

AHEC West
Washington County Social Work Caucus
Minutes
November 7, 2016

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. She then thanked everyone for attending. The following members were present:

Heidi Moore	Nikki Snider	Angela Bennett
Amanda Reigner	Kathy Boyd-Mansfield	Amanda Bishop
Kay Higgins	Kamala Lyn	Carolyn Fleenor
Carol Suker	Diane Mitchell	Karin Escalante
Ligia Teodorovici	Wei Huang	Claudia Ryan
Judith Brown	Shayla Hoffman	Rebecca Highbarger
Carrie Starkey	Kristin Sheffler	M. Ann Freysz
Sandra Weaver	Margaret Paul	John Kenney
Melissa Clark	Daphne McClellan	

Kamala asked all members to review the attached minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting. They were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance in the Caucus account is \$1,770.65.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Continuing Education:

Melissa Clark reported that work is continuing regarding selecting topics and speakers for our next series. At the next Caucus meeting on January 23, 2017, Carolyn Fleenor will do a presentation on Outpatient Social Work Services at Meritus Hospital.

Starting in January 2017 the caucus meetings will be on the 4th Monday of the month.

Legislative Network

There is still a vacancy for this position but John Kenney has been attending. If anyone is interested in serving please let Kamala know.

NASW-MD

Heidi's term has expired; however, a board member still focuses on Allegany and Garrett Counties.

Social Work Month Committee Update

Kamala announced that the committee met last month. The committee is still trying to narrow down the topic. Barbara Mikulski's office was contacted regarding having her speak at the event for Social Work Month. Barbara Mikulski is not able to be a speaker this year

due to focusing on transitioning out of her position. However, her office said that maybe in 2018 she would be available to speak.

The date for the March Social Work event will be March 23, 2017 depending on the speaker's availability.

REPORTS:

Board of Directors

Melissa Clark noted that it is status quo with nothing significant to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Melissa Clark sent around the contact list for updates and collected Caucus meeting announcements. A reminder was made to attendees to turn in their Caucus meeting announcements in order to be eligible for the drawing for a free training. A name will be drawn in January for the free training based on the collected announcements. Caucus participants were reminded that it is important to RSVP for each session. Jackie will be tracking attendance.

NEW BUSINESS and Other Announcements:

A "Save the Date" for the March Social Work event will be sent out as soon as the date is determined.

Jeanne will chair the next Caucus meeting in January while Kamala is on leave.

PRESENTATION:

The business meeting was adjourned and Kamala welcomed Daphne McClellan for her presentation "NASW & Licensing Updates".

Next Caucus Meeting will be Monday, January 23, 2017, 11:30-1:30pm @ DSS

Respectfully Submitted by Nikki Snider