

Western Maryland Area Health Education Center

PSYCHOLOGY AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING CAUCUS

MINUTES

August 25, 2014

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

CALL TO ORDER: Paul McCusker called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm and thanked everyone for attending. He asked everyone to review the minutes from the May 19, 2014 meeting. After review, the minutes were approved as written. The following individuals were present:

Antoinette Wiseman
Joy Taylor

Michael Motter
Spencer Deakin

Christa Snyder
Paul McCusker

REPORTS

Continuing Education

Christa Snyder gave the CE report. She announced that the “Gray Blues” would be scheduled on September 9, 2014 and that “Group Counseling and Strategies” is scheduled for October 21, 2014; “Co-Occurring Disorders”, co-sponsored with the AG/SW Caucus is scheduled for October 9, 2014; “Ethics: Inside the Story” (a 3 hour ethics course) is scheduled for September 16, 2014, which is also co-sponsored by the AG/SW Caucus and has a 30 people limit; “The Difficult Patient”, co-sponsored by the Psychology and Professional Counseling Caucus, is scheduled for November 10, 2014 and the “DSM 5: Working with Children” is scheduled for September 26, 2014. She reminded everyone that she would be happy to coordinate any course that the Caucus can recommend a topic and speaker for and therefore share the revenue.

WMAHEC Board of Directors

Mike Motter announced that the last Board meeting was on June 3, 2014, which was also the Annual Awards Dinner and that it was very nice. There was discussion regarding the Psychology and Professional Counseling Caucus being more transparent in the future about the Psychologist or Professional Counselor of the Year Award winner. He said that it was uncomfortable sitting at the table with everyone and not knowing who was getting the award. In previous years we had always announced ahead of time who was being awarded and we were unsure why that was different this year. Joy will make a note that we need to make the selection more transparent for the future. Joy also made note that we need to add the contact information for the person being nominated to the nomination form as it was difficult in contacting several nominees this year.

Treasurer's Report

Antoinette Wiseman was not in attendance so Joy gave the Treasurer's Report and announced that the caucus has \$1,043.20 in the account. So after providing lunch today we will be under a \$1,000 balance. It was noted that we hope to make some decent revenue on the November 10th CE that is being co-sponsored with ACM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update to Caucus Member list & Mailing List

Joy distributed the listserv for updates and Paul McCusker signed the PTF for today's boxed lunches provided by ACM.

Paul announced that the 2014 Professional Counselor of the Year awardee was Sarah Pinardi, professional counselor at the Allegany County Health Department.

NEW BUSINESS

We discussed the update on "Working with the Difficult/Resistant Patient Disorder" CE scheduled on November 10, 2014. Christa announced that it will be marketed in several ways, including an announcement in the ACM CE catalog, a newspaper article in the Cumberland Times-News and a brochure mailing. Christa will also send the electronic version of the brochure to Joy to send to both the social work and psychology and professional counseling caucus listservs.

Annual Plan/Bylaws

Paul asked everyone to review the attached Annual Plan and Bylaws. After review, it was voted to accept both documents with no changes. However, there was discussion regarding the Annual Plan mission statement #4, which is: support and facilitate student recruitment and training in psychology and professional counseling. Toni made mention that she greatly benefited from her experience as an AHEC student when she was doing her internship and that her concern is that we are not plugging all of our interns into AHEC right now. The other discussion topic was that we need to do a better job tracking the preceptor volunteer hours as well as some student tracking. So it was suggested that we ask Terri Socha, our AHEC Clinical Coordinator, to attend a Psychology and Professional Counseling Caucus meeting so that she can give insight on how we can better meet the goals of our mission statement. Joy will follow up with Terri to see if she can attend the next meeting on November 24, 2014.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mike Motter announced that he is now the Chief Psychologist at the Finan Center since Suanne Lewis has resigned.

Paul adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm. and announced that the next meeting would be on November 24, 2014, at the same time and location.

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Taylor/Jackie Booth