

**AHEC West  
Washington County Social Work Caucus  
Minutes  
May 9, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Kamala Lyn at approximately 11:55 a.m. Sandra was absent and Kamala filled in to lead the meeting for today. The meeting was held at the Washington County Department of Social Services Multi-Purpose Room. The following members were present:

Carolyn Fleenor	Kay Higgins	Kamala Lyn
John Kenney	Janice Mentzer	Diane Mitchell
Heidi Moore	Jeanne Mykut	Nikki Snider
Carol Suker	Joy Taylor	

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Joy reported that the current balance in the caucus account as of March 31, 2016 is \$2,951.66.

**Committee Updates:**

**Continuing Education:**

Melissa Crawford-Halterman, LCSW-C and staff from the Washington County Health Department will present "Co-Occurring Behavioral Health Treatment for Individuals with Opiate Dependence AND Narcan Administration Training" on July 11, 2016. Daphne L. McClellan, PhD, MSW, the Executive Director of the Maryland Chapter of NASW, will present "NASW & Licensing Updates" on September 12, 2016. Jim Raley, Executive Director at the Office of Consumer Advocates, will present "Peers & Professionals Working for a Common Goal in Wellness and Recovery" on November 14, 2016.

**NASW-MD**

Heidi Moore announced that there are two trainings scheduled this Saturday in Frederick on Ethics. She will send the flyer to Joy to share with the social work list serv.

**Legislative Network**

None. Still looking to fill this position.

**Social Work Month Committee Update**

Social Work Month went very well and everyone appeared to had a wonderful time based on the evaluations overall. Joy reported that there was more money spent than income that came in. Next year we may have to readjust.

**REPORTS:****Board of Directors – Need a Caucus Board Rep**

The AHEC West Board meets four times per year and there is a need for a new Board Rep for the WC/SW Caucus. Joy explained that meetings are usually held in the evenings 6-8 pm in Cumberland and dinner is provided. She explained that the Board Rep serves as a communicator between the Board and the caucus and that she attends all the meetings to support any discussion. John Kenney offered to serve in the position until someone else chooses to volunteer.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Joy Taylor sent around the contact list for updates and collected caucus meeting announcements. John mentioned that the Senior Center is now open and recommended that we try to schedule a caucus meeting there.

**NEW BUSINESS and Other Announcements:**

Caucus Officers were selected and voted on for 2016. Kamala Lyn was selected as Chairperson; Diane Mitchell – Vice Chair; Secretary is vacant; Jeanne Mykut – Treasurer; Board Rep – John Kenney. Slate was presented, voted on and passed.

Members were reminded to pay the \$25 fee for the series.

**PRESENTATION:**

The business meeting was adjourned at 12:19 pm and Paula Ernst from the Washington County Health Department presented on “Tobacco Cessation in Behavioral Health Populations.”

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

Respectfully Submitted by Kamala Lyn