

Allegany/Garrett County Social Work Caucus

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2015

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

Wanda Barnes	Monica Barnett	April Busch
Janice Chippendale	Melissa Clark	Lisa Green
Richard Clevenger	Michael Downton	Dee Guthrie
Jennifer Glotfelty	Melissa Harr	Lisa Hill
Kim Jackson	Susan Keller	Lisa Olinger
Cynthia Lincoln	Andrea Mamich	Donna Fost
Stacie Miller	Tamra Warnick	Christa Snyder
Patricia Schlottman	William Tart	Joy Taylor

Reading and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Jan Chippendale requested a revision on the Mission of Mercy to state that it is a shared effort and multiple agencies are participating in the planning. The minutes were approved as revised.

Committee Updates

NASW-MD/Legislative Network:

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

Joy Taylor presented information provided by Anita Rozas for NASW-MD. NASW-MD sponsored an Ethics training that was held on June 5, 2015 at Allegany College of Maryland. Anita's second term of serving on the NASW-MD Board is expiring in July, 2015 and Carolyn Clauson Andrews is replacing Anita's position on the Board.

Social Work Month Committee:

Jennifer Glotfelty presented an update on Social Work Month. The luncheon planning was based on \$800 available for food; however, it turned out to be a set amount per person and due to lower than expected attendance only \$500 was available. Combined with the cost of the presenter, there were no proceeds from the luncheon and the Caucus had to spend an additional \$191 to cover the costs. Jennifer suggested that in the future the committee reconsider having a paid presenter. Western Maryland Health System has expressed an interest in hosting the luncheon next year. There would be no cost to the Caucus for food. An invitation to Senator Barbara Mikulski is being made to speak at the 2016 luncheon.

Donna McClintock Fost reported that 1,934 pounds of food were donated in the food barrels, down from 2,140 pounds from last year. The Food Bank suggested using containers instead of barrels next year, or a money drive instead of a food drive. There was confusion regarding drop off and pick up of the barrels this year.

Continuing Education Committee:

Donna McClintock Fost reported that today's presentation is the first in the series of four in the Trends & Techniques in Social Work XXVI series. Registration fees should be paid to Joy Taylor or Jackie Booth. All but one session has been scheduled for this series and suggestions were made for the final speaker.

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 AHEC Board of Directors board meeting and annual awards dinner was held at the Cumberland Country Club on June 9, 2015. Awards were presented to April Busch and Dennis Tipton for Social Worker of the Year for AG/SW Caucus. Other awards included John Kenney, Washington County Social Worker of the Year; Dr. Lee Ross, Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Psychology and Professional Counseling Caucus; Dr. Sue Raver, Menchavez Pediatrics, Dr. Mary Money, and Garrett County Hospice also received awards.

Joy Taylor was recently appointed as the HPV Region B Coordinator through HRSA. There is a national initiative to educate and train providers in promoting HPV (human papillomavirus) immunizations.

Joy reported that WMAHEC funding is adequate and all positions have been staffed. Over half of the staff has had to be replaced within the past six months.

ACM Continuing Education Update:

Christa Snyder reported that she is working on scheduling the spring 2016 trainings for Continuing Education opportunities at Allegany College of Maryland. She provided brochures for the following trainings:

September 30, 2015 – "Compassion Fatigue: Coping with Trauma-Resilience and Mindfulness for Healers" – Anthony Parente

October 8, 2015 – "Layers of Forgiveness: Relieving Trait Anger in the Compulsive Gambler" – James Walsh

October 26, 2015 – "Bullying Prevention: Turning Bystanders into UPSTANDERS", Dr. Renee Verbanic

Registration for these trainings is available after July 1, 2015. Christa hopes to have the remainder of the brochures for the fall sessions at the next meeting. She will email the PDF's to Joy to disburse to the Listserv.

Anita Rozas and NASW will present training on August 28, 2015. One half of the day will be Ethics and the other half will be a Monday Matinee. Registration is through NASW. Any training co-sponsored with NASW requires online registration through NASW.

Treasurer's Report:

April Busch reported that the Caucus currently has a balance of \$1,241.30. There were deposits of \$825 for the Social Work Luncheon.

Other Business & Announcements

The listserv was circulated for updates. Joy Taylor requested that members verify their credentials on the Listserv and correct if needed.

Member introductions were made.

April Busch introduced Trisha Schlottman, who is taking April's position at the Veterans Administration. April will be working in Home Based Primary Care.

Cynthia Lincoln also introduced herself as a new member. Cynthia recently retired from private practice and relocated to the area from Havre de Grace.

Lisa Green reported that she has accepted a new position at Egle Nursing Home.

CE Presentation

Major James R. Pyles, Commander, North Command, Criminal Enforcement Division, Maryland State Police presented "What You Should Know About Drug Addiction, the Drug Climate and Managing Drug Related Incidents".

The next meeting will be held on August 12, 2015 from 12:00 until 2:00 pm at the Western Maryland Health System Physician's Conference Room – 2nd floor next to PharmaCare.

Respectfully Submitted,
Monica Barnett