

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

PSYCHOLOGY AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING CAUCUS MINUTES

November 25, 2013

Allegheny College of Maryland, CE Room #6– Cumberland, Maryland

CALL TO ORDER: Paul McCusker was not able to attend so Antoinette Wiseman chaired the meeting in his absence. She called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm and asked everyone to review the minutes from the August 26, 2013 meeting. After review, the minutes were approved as written. The following individuals were present:

Christa Snyder
Anne Sheetz

Mike Motter
Joy Taylor

Antoinette Wiseman

REPORTS

Continuing Education

Christa Snyder gave the CE report and distributed 2 brochures on upcoming programs. One is called "The Silent Sons and Perfect Daughters, Appreciating Gender Differences in Treatment and Recovery" scheduled for March 10, 2014. The other brochure is "Keeping Poverty in Mind; Creating Successful Experiences for Kids" scheduled for May 13, 2014. She also announced that she has an "Anger Management" course scheduled on April 8, 2014, an "Ethics of Excellence" on May 5, 2014, which is an all-day program, and "The Diversity Training" co-sponsored with the Psych & Professional Counseling Caucus scheduled for April 28, 2014. She also announced that the "Problem Gambling" series will not be able to be continued because of the unexpected death of the instructor.

WMAHEC Board of Directors

Mike Motter gave the WMAHEC Board of Director's report and announced that the meeting was held on September 17, 2013 at the WMHS. He reported that the WMAHEC is in good financial shape according to the recent audit findings. He also announced that Susan Stewart, WMAHEC Executive Director, received the Outstanding Rural Health Achievement Award. Mike explained that there are continued discussions regarding the reimbursement plan with the City of Cumberland. He also distributed Psych & Professional Counseling Caucus brochures to attending board members.

Treasurer's Report

Antoinette Wiseman gave the Treasurer's Report and announced that the caucus has \$1,611.00 in the account, which is the same as last meeting. Joy announced that she made the purchase for the 2 DVD sets and the cost was \$207.00. She did get a \$30 discount, and that as soon as the lamination and copies and binders were put together for the DVD sets, she would send an announcement out to the listserv that they were available with the rental fees and rental requirements. There was discussion that checks given for deposit only have a 6 month life and if someone held onto the DVD set that long, we may not be able to cash the check.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update to Caucus Member list & Mailing List

There were no updates to the listserv and Antoinette Wiseman signed the PTF for today's boxed lunches provided by ACM. There were 5 lunches at \$8 each for a total of \$40.

NEW BUSINESS:

2013 Mental Health Professional of the Year Update

Attending members reviewed the nomination criteria for the Mental Health Professional of the Year based on the suggestions from the last meeting. There were a couple of changes. In the opening paragraph, the second to the last sentence, it was suggested that we use a timeframe at awardees being able to borrow the DVD/CE seminar sets at no charge. So Joy will add to that sentence "Awardees will be able to borrow the Psychology and Professional Counseling Caucus DVD/CE seminar sets at no charge for the next year". An additional change was under Preference is given for: #3 - change it from "be" to "being an active participant in the Caucus" and #4 - change it from "serves" to "serving on a caucus committee". Joy will make those changes so that when we send out our nomination requests, they will be current.

National Mental Health Awareness Month

The topic of National Mental Health Awareness Month in May 2014 is tabled until next February, 2014. Ideas for consideration would be to coordinate a proclamation by the County Commissioners with the announcement that May is Mental Health Awareness Month as well as do a newspaper interview or even an interview with our Mental Health Professional of the Year.

September 19, 2014 CE Plans

There was discussion regarding the CE program that we are planning for September 19, 2014. Paul had emailed Antoinette about being interested in having a big name person to do the Personality Disorder unit but if we were paying for somebody to do that we may want them to speak for the whole day, not just for 3 hours. Everyone agreed so Antoinette will let Paul know that it is okay to pursue that change in CE planning and we can do the "Psychopharmacology Update" program at another time. Anne suggested that we do the business meeting at the lunch break so that everyone who is attending gets an idea of what the Psych & Professional Counseling Caucus is about. It was recognized how appreciative we are that Allegany College of Maryland tries to keep the CE registration price down and negotiates as delicately as possible in getting the best fees from the speakers that they bring in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Anne announced that she participated with Focus on the Future this year; she was at the Wednesday session. She also was there with Kevin Peterson, who participated with Focus on the Future as well. She also volunteered to work with Joy on a Mental Health Professional of the Year nomination screening tool.

Christa Snyder agreed to get the caucus meeting room for the 2014 meetings. We will meet on February 24, 2014; May 19, 2014 (which is a week early due to the Memorial Day holiday), August 25, 2014, (we went ahead and scheduled a meeting even though we will be having

another meeting at our CE in September just in case we needed that August meeting for any last minute CE planning; if we don't need it, we can then cancel it) and then on November 24, 2014.

Antoinette will be leaving for Italy on May 15, 2014.

Antoinette adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth