Looking to the Future: Introducing the Emerging Social Work Advocacy Leader program

By: Danielle Smith, MSW, MA, LSW, Services Coordinator

EMERGING SOCIAL WORK ADVOCACY LEADER

At the NASW Ohio Chapter Advocacy Day on February 3rd I met many social workers and students who told me that their career goal was to be an advocate, policy analyst, legislator, or lobbyist. The next day at The Ohio State University’s field fair I met dozens of students who echoed these same goals. Therefore, in response to the growing interest in social work advocacy the Chapter has developed the ‘Emerging Social Work Advocacy Leader’ program. The purpose of the group is to provide social work students and social workers who are new to the field with fellowship, resources, and support in their advocacy work. Currently twenty students and recent graduates are participating in the program. Their interests are diverse: one member has a direct clinical focus with an interest in advocacy for senior citizens; another member wants to be a legislator. The group members are united in their belief that advocacy is critical both for the profession and for those we serve.

At the first meeting of Emerging Leaders on March 6th I asked the members what they wanted to focus on and the overwhelming answer was “advocacy for the state budget.” To advocate for the budget the group combined several projects into one event: a forum with students and state legislators to provide research and input during the state budgeting cycle for fiscal years 2012-2013. The event combined the projects of Colleen Dempsey, Donna Ruch, Sarah Tarrant, and Emily Panzeri—all students at OSU. This event, Student Cafe: Conversations for Change, is a world café style format that will occur on May 24th at the Riffe Center in Columbus. Attendees will rotate among tables focused on budget issues broken out by state department. Each table will have a facilitator and a research team, both of which have conducted a literature review to provide evidence related to budget issues. The Emerging leaders group met on April 3rd to learn about the budget process, discuss the proposed budget, and select the issues that were the most important for the event to cover. All members are invited to participate in the Student Cafe: Conversations for Change on May 24th. Please RSVP for the event to daniellesmith@naswoh.org.

Following the event on May 24th the group will discuss its next steps and what further action should be taken. The group meets once a month, on a Sunday, from 1pm-5pm at the Ohio Chapter offices located in downtown Columbus. Group members can also call in and participate via conference call. We are working on adding a video feed to the conference to improve communication with members who are not able to come to the in-person meeting. All NASW members are encouraged to join the group. If you are interested in participating please contact me at daniellesmith@naswoh.org.

Read more about the experiences of Emerging Social Work Advocacy Leader members on page 17.

Students—

You are receiving the printed version of the May-June Ohio Update as a reminder to update your contact information with us before you graduate. We want to stay connected to you and support you as you transition to the next phase in your careers. E-mail info@naswoh.org to change your contact information.
Transitions

Writing this, my last article as President of NASW Ohio Chapter, brings about a range of emotions. I have to admit that I am horrible at goodbyes. My typical response to change and transition is to keep plugging along without slowing down to reflect on the process. However, to bring closure to my experience and pass the torch to the incoming President, I have decided to reflect on the recent past of NASW Ohio Chapter while also looking ahead to the future.

As I reflect on the past two years, I am incredibly proud of all that the Chapter has accomplished. We have become a leader in addressing many issues related to the profession and clients we serve within the state. We are consistently recognized as a partner in many important connections, including relationships with the Ohio CSWMFT Licensure Board and state legislators. Our Chapter staff has led the way in forging these valuable relationships.

I also reflect upon the incredible honor of working with the Board of Directors over the past two years. Our Board, a group of dynamic, diverse, and talented individuals, has been productive in making decisions and carrying forth action items to improve the state of the Chapter. Our committees have also put forth great effort in their respective domains. The committees have taken great strides to accomplish the tasks with which they are charged.

As I think about the future, I must acknowledge that although we have made great strides, the work is not yet completed. The economic climate of the state does not bode well for the future of social services. Our profession faces many challenges in its future. As I have said before, I truly believe that NASW is the primary vehicle through which change for the profession and the clients we serve can happen. But this change process cannot happen without you. As a membership organization, NASW relies on members to serve as leaders and assist with the necessary work. I encourage you to become involved in this process in the capacity that works best for you, whether this is as a Chapter leader or by recruiting new members to join NASW.

