be coming back in November to do a full day for the Institute of Medicine and Religion programming and will finish up on that Bridges Into Health topic.

Paul adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm. and announced that the next meeting would be on August 25, 2014, at the same time and location.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth