

Allegany/Garrett County Social Work Caucus

Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Melissa Clark, AHEC *West* Associate Director and Social Work Caucus liaison. The following members were in attendance:

Andrea Mamich
Lisa Olinger
Kim Jackson
Mary Lou Perkins
Melissa Clark

Donna Fost
Monica Barnett
Lisa Hill
Tamra Warnick
David Stewart

Christa Snyder
Janice Chippendale
Carolyn Clauson-Andrews
Dee Guthrie

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the October 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Committee Updates

Legislative Network – no update

NASW-MD

Carolyn Clauson-Andrews reported that the NASW-MD Board will meet in January. Issues for consideration by the board should be brought to the attention of Carolyn or Anita Rozas.

Social Work Month Committee

Lisa Olinger, Donna Fost, and Monica Barnett reported on plans for Social Work Month. A luncheon is scheduled for March 22, 2017. The event will be held at Garrett Community College. The meal is being sponsored by Garrett County Department of Social Services. The speaker will be Melissa Carrico, topic to be determined. The speaker's fee will be paid by the caucus. Nominations for "Social Worker of the Year" will be accepted in January. AHEC *West* will send out a "Save-the-Date" announcement. Kathy Powell will be contacted regarding letters to the editor by social work students. A food drive will be conducted throughout the month of March for the Western Maryland Food Bank with barrels placed in area agencies.

Continuing Education Committee

Donna Fost reported that today's program is the last session in the current CE series. Suggestions are being solicited for the next series. An HPV update by Joy Taylor has been suggested, and Melissa Clark has a contact at University of Maryland SSW who may be a possible speaker or may be able to help in developing other programs.

Reports

AHEC *West* Board of Directors

Melissa Clark reported that the Board has not met since the last caucus meeting. The Board meets quarterly and will meet next week.

Continuing Education

Christa Snyder reported on the following workshops being planned for spring 2017:

April 6, 2017 – Trauma Informed Practice

April 11, 2017 – Conflict Management

April 24, 2017 – Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System

May 12, 2017 – Dr. Ackerman will conduct a workshop on opioid addiction

May 22, 2017 – Bruce Schaffer will offer a workshop on a drug-related topic

March 9 to April 27, 2017, weekly sessions – Meditation Techniques with Howard Reynolds

Treasurer's Report

Melissa reported a balance of \$2,567.98 in the caucus account as of October 31, 2016.

Other Business and Announcements

Melissa advised the caucus that AHEC *West* is in the process of streamlining procedures to reduce paper and to protect personally identifiable information. Future caucus email notices will include an electronic RSVP form.

CE Presentation

David Stewart, Program Director for the Western Maryland Health Insurance Connector, presented “What Front Line Service Providers Need to Know about Obamacare”.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at the WMHS Physician's Conference Room from 12:00 to 12:30. The CE presentation for that meeting has not yet been finalized

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Chippendale
Caucus Secretary