The upcoming months will be a time of significant transition for NASW Ohio Chapter. Victoria Marion will assume the position of President and Cindy Webb will be leaving the position of Executive Director. Cindy has been an incredible asset to the Chapter and will be deeply missed. A Search Committee and the Board of Directors is working to identify the next Executive Director who will be able to build upon the growth and development that Cindy has nurtured. And I am certain that Victoria’s leadership will guide NASW Ohio Chapter to the next level.

It has been an honor to serve as President of NASW Ohio Chapter. I have enjoyed being a part of the process that has brought NASW Ohio Chapter to the point that it is at today. I value the relationships that I developed with members over the past two years. I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chapter President.
This will be my last article, for I will be leaving as the Executive Director of the Ohio Chapter.

It is time for another to step into this seat to continue to take our Chapter forward. I began this position in February 2008 at a desk with a view of the Statehouse. Those first few months flew by as I immersed myself into the operations of the association and the numerous issues challenging our profession. Over the past 3½ years the Chapter has undergone significant changes under the leadership of outstanding board members, committee chairs, staff and interns. The successes we experienced came from working as a strong team, hours of member service, passion and commitment of many, and the vision of building a strong Chapter.

As I leave, I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity I had to work with extraordinary social workers. It was the guidance of Pam Patton, then President, that helped me get through those first tough months. Pam provided wisdom, emotional support, always only a phone call away and willing to drive in from Strasburg to lend a helping hand. Judy Czarnecki, interim Director, spent countless hours answering my questions, guiding me through difficult situations, and giving me priceless advice. Having these two women as mentors was critical as I struggled through some difficult days.

I could not have asked for a more competent, supportive, and committed staff. We have been a small but mighty team. Danielle and Marie are dedicated to the work of the association and have faithfully taken on “the job” whether that meant working late into the evening or arriving at the crack of dawn. The work could not have been accomplished without this outstanding staff. Marie brings a calm positive attitude always providing reassurance with strong accounting and office management skills, and Danielle provides significant technical and organization skills, a considerable knowledge in regards to policy and advocacy as well as creative ideas to address challenges we often face. There have been countless others through this journey who have touched me. You have taught me much. Thank you for the stories you have shared, the kind words, and your friendship. I am so proud to be part of this profession, to be blessed with the opportunity to come to work beside exceptional social workers.

There have been challenging times and long workdays but most of all I have felt privileged to have served as the Executive Director of the Chapter.

Join me in supporting the one who will take this seat, a difficult but rewarding job, a position of service to the profession. Let us be united and committed to our profession and to our professional organization as we welcome our emerging leaders.

Cynthia M. Webb
Executive Director

Parting Words
NASW is here for you!

By: Danielle Smith, MSW, MA, LSW, Services Coordinator

As social workers we often put the needs of our clients first and think of ourselves last. When I ask NASW members which advocacy issues are important to them, professional issues are usually last on the list. When I ask students why they chose the profession they all give answers that boil down to, “I saw a need and I want to help.” Our focus on the client is what makes social work great. We are on the front lines, working every day to improve our world for individuals, families, and communities. For this reason I could not be any prouder to be a social worker. I think of social work as more than just a job, but as the person I am.

However, even though social work is a part of who I am, it is also my career and my livelihood. Let’s face it, if we all were just doing this out of the goodness of our hearts we probably would not have spent thousands of hours and dollars earning a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree. We are in this career not only to make a difference but to earn a paycheck. But the unfortunate reality for so many of us is that we are not earning a fair paycheck that reflects our educational achievements and our value. Although there is great variability in salaries for social workers and a potential to earn a significant amount, the starting salary for many social workers is painfully low. After I graduated with my BSW many of my classmates reported job offers of $11-$15 an hour which is about the salary of a fast food restaurant manager. I think this is unacceptable and the number one issue affecting our profession’s ability to recruit and retain social workers.

