

AHEC West
Washington County Social Work Caucus
Minutes
September 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Kamala Lyn at approximately 11:50 a.m. The meeting was held at the Washington County Department of Social Services Multi-Purpose Room. We had several new faces in attendance so she asked everyone to introduce themselves. She then thanked everyone for attending. The following members were present:

Judith Brown	Melissa Clark	Karin Escalante
Carolyn Fleenor	Mary Ann Freysz	Kay Higgins
Shayla Hoffman	John Kenney	Beth Layman
Kamala Lyn	Kathy Mansfield	Susan Martz
Diane Mitchell	Jeanne Mykut	Amanda Reigner
Claudia Ryan	Nikki Snider	Joy Taylor
Sandra Weaver	Kelsey Wilkes	

Kamala asked all members to review the attached minutes from the July 11, 2016 meeting. They were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Jeanne Mykut reported that the current balance in the caucus account is \$1,828.76. There was discussion on whether we can afford to award a yearly raffle for attendance and there were questions on whether that really does encourage attendance. Jeanne asked that this be included on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss and decide at that time.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Continuing Education:

John Kenney announced that NASW has an event planned for November. He also reminded everyone that we need to work on suggested speakers and topics for our next Series. One idea that had been suggested before was the outpatient social work services at Meritus Hospital. Carolyn will check to see if this presentation can be made at the January 2017 caucus meeting. John also reminded attendees to register and pay for the Series so that they are able receive credits for the caucus meetings and CE events.

Legislative Network

No report and still looking to fill this position. If anyone is interested please let Kamala know.

NASW-MD

John reported that he received an email regarding some changes for NASW including centralized decision making. The concern is that small Chapters may have less of a voice and perhaps be less represented. There is a petition and John will forward it to Joy to distribute to the listserv for AHEC West social workers to respond.

Social Work Month Committee Update

Kamala announced that the group has met and they discussed asking Barbara Mikulski to speak and they are looking at two possible Thursday's in March 2017: March 23 or March 30th. Both dates are reserved at Robinwood at this time, so that we can see what date is best for the speaker. Kamala asked if anyone is interested, to please join the SW Month Planning Committee, and if there are any additional ideas that she would love to hear them. The intention is to do an ethics program for Social Work Month 2017.

REPORTS:

Board of Directors

John Kenney announced that the Annual Awards Dinner in June was wonderful and the Board Meeting, held previous to the dinner, included the announcement of the new Connector Entity grant and an update for the HPV Immunization Project. It was reported that AHEC West is in good financial shape. The next board meeting is September 20, 2016.

John will attend an orientation for new board members at the December meeting. There is a new process that board members will receive information ahead of time so that the meetings are a little more efficient using a "consent agenda". He is agreeable to serve as the WC SW Caucus Board Representative position for the next 3 year term which coincides with his expected retirement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Joy Taylor sent around the contact list for updates and collected caucus meeting announcements. Kamala signed the PTF for today's lunch. There were a couple caucus meeting announcements turned into Joy and she will hold on to them and members will decide at the next meeting whether to continue to collect them for raffle purposes.

NEW BUSINESS and Other Announcements:

Kamala explained that we are still looking to fill the caucus secretary position and Nikki Snider volunteered. She will begin taking minutes at the November meeting.

Joy explained that Melissa Clark, an AHEC West Program Coordinator who was in attendance at today's meeting, will be assuming the WC/SW Caucus Liaison responsibilities as the CDC-funded HPV Immunization Project is requiring increased time from Joy. As a result, some of the caucuses are being reassigned. Melissa will be taking care of both WC/SW & AG/SW Caucuses and another Program Coordinator, Katie Salesky, will be taking care of the Dietetic Caucus and the Psychology and Professional Counseling Caucus. Joy will continue to work with the Nursing Caucus and the Nurse Practitioner Caucus because they are a direct target audience for the HPV Project. Joy explained some of Melissa's background and she is very enthusiastic about her ability to take great care of the WC/SW Caucus. In light of Melissa's new role, the caucus needs to discuss the possibility of changing the standard first Monday of the month, of every other month, meeting date as Melissa has a previously committed standing meeting on those same Mondays. There was a lot of discussion about what date would work, and it was decided that we would begin with January and do every 4th Monday of the month; we would meet on November 7, 2016 for November because that works best for the NASW-MD Chapter Executive Director, Daphne McClellan, who is speaking that day. John will confirm that the conference room is available

on November 7th for a very special meeting date and then in January we will begin to meet the 4th Monday of every other month so the January meeting will be on January 23, 2017.

At this time we do not have a scheduled presentation for the January 23, 2017 meeting, but we are waiting to confirm about the Meritus Out-Patient Services presentation. It was also suggested that someone present to the Caucus on the HPV Immunization Project for an upcoming date. Joy asked if anyone could recommend a nurse practitioner who may be interested in presenting the already developed "You Are the Key to HPV Cancer Prevention" slide set to the social workers for a caucus meeting. Carolyn will check at Women's Health and get back to Joy.

PRESENTATION:

The business meeting was adjourned and Kamala welcomed Jim Raley for his presentation "Peers & Professionals Working for a Common Goal in Wellness and Recovery".

Next Caucus Meeting will be Monday, November 7, 2016, 11:30-1:30pm @ DSS

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor