

**AHEC West
Washington County Social Work Caucus
Minutes
January 11, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Sandra Weaver at approximately 11:50 a.m. The meeting was held at the Washington County Department of Social Services Multi-Purpose Room. The following members were present:

Samantha Barrett	Kathy Boyd-Mansfield	Judith Brown
Joy Taylor	Carolyn Fleenor	M. Ann Freysz
Kay Higgins	Rebecca Highbarger	Brian Hose
John Kenney	Kamala Lyn	Heidi Moore
Jeanne Mykut	Amanda Paylor	Nikki Snider
Carol Suker	Ligia Teodorovici	Sandra Weaver
Kelsey Wilkes	Angela House	

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

Treasurer's Report

Kelsey Wilkes reported that the current balance in the caucus account is \$2,450.42.

Committee Updates:

Continuing Education:

Next Series/Ideas- John Kenney reported that the Washington County Commission on Aging has a new location and the contact person is Amy Olack. The Maryland Board of Social Work Examiners would like to reschedule their presentation.

The Outpatient Cares Manager contact is Rebecca or Carol. Trauma Systems Therapy (Ligia). Child Welfare Center (Tiffany Lowe) suggested that we have an overview on what Mental Health Agency/Mental Health Authority has to offer; maybe ask Rick Rock to cover this meeting.

NASW-MD

None. Position is currently vacant.

Legislative Network

None

Social Work Month Committee Update

The Committee is working diligently on planning the Social Work Month celebration. The topic is "No End in Sight? Facing the Drug Epidemic". We have several guest speakers

who we will reach out to. The event will be held on March 24, 2016. The committee has decided to rename the Washington County Social Worker of the Year award to the Fred Hirsch Social Worker of the Year award, honoring the late Fred Hirsch's dedication and commitment to the profession. The save-the-date notice was sent out to the caucus listserv.

REPORTS:

Board of Directors

No Report. The caucus Board representative position is currently still vacant.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS and Other Announcements:

The annual plan and bylaws were reviewed. All positions will be vacant and available for those interested.

Members were reminded to pay the \$25 fee for the series. The Maryland Board of Social Work is critical of courses awarded.

PRESENTATION:

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm and Ryan Shifflet from the Narcotic Taskforce, Gang Unit, presented "Gang Violence Update in Washington County."

Next Caucus Meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2016, 11:30-1:30pm @ DSS

Respectfully Submitted by Kamala Lyn