I also think that it is unacceptable that many of us are not treated like professionals in our jobs. We should expect that our work is valued and understood by our superiors and that we are provided with safe working conditions. I know of many social workers who are being replaced with other professionals or non-professionals because many decisionmakers simply do not understand our value. All we do is talk to people and hand out pamphlets, right?

I know that this does not seem like the time to talk about salary and professional issues when our country and state are in such difficult financial times. Our clients are suffering and we know it will be heightened when massive cuts are made to funding at all levels. But, if we don’t start standing up for ourselves we will forever be kept down. We must be a strong force for our own needs to ensure the future of our profession. If we continue to forgo our own interests we will not be there to be a helping hand for our clients. If the voice of social work is lost our client’s voice will be lost.

As the ramifications of funding cuts come down from the federal, state, and county governments the cold truth is that many social workers have already lost their jobs and many more will lose their jobs. NASW is doing its best to mitigate this as much as possible. NASW is here to be your support system and to advocate for you in all arenas. Please use NASW as your support. If you need help advocating to your employer to keep your job, call us. We want to provide advocacy services on an individual and collective level and be there for you when you need us.

NASW is there for you now to advocate against job loss and for the future when we will hopefully be fairly compensated and highly valued.

In the short-term, one way that we are supporting membership is through the creation of the NASW Ohio Chapter CareerConnection. This is a brand new webpage on the NASW Ohio Chapter site where we will provide you with job listings, career resources, licensing information, continuing education opportunities, and networking opportunities. We will continue to develop this page to include more resources and benefits such as a CareerConnection e-mail listserve, online forum to discuss career issues, and more. To visit the CareerConnection page visit www.naswoh.org.

Again, we are here for you and let us know how we can help.

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Announcing the 2011 NASW Ohio Chapter Leadership Ballot

THE 2011 OHIO CHAPTER ELECTION BEGINS MAY 16TH.

There are several vacant and uncontested positions that are still open for candidates. If you are interested in running or know of someone who may be interested please contact the Ohio Chapter office as soon as possible at 614-461-4484 or info@naswoh.org.

The preliminary ballot presented here shows the positions to be filled. Most are two year positions. The student positions are one year positions.

Position descriptions can be found on the Chapter web site: www.naswoh.org. On the left column, click on Board of Directors, then toward the right of the screen, click Job Descriptions for Elected Positions.

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Join us as we partner with The Ohio State University, School of Social Work to bring you the 2011 NASW Fall Conference, Leadership with Vision.

**Date:**
December 2, 2011

**Place:**
The Ohio Union, 1739 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43210

**Cost:**
Member $45
Non-Member $70
Student $20

The 2011 NASW Ohio conference will be a one day event packed with opportunities to fuel and shape your professional self. This day will highlight our profession from macro to micro practice with research as our backbone. You will be able to find challenging opportunities to expand your perspective, hone your skills, and sharpen your knowledge.

The day will bring to focus transformational leadership with the morning plenary speaking to “change” through the development of cooperation, motivation, empowerment, vision, and grounded in our cornerstone – ethics. Leadership is an essential skill whether we work for change on an individual, family, or community, or international approach.

During the morning, colleagues and students will have the opportunity to present their scholarly research under the guidance of Dr. Ross. Posters will be evaluated with awards presented during lunch and displayed throughout the day for participants to view.

Lunch will provide the opportunity to either hear a local leader speak on change or attend one of the “meet ups” which were well received at the 2010 conference. “Meetups” were developed to allow social workers to share lessons-learned and wisdom from the field around specific issues or practice through a facilitated discussion.

The afternoon will unfold with participants choosing either a macro or micro track where one may explore one or more topics on leadership, advocacy, ethics, and/or supervision. Presenters will provide stimulating research and practice informed information to provide practical tools to grow you as a professional.

Became a Sponsor or Vendor by November 1st! For more information about sponsorship opportunities visit www.naswoh.org.
This has been a month of strong emotions for me as I think about what is happening legislatively in our state. I cringe at the possibility of reproductive rights for women becoming threatened. I waited to hear yesterday whether the Ohio House would hold the scheduled vote on H.B. 78 which would limit later abortion care without adequate health exception or give an exception for a severe fetal anomaly. H.B. 78 was sent back to the Rules and Reference committee as it appears that it needs to be reviewed for its’ constitutionality. While this buys us a little time, I hope all of you contact your representatives and let your voices be heard.

