

FY 09-10 1st Quarter Board Reports (July-September)

Legislative Committee

Submitted by Jessica Ritter, Chair

Summary of activities:

1. Review of last legislative session
 2. Figuring out how to move forward on the school social worker issue since the bill failed last session
 3. Dealing with the clinical social work BXBS reimbursement issue
 4. Gearing up for the Tax Ballot initiative which will involve putting information on the website, the newsletter, and email blasts to members. This is a "yes" campaign.
 5. Working with the Board of LSW to help implement SB 177 and to figure out the rulemaking timeline so that we can be involved in that process.
 6. Planning legislation for next session.
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Ageing Network

Submitted by Cindy Rapp & Sibelia L. Chaiyahat, Co-Chairs

The Aging Network, NASW Oregon Chapter affiliated volunteer group, became active on May 15, 2009. Our purpose is to build community for professionals in the field of aging through education, networking, peer support, resource sharing, and to demonstrate leadership in geriatric mental health.

Past events:

On 5/15/09 a free CE breakfast event "*Trends in Geriatric Mental Health*" was presented by Aging Network co-chair Sibelia Chaiyahat, LCSW. It was held at and co-sponsored by West Hills Village Senior Residence.

On 9/23/09 we held our second CE breakfast event "Beyond the MMSE: Brief Cognitive Screening Tools Every Social Worker Should Know" presented by Janell Neufeld, LCSW, co-sponsored by and held at Cherrywood Village in SE Portland.

Both of these events were well attended and we received very positive feedback about the events as well as the efforts of the Network to bring education and networking opportunities to professionals in aging.

Upcoming events:

Next on our agenda is our "Professionals in Aging Networking Night" to be held October 27 from 5:30 to 7pm @ Mother Maybel's Martinis and Spirits, 510 NE 28th Ave in Portland. Light refreshments will be provided and a chance to network with local professionals working in the field. Our generous sponsor is Life Enrichment Services www.life-enrichment-services.com.

On November 11 we will host another CE Breakfast on "Financial Qualifications for Oregon's Long-Term Care Medicaid 2009" presented by Joe Mitchell, BS, MS of the Financial Aid

Center for Long-Term Care. This event will also be at Cherrywood Village in SE Portland.

We have a core group of about 5-6 people working on these events. We plan to host some other CE and Networking events in 2010. Upcoming topics to look for: depression in the elderly, mindfulness and spirituality, self care for the social worker, and medications for older adults.

Rogue Valley District Report

Submitted by Gretchen Thiel, Chair

1. Accomplishments/Activities:

- a. We continued to host the monthly Social Night for NASW members at a local restaurant on the 2nd Friday evening of each month until the end of summer 2009. We have put this on hold for the future because attendance dwindled over the summer and the organizer of this event would like another member to take on this responsibility.
- b. Steve Neuberger, MSW, who is the Southern Oregon organizer for Health Care for American NOW!, has attended our monthly meeting periodically to provide updates on the health care reform efforts locally and nationally.
- c. Officers were elected over the summer: Gretchen Thiel was re-elected as Chair; Dennis McNamara was elected Treasurer; Nan Gunderson was elected Secretary. In addition, Victoria Bones was appointed to Chair the CEU Committee, in addition to her chair of the Social Action Committee.
- d. Member Roxanne Rae delivered a three-hour workshop on sandtray/sandplay on October 9th. Twenty-seven people attended the workshop.

2. Current projects/goals:

- a. Continuing Education: None at this time
- b. RVNASW Annual Retreat will be held on November 14th. This retreat will be facilitated by Stacey Skala Orr to assist members of the planning committee for the district in creating a vision for our district and a plan for implementation.
- c. Social Work Month 2010: Planning has begun for this annual celebration of our profession.

3. Issues needing current board action:

None identified.

CE Committee Report

Submitted by Casadi Marino, Chair

The CE committee meets by email throughout the year and reviews an average of four to six applications a week. CE fees generate approximately \$20,000 each fiscal year. We will be meeting face-to-face in November 2009.

The CE committee is staffed by Janet Kusyk.

2009-2010 MSW Student Intern Report

Submitted by Susanna Rempel, NASW Intern

I am very much enjoying my time at NASW Oregon Chapter. Below is a list of my current and future projects for this year.

Current Projects

1. Social Work Reinvestment Initiative
 - a. Attending meetings for the Taskforce and following subcommittees
 - i. PR & Marketing
 - ii. Stakeholder Engagement
 - iii. Recruitment
 - b. Coordinating SWR 2010 Forum Event on Feb 26th, 2010 (Stakeholder Engagement)
 - c. Coordinating Breakfast Event for High School Counselors on April 9th, 2010 (Recruitment)
 - d. Development of Speakers Bureau Program (Recruitment)
2. Newer Professionals' Needs Assessment & Project Proposal
3. Web 2.0
 - a. Maintaining Facebook/Twitter Accounts
 - b. Creating YouTube Channel

Future Projects

1. World Social Work Day
2. Develop SWR/workforce survey materials for distribution