

**Western Maryland Area Health Education Center
Washington County Social Work Caucus
Minutes
January 13, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Sandra Weaver at approximately 11:50 a.m. The meeting was held in the Washington County Department of Social Service's 2nd Floor Conference Room. The following members were present:

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| Michelle Bowers | Ligia Teodorovici | Tammie Campher |
| Beth Layman | Carol Suker | Amber Ugori |
| Keith Hoffman | Sandy Weaver | Nikki Snider |
| Kelsey Wilkes | John Kenney | Katherine Koren |
| Emily Kaufman | Judy Brown | Kamala Hall |
| Mary Ann Ford | Carol Antoniewicz | Catherine Duray Baker |
| Joy Taylor | | |

Sandra asked all members to review the attached minutes from the last meeting and they were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Joy Taylor reported the current balance in the caucus account is \$2,679.13 as of November 30, 2013.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Continuing Education

There was discussion on the need to have a presentation for the next CE presentation. Some ideas were: presentation on DSM-V and also hospice. It was agreed that the July series could possibly be a hospice presentation. Sandra Weaver will discuss this with marketing at Washington County Hospice. Mary Ann Ford recommended disabilities or a panel. Diane Davis from DDA may be able to assist in this matter. Hospice may be able to present "Living Legacy at Washington County Hospice".

Legislative Update

No report.

NASW-MD

No report.

Social Work Month

Kelsey Wilkes reported that the committee has been working on narrowing down details for the upcoming conference. This year's topic is "Ethical Dilemmas in Domestic Violence", a 5 hour CE from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. There are two speakers for this conference from CASA. Kelsey also asked members as to what food option should be available between a pasta option and a fajita bar. Members voted to have a pasta option. Kelsey also reported that the Caucus is attempting to purchase a banner. It was recommended that there should be some publicity and this should be done by someone other than a member of the committee. Tammie will contact the Herald Mail about doing a press release. Joy Taylor suggested a proclamation for Social Work. John Kenney recommended the DHR group make a banner. Sandra Weaver requested there be a budget for gifts. It was voted on and agreed that there be \$1,000 allocated for gifts and a banner.

REPORTS:

Board of Directors

No report.

OLD BUISNESS:

Joy Taylor sent around the contact list for updates and collected caucus meeting announcements.

NEW BUISNESS:

Homeless Coalition on March 1, 2014 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Turning Point: 128 N. Potomac Street
Volunteers are needed to assist with transporting people to the other location at the Reach Building pick up and drop off. Help is needed for registering people for social security card and birth certificates.

Hospice of Washington County is hosting “Hospice Care in Hagerstown” on Saturday, January 18, 2014 from 12:00 – 2:30 pm. There is no cost to attend but registration is required. Lunch is being provided by Hemen Hill.

PRESENTATION:

“The Affordable Health Care Act: Navigating Our Way” was presented by Heather Glass, Field Operations Manager, Healthy Howard. She discussed the Affordable Care Act and patient protection, the benefits of the ACA; become familiar with the local connector; learn the most frequent workplace situations that social workers face which can increase their risk of liability and a lawsuit, discuss how to reduce the risk of liability and how to handle situations of concern as they arise.

The next meeting is on Monday, May 12, 2014 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Washington County Department of Social Services.

Respectfully submitted by Kamala Hall