

AHEC West
Washington County Social Work Caucus
Minutes
January 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Diane Mitchell at approximately 11:45 a.m. The meeting was held at the Washington County Department of Social Services Multi-Purpose Room. Everyone introduced themselves. The following members were present:

Carol Antoniewicz	Angela Bennett	Melissa Clark
Kathy Boyd-Mansfield	Kathleen Curtin	Beth Down
Karin Escalante	Carolyn Fleenor	M. Ann Freysz
Pat Grinnan	Cathy Hanson	Melissa Heimbuch
Kay Higgins	Rebecca Highbarger	Leigh Hunter
John Kenney	A. Beth Layman	Diane Mitchell
Jeanne Mykut	Kristin Sheffler	Nikki Snider
Carrie Starkey	Carol Suker	Sandra Weaver

Treasurer's Report

The current balance in the Caucus account is \$1,473.17.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Continuing Education:

Melissa Clark reported that at the next Caucus meeting is on May 22, 2017; the speaker will be Jesse Ketterman, University of Maryland Extension. The topic will be a financial workshop focused on the clients you serve.

AHEC Board

John Kenney is the current caucus representative on the AHEC West Board. At the last Board meeting on December 20, 2016, the focus of the discussion was on streamlining the AHEC West bi-laws. AHEC West is committed to helping people pursue healthcare careers. Let John know if you would like issues brought to the Board.

Social Work Month Committee Update

Melissa Clark announced that the WC/SW Month Celebration Luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The training will be on Ethics and Social Media. The cost will be \$50/person. 5 credit hours of continuing education will be offered.

NEW BUSINESS and Other Announcements:

Kamala is on maternity leave.

Nominations are being taken for Social Worker for the Year. There have been 3 or 4 submissions so far. Please consider nominating someone for this honor.

Please remember to pay AHEC West for the training series.

It seems that more social workers have been audited by the Social Work Board to verify that the CEU requirement was met at the time of license renewal. Make sure to keep your CEU certificates.

The drawing for the free training based on the collected announcements was done at AHEC *West*. Kamala was the winner.

Melissa Clark reported that all caucuses, not just the Social Work Caucus, are transitioning to all electronic tracking and record-keeping. When the Caucus meeting notice is emailed, the registration forms for the meeting will be attached. Registration will be on-line.

Melissa Clark stated that the contact information list for all of the social workers who attend the Caucus will no longer be passed around during the meeting due to confidentiality and compliance policies. AHEC *West* is still in the process of determining appropriate alternatives. The drawings for the free trainings will continue to be done.

PRESENTATION:

The business meeting was adjourned and Carolyn Fleenor, Rebecca Highbarger, and Carrie Starkey provided a presentation - "Meritus Medical Center's Outpatient Care Management Program – Caring for our Community".

Next Caucus Meeting will be Monday, May 22, 2017, 11:30-1:30pm @ DSS.

Respectfully Submitted by Nikki Snider