

**Western Maryland Area Health Education Center
Washington County Social Work Caucus
Minutes
May 13, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Fred Hirsch at approximately 11:45 a.m. as Sandy Weaver was not in attendance. The meeting was held in the Washington County Department of Social Service's 2nd Floor Conference Room. The following members were present:

Carol Suker	Kay Higgins	Nikki Snider
Fredric Hirsch	Tammie Campher	Anne Orndorff
Diane Davis	Ligia Teodorovici	John Kenney
Grace Foster	Mary Ann Ford	Kamala Hall
Rebecca Highbarger	Joy Taylor	

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

Treasurer's Report

Fred Hirsch reported the current balance is \$3,165.67 in the caucus account.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Continuing Education

Reminder to pay for Social Work Caucus dues to get CEU's.

Legislative Update

An update was emailed earlier in reference to the changes that will be in effect regarding the Maryland Social Work regulations.

Social Work Month

Fred Hirsch gave a brief overview from Social Work Month. A committee needs to be established with a committee chair. It was recommended that a 5 year plan will be ideal. Next year's topic is on Domestic Violence and he is hoping CASA will be able to host and/or conduct presentation for this event. It was also recommended that the Caucus purchase a Social Work Banner which will travel throughout the month for agencies to hang.

REPORTS:

Board of Directors

No updates.

OLD BUISNESS:

Joy Taylor sent around the contact list for revision.

NEW BUISNESS:

John Kenney introduced all candidates who were nominated for Social Worker of the Year and read each nomination. The nominees were: Sarah Dietz, Kamala Hall and Kelsey Wilkes. They were each given a Social Work Excellence pin for being nominated. Kelsey was awarded 2013 Social Worker of the Year. Since she was unable to attend this month's meeting, she will be recognized at the next caucus meeting.

PRESENTATION:

“Protecting Your Child from Lead Poisoning” was presented by Gloria Huddleston, RN and Shaketta A. Denson, Esq. Information was presented on the history of lead based paint; being able to identify the sources of lead poisoning and ways to prevent lead poisoning; knowing the legal rights and responsibilities regarding lead in residential homes and discussion of identifying the services and programs available were also included.

The next meeting is on Monday, July 8, 2013 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Washington County Department of Social Services. The topic is “Locating Reliable Disaster Health Resources on the Internet” with Mary Spalding, MA, MLIS.

Respectfully submitted by Kamala Hall