A series of abortion bills have been making their way through the Ohio house, and while they base their argument on being “morally” correct, there are no provisions to provide services or care for the women and children they are supposedly assisting. Furthermore, doctors may face felony charges for performing abortions for medically necessary reasons. Although I support reproductive rights personally, I also follow the NASW Policy Statements, from Social Work Speaks (2009-2012) which states, “NASW opposes any special conditions and requirement imposed on reproductive health care providers, such as the prescribed warning of unsubstantiated health risks resulting from abortion or mandatory waiting periods, which are not based on medical standards (p. 131). Plenty of examples of the removal of medical standards from health care exist now: I cannot imagine a women being forced to compromise her health, yet that appears to be a distinct possibility.

We are all aware that the agencies that promote reproductive health services that educate, prevent and support mothers and children are being threatened with budget cuts or of being eliminated entirely. As social workers, we need to reinforce the value of choice. The NASW Code of Ethics (2000) states that, “…social workers promote clients’ socially responsible self-determination related to reproductive health means that without government interference, people can make their own decisions about sexuality and reproduction…”, and in order to support self-determination, “…these reproductive health services must be legally, economically and geographically accessible to all who need them.” (p. 129) If these services are not legally available, I shudder to think of the consequences.

Please take care, and contact your legislators!

From the Chair of the Legislative Committee
By: Annie Davis | anniedavis44@yahoo.com

THE BUDGET AND ADVOCATES FOR OHIO’S FUTURE

The National Association of Social Workers of Ohio is a coalition member of Advocates for Ohio’s Future, which represents the health, human services, and early care & education service agencies that provide the safety net for Ohio’s most vulnerable citizens.

In testimony before the House Finance and Appropriations Committee in April, Advocates for Ohio’s Future highlighted concerns about policy recommendations in long-term care and behavioral health. They stressed, “The vision that drove these changes is one that has long been held by advocates. But in both cases the financial resources to back up these critical policy decisions are simply not there. The allocated dollars do not support the bold vision. If not implemented with the appropriate level of resources, these significant policy reforms will fall flat—and vulnerable people will fall through the cracks. These people deserve our investment. These changes is policy deserve to be done right.”

If you would like to learn more about the coalition, find out about upcoming events and webinars, or take action, please visit their website at www.advocatesforohio.org.

If you are interested in volunteering an hour a week to work for a budget solution that maintains vital public services at a level that meets people’s basic needs and protects our state’s most vulnerable populations, please contact Will Petrik, the Outreach Director of Advocates for Ohio’s Future by email, wpetrik@advocatesforohio.org or phone, 614-602-2464.
What is the Dorothy Height & Whitney Young, Jr. Social Reinvestment Act?

By: Lynette Cummings, NASW Intern

You may ask, “What IS the Dorothy Height & Whitney Young Jr. Social Reinvestment Act (SWRA)?” SWRA is named in honor of two persons revered for their personal contributions. This initiative requires your support to secure a fair earning wage for social work professionals, educational debt forgiveness, and it also addresses a critical issue concerning increased workplace safety as you carry out your valuable work.

SWRA’s main premise is to secure federal and state investments in professional social work to enhance societal well-being. This historic legislation would provide a comprehensive analysis of current trends within the practice, academic, and professional social work communities. Specifically, the Commission would address the future of the profession by developing recommendations and strategies to maximize the ability of America’s social workers to serve clients with expertise and care. The profession of social work is facing many challenges including:

- 7% of all social workers plan to retire in the next two years
- Increased barriers to effective practice
- Decreased support for professional services
- Low salaries
- Significant education debt discouraging retention
- Serious safety concerns

In the area of research the SWRA would establish the National Center for Social Work Research as an agency of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to conduct, support, and disseminate targeted research on social work methods, outcomes and complex interventions that are needed to respond to society’s most underserved populations. The research addresses topics ranging from homelessness, chronic mental illness, and cancer to child maltreatment, aging and violence.

