

Allegany/Garrett County Social Work Caucus

Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Lisa Green at 12:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance:

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| Tamra Warnick | Sue Schwab | Christa Snyder |
| Susan Keller | Anita Rozas | Lisa Hill |
| April Busch | Richard Clevenger | Donna McClintock Fost |
| Melissa Clark | Jan Chippendale | Lisa Green |
| Jennifer Glotfelty | Lisa Olinger | Joy Taylor |
| Andrea Mamich | Jessica Nice | Monica Barnett |
| Laura Miller | Wanda Barnes | Melissa Harr |

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 10, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Committee Updates

NASW-MD/Legislative Network:

Robin Summerfield was not present. There is no report on the Legislative Network at this time.

Anita Rozas reported on NASW-MD. A Social Work Month Conference will be held on March 26 and 27, 2015 at the Maritime Institute. NASW-MD will be offering a Macro Conference on April 24, 2015, Ethics training on June 5, 2015 and a Clinical Conference on September 24 and 25, 2015. NASW-MD received a Gerontology grant and will be training 160 Social Workers and Supervisors who work in Gerontology. Anita reported that her second term of serving on the NASW-MD Board is expiring in July 2015. If interested in this position and becoming a NASW member, contact Anita for more information. The next NASW meeting is April 18, 2015.

Social Work Month Committee:

Jennifer Glotfelty presented an update on Social Work Month. The luncheon will be hosted by the Allegany County Health Department on March 18, 2015. The continuing education topic will be Bullying and Cyber Bullying. A last call for Nominees for Social Worker of the Year was extended until February 13, 2015. A discussion of inviting non-social work professionals to the Social Work Caucus Appreciation lunch and training occurred. The bylaws state that Caucus members must have a Social Work degree or be a student in a Social Work program. A motion was made to not invite other disciplines to the luncheon, a vote was held and the motion passed.

Continuing Education Committee:

Donna McClintock Fost reported that today's presentation is the third in the series of four in the Trends & Techniques in Social Work XXV series. Registration fees should be paid to Joy

Taylor or Jackie Booth, if they have not been. Several sessions have been scheduled for the next series.

Workgroup Committees:

Brochure Development

The Allegany/Garrett County Social Work brochure has been developed. Contact Joy Taylor to add an agency or individual to the mailing list.

Caucus Promotion: (highlighting organizations)

This group is now inactive. If you are interested in heading this committee, contact Lisa Green.

Reports

AHEC Board of Directors:

Jennifer Glotfelty reported that the next WMAHEC Board of Directors meeting is on December 16, 2014. WMAHEC is in need of a Treasurer, and the requirements include an accounting background in non-profit agencies.

ACM Continuing Education Update:

Christa Snyder reported that the spring 2015 trainings for Continuing Education opportunities at Allegany College of Maryland have been set. She is working on scheduling the fall sessions now, which include Gambling, Ethics and Bullying. The Social Work Caucus is not a co-sponsor of any fall trainings at this time. Allegany College of Maryland is sending out more email brochures. Contact Christa if you want to receive email notifications or are receiving multiple paper brochures.

Christa reminded Caucus members that the Social Work Caucus benefits by receiving half of the proceeds for co-sponsoring trainings that are 3 or 6 hours. If members have any recommendations for trainings or instructors for the fall 2015 semester, contact Christa by email. Christa also reported that Allegany College of Maryland has limited financial scholarships available through Rocky Gap Casino for those who pay individually for their CEU's. Funds can be requested at the Continuing Education Registration Office. Scholarships may be up to 50% of the cost of the training or \$100.

Treasurer's Report:

April Busch reported that the Caucus currently has a balance of \$1,057.30. There have been no changes since the last meeting.

Other Business & Announcements

The listserv was circulated for updates.

Introduction of Caucus attendees.

Melissa Clark, ECHO (Exploring Careers in Health Occupations), gave a presentation on the ECHO program through WMAHEC. The program is available to high school and early college students who are interested in learning more about the medical fields. The cost is \$150 per student; however, there are some grants and scholarships available if there is a financial need. Applications are due by April 15, 2015. Email Melissa at mclark@wmahec.org for an application.

CE Presentation

Jo Wilson and Samantha Jones, Western Maryland Health System Center for Clinical Resources presented “Meeting the Challenges of Healthcare” and gave a tour of the Clinical Resources Department.

The next meeting will be held on April 8, 2015 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM at the WMHS Physician’s Conference Room – 2nd floor next to Pharmicare.

Respectfully Submitted,
Monica Barnett