

**Western Maryland Area Health Education Center
Washington County Social Work Caucus
Minutes
September 9, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Sandra Weaver at approximately 11:45 a.m. and asked for everyone to give a brief introduction. The meeting was held in the Washington County Department of Social Service's 2nd Floor Conference Room. The following members were present:

Ligia Teodorovici	Frederic Hirsch	Nikki Snider
WC Huang	Darren House	John Kenney
Anne Orndorff	Kay Higgins	Tammie Campher
Alicia Henderson	Kamala Hall	Emily Kaufman
Katherine Koren	Diane Davis	Diane Mitchell
Sandra Weaver	Kathy Boyd Mansfield	Kelsey Wilkes
Christina Horst	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 \$2,626.56 as of July 31, 2013.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Continuing Education

There was discussion on the need to for the next CE presentation. A few ideas came about: presentation on DSM-V and hospice. It was agreed that the January presentation could possibly be a hospice presentation. Sandra agreed to discuss this with marketing at Washington County Hospice.

Legislative Update

October 1, 2013 changes in the social work statues went into effect. Email with updates was sent out to caucus members.

NASW-MD

Joy made the report for Anita Rozas. The DSM-V has been released; however, it should not be used. New codes are not being utilized as of yet. Carlton Munson will be doing a conference in September.

Social Work Month

Kelsey reported that the committee has been formed and will be working together to develop the upcoming Social Work Month Conference. The committee consists of Kelsey, Tammie, Sandra, Kamala and Fred. Tammie states that her intern Alicia will also join to assist the committee in planning.

REPORTS:

Board of Directors

Fred Hirsch addressed that there is still no news in reference with settlement with the City of Cumberland. Joy pointed out that AHEC is getting settled in the new location.

OLD BUISNESS:

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

NEW BUISNESS:

None.

PRESENTATION:

“Health Care Reform: Get Informed and Get Engaged” was presented by Leni Preston, Chair of the Maryland’s Women Coalition for Health Care Reform. She discussed the Affordable Care Act and Patient Protection. She also reviewed the Essential Health Benefits and shared with the group ways to reduce the risk of liability and how to handle situations of concerns as they arise. There was also discussion on the opportunities to get engaged in Health Care Reform and addressed workplace situations that social workers face which can increase their risk of liability and a lawsuit.

The next meeting is on Monday, January 13, 2014 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Washington County Department of Social Services.

Respectfully submitted by Kamala Hall