Also included in the SWRA is the Social Work Training Act. This bill would enhance opportunities to prepare social workers for careers in health, mental health, and behavioral health care, with special initiatives directed toward working with older adults, and providing educational and training opportunities to disadvantaged students, including students from diverse cultural backgrounds. According to The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated the need for 595,000 social workers in 2006 and predicts that the need for social workers will increase to 727,000 social workers needed by 2016.

SWRA also includes Educational Debt Forgiveness. I told you I’d be frank, here goes, we borrow a lot to become a skilled social work professional, however we are not paid a lot. This should not be the case.

Another important component of SWRA is the Social Work Safety component. Here are some of its facts:

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced that more assaults (48%) occur in the health care and social services industry than any other.
- In fact, workers in the public sector, including social workers, are 7 times more likely to be victims of violent assaults while at work than are workers in the private sector.
- NASW surveys found that among 800 social workers, 19 percent had been victims of violence, and 63 percent had been threatened.

The SWRA addresses safety issues through the establishment of a grant program to provide safety measures, such as GPS, equipment, self-defense, conflict prevention, etc. It would also allocate authorization of $5 million dollars per year for the next five years, which includes a reporting mandate and requires states to provide 50 percent matching funds.
Cleveland State University, hosted the inaugural Cuyahoga County Conference on Social Welfare, Human Services and Economic Development and Partners in Addressing Human Needs on March 4, 2011. The event was attended by 450 social workers, human service workers and social work faculty and students who gathered to form a dialogue on issues facing some of the most vulnerable in the community as well as attend one or more workshops on nearly every field of practice. The conference sought to stimulate policy analysis and formation by drawing upon the daily practice experience of several hundred social workers and human service providers.

Building upon the history of the profession of social work and social welfare, including the century-long tradition of the National Conference on Social Welfare, the forum examined the relationship between the roles of economic development and human services in addressing human needs.

At the morning plenary session, Dr. Gregory M. Sadlek, Dean of the CSU College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences greeted the attendees. The Cuyahoga County Executive Ed Fitzgerald and David Merriman, Special Assistant and CSU, BSW, and MSW alumnus shared the presentation relative to the current status of the county government. Congressman Louis Stokes introduced Steven A. Minter, interim Vice President of University Advancement at CSU and former Executive Director, Cleveland Foundation, Inc. Minter, a major figure in social welfare in the county for over forty years, galvanized the participants and made observations which were the talk of the conference.

At the luncheon the CEO of Murtis Taylor, Lovell Custard, greeted the audience and Dr. Michael Williams moderated a distinguished lunch panel, including Susan Deardowsky Blasko, The Center for Community Solutions; Yvonne Conwell, Cuyahoga County Councilperson;
William H. Denihan, The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County; Marcia Egbert, Gund Foundation; and Kelly Connor Petty, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Afternoon workshops on a wide range of topics examined policy issues in more depth, including fiscal responsibility and entitlement reform, public revenue issues, child abuse, child welfare, privatization, advocacy strategies, community collaboration, home and community-based support, mental health issues, human trafficking, needs of community youth, health and human services transition issues and poverty.

The facilitators of the morning workshops gathered in a workshop co-facilitated by CSU faculty member Michael Dover and NASW leader Carol Dayton, to prioritize the policy recommendations identified in the morning participatory workshops.

The conference concluded with a call to action by Paul Hill, Jr., departing CEO and President of East End Neighborhood House. Plans are being made to publish proceedings of the conference which will incorporate the policy recommendations arising from the conference.

Thank you to Co-sponsors:
Murtis Taylor Human Services System
Alliance of Child and Family Service Providers
The Village Network
Ursuline College, Social Work Program
Policy Matters Ohio
Ohio School Social Work Association
Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging
Benjamin Rose Institute
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our NASW members who will be graduating with their Bachelor’s and Master’s of Social Work degrees this month. This is quite an accomplishment and Region I welcomes you to our profession.

