

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

PSYCHOLOGY AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING CAUCUS

MINUTES

February 22, 2016

Allegany College of Maryland, CE Room #6 – Cumberland, Maryland

CALL TO ORDER: Paul McCusker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. We had a new attendee participate in today's meeting named Jessica Schmidt who is currently a counseling student and she would like to attend the caucus meetings as soon as she finishes her course work. Paul asked everyone to review the attached minutes from the November 23, 2015 meeting. After review, they were approved as written. The following individuals were present:

Michael Motter
Jessica Schmidt
Shawn Smith

Anne Sheetz
Paul McCusker
Jill DiNola

Christa Snyder
Joy Taylor
Judith Altemus

REPORTS

Continuing Education

Christa Snyder gave the report. She announced that "Caring for Senior's", an Alzheimer's course, is scheduled on April 18, 2016 and an "Ethics and DSM 5" course is scheduled on April 8, 2016. There is a NASW Ethics course in the morning of April 15, 2016 and a movie in the afternoon - Christa can send information to anyone who is interested in that course. On May 9, 2016, "Police and Community Relations" is scheduled and on May 16, 2016 "Street Drugs" with Bruce Shaffer is planned. She asked that if anyone has any ideas for fall courses to send them to her. Joy asked if Christa can send her copies of the electronic brochures so that she can then forward them to the listserv. Christa agreed to do this, although, Allegany College is having some challenges with their emails.

WMAHEC Board of Directors

Mike Motter announced that as of March 1, 2016 Western Maryland AHEC would be known as AHEC West and that the Annual Award Dinner is scheduled for June 21, 2016 at Rocky Gap.

Treasurer's Report

Antoinette Wiseman was not in attendance so Joy gave the Treasurer's Report and announced that as of December 31, 2015, the caucus has \$1,090.58 in the account.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update to Caucus Member list & Mailing List

Joy distributed the listserv for updates. There were no changes at this time.

Paul signed the PTF for today's lunch.

Psychological or Professional of the Year Award

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the Mental Health Professional of the Year Award. After discussion, there was a consensus that we would like to again convey a Lifetime Achievement Award in place of our caucus Mental Health Professional of the Year Award. Everyone agreed that it should be awarded to Jack Zealand. There are other suggestions of potential considerations for the future including: Jim Orth, who is retiring from the Finan Center and practicing in Garrett County

now and Karen Golden and who is a past employee at the Finan Center. It was agreed that Anne Sheetz would be responsible for getting the details regarding Jack Zealand's lifetime achievements organized and that it would not be a secret. She will talk to his wife, Karen, about both the award and the details to recognize him.

Update for the Membership Project

Joy reported to attendees that Jackie has been working on this membership project and that she has added people to the Psychology and Professional Counseling Caucus listserv from the CE's so far. She is also faxing to area places that employ psychologists and professional counselors to get names and contact information of those professionals. She received a response from one person who wants to join the caucus. She will keep updating the listserv for each meeting that shows these additions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations

Paul announced that we are accepting nominations for Executive Committee positions. We are actively searching for a Chair and a Treasurer. The Board of Director's representative can still stay in the position but he is happy to step down if someone else wants to do it. Paul explained that he has been in the Chair position for 2 years longer than he was supposed to and that it is time for a "changing of the guard" to occur in May. There were several recommendations. Anne Sheetz is interested in the Chair position, nominated by Paul. Mike Motter was also recommended for the Chair position. Judith Altemus volunteered for the Treasurer position. Nominations are still open and will be until May 1, 2016 and at the May 23, 2016 meeting we will vote and have new officers in the Executive Committee positions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike Motter announced that he has assumed a new position at the VA and he has a new baby coming on April 8, 2016.

Anne Sheetz announced that she has her first grandchild due in September.

There was discussion about Marcy Childs who anticipated attending the meeting today but at the last minute, had a schedule conflict. Shawn asked that a meeting packet be emailed to her.

Jill DiNola was in attendance today. She gave a little background to her career and we hope to see her again.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2016.

Paul thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth