

AHEC West
Washington County Social Work Caucus
Minutes
July 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Kamala Lyn 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:

Angela Bennett	Kathryn Boyd-Mansfield	Judith Brown
Karin Escalante	John Kenney	Kamala Lyn
Joe Randall	Nikki Snider	Carol Suker
Joy Taylor	Ligia Teodorovici	Sandra Weaver
Jeanne Mykut	Kay Higgins	Anne Chillingworth Shaffer

Kamala asked all members to review the attached minutes from the May 22, 2017 meeting. They were approved as written.

AHEC West Changes - Presented by Kamala

As of August 31, 2017 AHEC West will not be involved or maintain our Caucus activities. A committee has worked hard to find alternatives to allow our Washington County Social Work Caucus to continue.

It has been decided to move forward with the option of NASW assuming the role that AHEC West has been serving. Through a discussion with Daphne McClellan at NASW it was determined that our existing Caucus could connect with NASW starting in September. NASW is trying to make local connections so their support of the Caucus is a mutually beneficial arrangement.

There is no need for Caucus members to join NASW. The Caucus funds can be transferred to them. They will provide the CEU's. The cost for each series will be \$25; however, NASW member will receive a \$10 discount. Our group will continue with having pizza provided for lunch; NASW has agreed to place the order each time.

Currently bylaws are being reviewed to remove AHEC West wording. Members serving in Caucus positions will remain the same. Someone needs to serve on the Board for NASW; this person needs to be a NASW member. John Kenney is willing to serve if no one else is interested.

John said NASW will do the listserv and emails but caucus members will need to confirm that consent is given to share this information. The consent process will be discussed in the future.

The next meeting on September 25, 2017 will be a planning meeting about these changes so there will be no speaker. Moving forward after September, the plan is that meetings will be on the 2nd Monday of the month.

During the September 25, 2017 meeting there will be a vote to make it official that the individuals currently holding positions for the Caucus will remain in those positions for 2 years.

The WC/SW Caucus will need to be renamed. Several names were discussed in today's meeting. The group agreed that the new name will be: The Washington County Social Work Alliance of the NASW-MD.

Announcement from Joy

No one will need to continue to be the AHEC West Board representative from the Caucus since AHEC West will discontinue their official involvement with the Caucus. There will now be very little discipline-specific trainings through AHEC West. It is still in the planning process but AHEC West would still like a Washington County representative in the future.

Treasurer's Report

Jeanne Mykut reported that as of June 30 30, 2017, the balance in the Caucus account is \$2,106.41.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Continuing Education

Kamala reminded members to be thinking of future topics for our meetings. A sheet was circulated to have members write down any ideas.

Currently the Caucus pays \$5 per certificate (one certificate for each series). NASW will not be charging any administrative fees; therefore, there will no longer be the \$5 cost for each certificate.

Social Work Month Committee Update

The hope is that by September the Committee will be moving in the planning process.

REPORTS:

Board of Directors

The annual awards banquet was held. John Kenney received the social worker of the year award on behalf of Robin Secrist.

PRESENTATION:

The business meeting was adjourned and Kamala welcomed Korri Faria, Disaster Program Manager, American Red Cross, Western Maryland Chapter for her presentation - "American Red Cross".

Next Caucus Meeting will be Monday, September 25, 2017, 11:30-1:30pm @ DSS.

Respectfully Submitted by Nikki Snider