

**Western Maryland Area Health Education Center
Washington County Social Work Caucus
Minutes
May 12, 2014**

Meeting was called to order by Sandra Weaver at approximately 12:01p.m. The meeting was held at Hospice of Washington County Conference Room. The following members were present:

Michelle Bowers	Diane Davis	Mary Ann Ford
M. Ann Freysz	Kamala Hall	Kay Higgins
Fredric Hirsch	Christina Horst	Sarah Kendrick
John Kenney	A. Beth Layman	Diane Mitchell
Anne Orndorff	Lonnie Ropp	Nikki Snider
Carol Suker	Joy Taylor	Sandra Weaver

Sandra asked all members to review of minutes from the last meeting and they were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Joy Taylor reported the current balance in the caucus account is \$3,514.59 as of April 30, 2014.

Committee Updates:

Continuing Education:

Next Series- DDA will be presenting in the next series for July 2014. And then Hospice will follow in September.

Legislative Network

No Report

NASW-MD

No Report

Social Work Month

Fred Hirsch reported that the Annual Social Work Conference was well attended. We received 100% positive feedback from attendees in reference to CASA presenters doing an outstanding job. Attendees enjoyed the longer days. They also enjoyed how interactive the presenters were and not just reading from the power point. Joy Taylor encouraged the group to start presenting the Social Worker of the Year Award at the Annual Social Work month event. Members agreed that this is a very good idea. The Western Maryland AHEC celebration of all disciplines will be held on June 3rd at the

Country Club in Cumberland. Caucus members who have attended at least one meeting in that year should receive an invitation to this Annual Awards Dinner.

REPORTS:

Board of Directors

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Joy Taylor sent around the contact list for updates and collected caucus meeting announcement. The drawing was then held and Mary Ann Ford was the winner for a free CE.

NEW BUSINESS and Other Announcements:

The 2014 Social Worker of the Year Nominations were announced. Sarah Kendrick and Dianne Mitchell were both nominated. Dianne Mitchell was awarded Social Worker of the Year.

PRESENTATION:

“Risky Business: Understanding Risk Management and Malpractice Protection” presented by Lonnie Ropp. Discussed the most frequent workplace situations that social workers face; which can increase their risk of liability and lawsuit. Discussed ways to reduce the risk of liability and how to handle situations. And also discussed the various protection offered by professional liability insurance and what to look for in choosing a policy coverage.

Next Caucus Meeting will be Monday, July 14, 2014, 11:30-1:30pm @ DSS

Respectfully Submitted by Kamala Hall