I recently participated with a University of Toledo’s practicum class completing an advocacy project that promoted the social work profession. On March 31, 2011, the class educated and recruited University of Toledo students about the career of social work. Please check out pictures of the event.

I have been quite busy myself completing my Master’s Social Work degree at the University of Toledo. Due to my many commitments (school, work, internship, and life), my work as the Regional Director has suffered. For this, I apologize. Yet, I begin the month of May with renewed energy and motivation to make Region I an active region that supports its members. If you would like to be part of the revitalization of Region I, please contact me at (419) 439-0238 or potterjessica@roadrunner.com.

Region II—Akron Area
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Business Meeting: At the meeting details of two workshops scheduled for the fall of 2011 were discussed, details are forthcoming. Business meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

1 CEU Presentation: Wed, May 25, 2011
The speaker for May: TBD
1 CEU Presentation: Wed, June 22, 2011—The speaker for the April meeting is Kwamee Scruggs and will speak on “Alchemy Mythology with Afro-American Boys”.

Region II Annual Awards: Awards banquet was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at the Martin Center, University of Akron campus. 2011 Awardees: Linda Gannon, LISW…Social Worker of the Year, Gary Crow, PhD, LISWS…Lifetime Achievement, Bob Otterman…Public Elected Official of the Year, Chuck Bell…Public Citizen of the Year, Crystal Smets…MSW Student of the Year, Jennifer Bosley…BSW Student of the Year.

New Members: Region II continues to invite new and current members to its meetings. All are invited to attend our monthly meeting held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, from 8:30 am–10:30 am at Greenleaf Family Center, 212 E. Exchange Street in Akron. Seating is limited; RSVP your attendance to Lorraine Ellithorp at (330) 376-9494, ext. 231 or Lesley Anderson at (330) 836-2940, ext. 104.

Region II includes Cuyahoga County.

Region III—Cleveland Area
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Region 3 is celebrating the success of the Cuyahoga County Conference on Social Welfare: Human Services and Economic Development and Partners in Addressing Human Needs! The conference went very well and provided a wealth of information related to the direction of policy activities in the region. At the conference many NASW members from the region indicated that they would like to be involved with the region but are unable to make the current meeting times and dates. Therefore the region will be reviewing those dates and deciding upon a new time.

Congratulations to the Region 3 Award Winners!
BSW Student of the Year—Celia Smith, Ursuline College
MSW Student of the Year—Veronica Taraska, Cleveland State University
MSW Student of the Year—Ebony Speakes, Case Western Reserve University

The award winners will be honored individually at their Universities.

Region 3 includes Cuyahoga County.

Region IV—Youngstown Area
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March was Social Work Month. Region IV celebrated the profession with Youngstown State University for Social Work Day. Dr. Shirley Keller and YSU staff honored field instructors and students. We also watched “Moving Our World Forward: A Documentary About the Power of Social Work created by Erin Michel and Harry Locke IV.

The Meet & Greet Awards Dinner will be held on May 6th at Youngstown State University. Awards are going to Lifetime Achievement, Public Elected Official, Public Citizen, MSW Student and BSW Student of the Year.

Regional meetings will take place on the third Tuesday of every month, at 5pm located at Turning Point Counseling Center, 611 Belmont Ave. in Youngstown, OH. Please see the calendar tab at the naswoh.org website for any changes. I will do my best to send reminder emails of regional meetings approximately a week ahead.

Region V—Columbus Area
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Region 5 members held their March meeting. The topics that were discussed are as follows:
1. NASW should become more involved in advocacy and in the development of legislation that affects our profession and our clients.
2. Build a greater awareness of the Social Work profession by our membership and the general public by applying our ethics in all we do.
3. Strengthen our support network by providing NASW members with information about specific members in the Ohio chapter who are willing to share their expertise with other members.
4. Increase our visibility with local elected official by developing and issuing a "Directory of Services" for the county with links to web sites that provide additional information.

Next steps are to refine the ideas and implement the ideas. Members of Region 5 also participated in presentations to undergraduate Social Work Student at Ohio Dominican University and Capital University about careers in Social Work.

