

**Allegany/Garrett County Social Work Caucus**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
June 14, 2017

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

Monica Barnett	Jennifer Glotfelty	Jade Bean
Dee Guthrie	Donna Fost	Lisa Hill
Jan Chippendale	Yvonne Perret	Melissa Clark
Anita Rozas	Carolyn Clauson Andrews	Christa Snyder
Ann Ehlers		

**Review of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 12, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

**Committee Updates**

Legislative Network – no report.

NASW-MD

Anita Rozas reported that a bill passed approving 20 year retirement for treatment professionals in corrections, including social workers, psychologists and addictions counselors, bringing their retirement in line with others who work directly with inmates. Carolyn Clauson Andres advised the caucus of vacancy in the position of NASW chapter representative for Allegany and Garrett Counties. Meetings can be attended by conference call, and representatives receive a fee reduction for the annual conference. Names may be submitted for election. Those interested in more information may contact Anita or Carolyn.

**Reports**

AHEC West Board of Directors

With the need for AHEC West to discontinue coordinating the caucuses due to federal mandates, the agency is working with all the caucuses as each group decides how to address this change. Some caucuses are ending, some are evaluating making a transition to a different structure, which must be done by August 31, 2017.

Continuing Education

Christa Snyder provided an update. Two half-day sessions are planned for September 22, 2017, with an Ethics workshop in the morning and an afternoon workshop on “Couples in Recovery”. A workshop on “Cyber Gambling” will be held on September 29, 2017 with trainer Anthony Parente. “Diffusing the Angry and Resistant Client” with Sherry Cain is scheduled for October 10, 2017. Training is being planned for October 25, 2017 with Sam Leizear from WVU. A workshop will be provided by NASW at Allegany College of Maryland on October 6, 2017.

Treasurer’s Report

Melissa Clark reported a balance of \$3,115.08 in the caucus account.

**Other Business and Announcements**

The future of the caucus was discussed. A task group has met since the last caucus meeting, and discussed several options. The discussion today focused on the following:

- 1) Meet regularly, probably quarterly, with a meeting structure similar to the current structure

(business session followed by CE program). This will require an active CE Committee in addition to having caucus officers. Christa Snyder indicated that ACM could help the caucus with documentation requirements for CEUs and could manage the registration fees, but the caucus would need to find the speakers.

- 2) Discontinue regular meetings but have a committee that will plan and coordinate an annual Social Work Appreciation Month event similar to past events with a luncheon and speaker.
- 3) Dissolve the caucus and donate the funds in the account.

If the caucus continues in some form, the question remains of whether to continue a treasury. If the funds are to be retained, per AHEC, the funds can only be transferred to a non-profit; so non-profit status is needed for the caucus or an existing non-profit would need to agree to hold the funds. Some inquiries were made by the task group but no resource for holding the funds has been identified. Additional ideas were shared made, including asking NASW-MD to hold the funds, which Anita agreed to explore.

Suggestions were made for recipients if the funds are donated: scholarships for human services students at Allegany College of Maryland and Garrett College, or donating to Western Maryland Food Bank, Mission of Mercy and AHEC West.

Yvonne agreed to compose an email to send out to the caucus with a survey of interest and willingness to commit to participation if the caucus continues.

AHEC West will send out an email to everyone on the current caucus email list for permission to share contact information with the re-formed caucus if the group continues independent of AHEC West.

### **CE Presentation**

Becky Myers, Director of Out-Patient Addictions Services at the Allegany County Health Department, presented Narcan Training.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Chippendale  
Caucus Secretary