

## **NASW Oregon Chapter Ethics Committee**

*January 29, 2010*

Attending: Krystal Ashling, Gary Loomas, Leora Hughes, Diane Roelandt, Stacey Skala Orr (staff)

### National Updates

Stacey provided a brief update from the national office. It was stated in a recent conference call that the Office of Ethics & Professional Review is still planning a training program and policies & procedures for ethics consultations provided by Chapter Ethics Committee members. Dawn Hobby apologized for the delay in the process; more information is expected by March.

In addition, the surrogate complaint process is being discontinued as part of the professional review process. In its place, Chapters are being instructed to send any notices of complaints/sanctions (received by the state board) to the national office. Members will be contacted and asked to submit a self report; otherwise their membership is at risk for being revoked. Members will also be expected to self report on any kind of sanction taken against them, including continuing education. The national office will be including information about the self report expectation in future *NASW News* and in the Memberlink email.

Stacey polled the other Chapters to gather information on what other Ethics Committees are doing . Much like our Chapter, some are standing by and are in limbo as they await further direction on a training program or guidelines for providing consultations. Others are engaging in various educational activities for members.

### DVD Ethics Events

Diane Roelandt offered to host a viewing of the Reamer ethics DVD at Juliet's House, and proposed that this could be a good model for offering ethics training around the state. The Chapter and host agency can split the revenue while offering the event at a group discounted rate to participants. This shared revenue proposal is a great way of supporting agencies in rural areas, while benefitting the Chapter.

The proposed format would be an 8-hr event to allow time for a facilitated discussion about the material. Diane will work with her interns on this, and proposed a date of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Other ethics committee members who may be interested in facilitating similar agency-based events in the future may attend to observe.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am (NASW Chapter office).