Region 5 Includes: Athens; Belmont; Delaware; Fairfield; Fayette; Franklin; Gallia; Guernsey; Hocking; Jackson; Licking; Madison; Meigs; Morgan; Monroe; Muskingum; Noble; Perry; Pickaway; Ross; Union; Vinton; and Washington Counties.

Region VI—Cincinnati Area
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I would like to thank everyone for participating in this year’s Region 6 Awards Banquet. A special thanks goes out to the Awards Committee for making this possible, our MC, Mike Tebbe, our presenters, Cincinnati Cooks/Freestore Foodbank, and to the nominees listed below. Thank you to the NASW for continued support. See everyone next year!

Social Worker of the Year—Kevin C. Finn LSW
Lifetime Achievement Award—
Peter G. Countas LSW-S
Outstanding Service Award—Kay Brown M. Ed. LSW-S
Emerging Leader—Annie Davis MSW, LSW
Public Citizen of the Year Award—Laura Ware
BSW student of the Year—Gwendolyn D. Brown BS
BSW Student of the Year—Tara R. Immele

Region VII—Dayton Area
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Welcome to the new Region 7 Director, Carl Brun. Carl Brun has been an NASW member since receiving his BSW from the University of Dayton in 1981. He has an MSW from the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago (1983) and a PhD in Social from The Ohio State University (1993). He is in his 18th year of teaching at the Wright State University Department of Social Work, where he has been chair since 2002. His practice experience includes mental health and child/family welfare. His research has included program evaluation, diversity, and family violence prevention. He has been involved in over 15 local/state/federally funded evaluations of community-based service programs, many of which are used as examples in A Practical Guide to Social Service Evaluation (Lyceum, 2005). He is thankful to the Region 7 mentorship he has received from Benette DeCoux, Carolyn Peters, and Gladys Turner Finney. He looks forward to increased participation from new and long-time Region 7 members.

Region 7 recently celebrated March as Social Work Month at Wright State University with special guests NASW—Ohio President Rebecca Sanford and Executive Director Cynthia M. Webb (Cindy). Rebecca outlined the plans and services provided by NASW, individually and collectively and Cindy gave a one hour presentation on Supervision Styles. Also present was Second V. P. Tim Moss who is working on a special project for the Board of Directors. Our hosts for the meeting were Dr. Carl Brun, Social Work Chair; WSU Faculty / Professor Dr. Teresa Myadze, and members from the region. Refreshments, balloons, and corporate donations added to the celebration.

Mark your calendar for the following months:
May—June: "Good Grief" presented by Lisa Rucker, LSW, Community Coordinator at Hospice of Dayton. Time: 5:30 networking & business, 6:00 to 7:00. Location: the Community Room at Hospice, 324 Wilmington Ave, Dayton. 256-4490.
June—Three Hour Ethics Workshop. Time: 5:30 to 8:30 pm Cost & Location to be confirmed. Members and non-members are welcome to participate as required for continuing licensure. This will be an excellent learning opportunity. Our speaker comes highly recommended. You won’t want to miss this program.

Members in Region 7 who want to be “active” in NASW, there is a need and place for you. Come to the next meeting and participate.

The Region is meeting in Greene County, thanks to Wright State University, to encourage participation from members who reside, work, or matriculate in Greene, Clark, Preble, Darke, Champaign or Montgomery Counties. Hats off to the "Planning Committee" for your hard work.

Region 7 Includes: Darke, Champaign, Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, and Preble Counties.

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Please join us for a presentation by Elizabeth Patterson, LISW-S, Assistant Professor of Social Work at Malone University for a two hour CEU presentation on International Social Work on Thursday, May 19th. This presentation will be held at the Malone University Brehme Centennial Center [CC 104] from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Please come share your ideas and help us plan upcoming events and meetings on Thursday, June 16th at 6:30 pm. Site of meeting will be announced.

Region 8 includes: Ashland, Coshocton, Crawford, Holmes, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Stark, Tuscarawas, and Wayne Counties.

