

**Allegany/Garrett County Social Work Caucus**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
April 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Glotfelty, Caucus Chair. The following members were in attendance:

Monica Barnett	Janice Chippendale	Melissa Clark
Jennifer Glotfelty	Dee Guthrie	Carolyn Clauson-Andrews
Lisa Hill	Lisa Olinger	Christa Snyder
Susan Stewart	Tamra Warnick	Kim Jackson
Jesse Ketterman	Lorna Elgino	Brianna Myers

**Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the February, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

**Committee Updates**

Legislative Network – no report.

**NASW-MD**

Carolyn Clauson-Andrews distributed a written legislative update and highlighted some bills which have been introduced in this legislation session and are supported by NASW.

- HR1289, Social Work Reinvestment Act, addresses social work workforce challenges and establishes a commission to provide a comprehensive analysis of issues facing the profession.
- HR1290, Social Worker Safety Act, establishes a grant program within DHHS to fund state efforts to improve safety measures for social workers.

NASW was also active in opposing the proposed American Health Care Act. Susan Stewart reported that the Keep the Door Open Act has passed.

**Social Work Month Committee**

Jennifer reported on the Social Work Appreciation Luncheon. Carolyn Clauson-Andrews was recognized at the luncheon as the 2017 Social Worker of the Year. The planning committee received very positive feedback about the event from attendees. Appreciation was expressed to all who helped coordinate the event, including Garrett County DSS which hosted the meal. Throughout the month a food drive was conducted to support the Western Maryland Food Bank, with 1125 pounds of food collected.

**Continuing Education Committee**

The final two courses in the current CE series will be Narcan Training at the June caucus meeting and training on the services of the Red Cross and a role of social workers in supporting the organization's work at the August meeting.

**Reports**

**AHEC West Board of Directors**

No report.

**Continuing Education**

Christa Snyder reported that workshops are being planned for fall 2017. Two half-day sessions are planned for September 22, 2017 with an ethics workshop in the morning and an afternoon workshop on

couple's recovery. A workshop on cyberspace addictions is being planned for September 29, 2017. Training by Sherry Cain is being planned for October 10, 2017, topic to be determined. A workshop will be provided by NASW on October 6, 2017. Christa also provided brochures on the upcoming Stress Resilience training to be held on April 29, 2017. More information on the fall trainings will be available at the next caucus meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report

Melissa Clark reported a balance of \$3,107.00 in the caucus account.

#### Other Business and Announcements

Susan Stewart, Executive Director of AHEC West, shared information on upcoming changes mandated by federal AHEC requirements. The requirements focus on interprofessional activities, and AHEC will no longer be able to sponsor the discipline-specific caucuses. The August meeting will be the last caucus meeting coordinated with AHEC. The caucus members and AHEC staff discussed the value of the caucus as a forum for networking, education, support, and advocacy, and the consensus is to try to reconstitute the Social Work Caucus as an independent entity. Jennifer suggested forming a focus group to meet and discuss ideas to bring back to the next caucus meeting in June. Christa Snyder, Melissa Clark, and Jan Chippendale offered to participate. Susan and Melissa offered to assist the group with identifying the processes currently in place that support the caucus operations. Jennifer will reach out to the membership to seek additional input and Melissa will set up a meeting for the focus group.

#### CE Presentation

Jesse Ketterman, Jr., PhD, with the University of Maryland Extension Service, presented "Financial Literacy Programs for Social Service Workers".

#### Next Meeting

The next caucus meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at the WMHS Physician's Conference Room from 12:00 to 12:30. The CE presentation will be Narcan Training presented by Becky Meyers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Chippendale  
Caucus Secretary