Region 6 Workshop Calendar
All workshops (except if noted) will be held at the Union Institute & University, 440 McMillan, Cincinnati, OH, 45206. Please RSVP to Diane Williams at kd1of2twin@aol.com. Refreshments will be provided.

Tue, May 10, 2011, 5:30 pm–7:00 pm: "Starting a Private Practice: Ethical Considerations" with Presenter Carole Stokes-Brewer PhD, LISWS. 1.5 CEU’s, free to members of NASW and Ohio River Valley of Clinical Social Work Society, $30.00 to non-members.

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Tues, June 28, 2011, 5:30 pm–7:00 pm: "Transgender: Understanding and Working with a Diverse Population" with Presenter Jan Ricks LISW. 1.5 CEU’s, free to members of NASW and Ohio River Valley of Clinical Social Work Society, $30.00 to non-members.

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At the Table
Making sure the voice of social work is heard

Every day countless decisions are made on an individual, organizational, local, state, and federal level that impact the practice and profession of social work. It is imperative to the well-being of clients and to our profession that social workers are involved in this decision making process. A significant responsibility of NASW at both the national and state levels is to be a representative for the profession of social work on a myriad of decision making groups. The purpose of this newsletter section, “At the Table” is to report on the activities of the groups that NASW, OH staff members participate in and to highlight NASW members who are ‘at the table’ representing social work. For the next edition of ‘At the table’ we want to include reports of how you are ‘at the table’ as a social worker. Please send the Ohio Chapter reports of any group you participate in that makes decisions or takes action on issues that affect social workers and our practice. It is important that we recognize the work we are all doing across the state to improve the future of our profession. The next newsletter is the July-August edition and the due date for submissions is June 5th. Reports should be around 200 words and sent to info@naswoh.org.

At the table with Premature Infant Health Network of Ohio (PIHNO)

On March 16th, Ohio Chapter staff attended the Columbus meeting of the Premature Infant Health Network of Ohio. In total, 19 individuals representing eight organizations were in attendance. The meeting focused on the following topics: 2012-2013 State Budget Proposal; Governor Kasich’s Initiatives for Low-Weight Babies; Public Children Services Association of Ohio; and Sub-Group Discussions. The sub-groups are Continuity of Care, Family Support, and Advocacy. The Continuity of Care group discussed the following items: the rising cost of gasoline and how that is impacting medical assistance transportation for premature infants and their families. Members considered working with the Family Support sub-group to create a Prematurity Resource Database similar to the one the Maryland Network created. The group discussed how finding primary care clinics/physicians that take Medicaid is very difficult and group members may add that on the database they create. Finally the group discussed creating a discharge form to standardize NICU discharge. The family support group discussed the challenge for parents and healthcare providers at NICU discharge was not being able to find and access available resources in their county. To address this, the group discussed developing a Prematurity Resource Database. This database will list the top premature resources needed by parents at discharge. Each resource is county specific and includes contact information as well as a brief description of the resource. The last group on Policy talked about the golden opportunity to address low-weight babies since Governor Kasich mentioned it in his budget proposal. The sub-group will collect policy recommendations from Network members and create a budget neutral policy recommendation letter for each individual to send to Legislators.

At the table with the Ohio Juvenile Justice Alliance (OJJA)

The Ohio Juvenile Justice Alliance (OJJA) is a collaborative to increase awareness and support among key stakeholders and the general public for juvenile pretrial detention reform in Ohio. The OJJA seeks to move forward the adoption of alternatives that will keep youth out of pretrial detention when possible, while maintaining community safety. This includes supporting community based best practices. On Monday April 4 at a Statewide Meeting of the Ohio Juvenile Justice Alliance, the MacArthur Project’s. Rightsizing Juvenile Justice in Ohio: FY 2012-2013 Budget Recommendations was reviewed by committee members. Ohio is one of 16 states receiving funding from the MacArthur Foundation through their Models for Change initiative that aims to help accelerate a national juvenile justice reform movement to improve the lives of young people in trouble with the law, while enhancing public safety and holding young offenders accountable for their actions. This proposal outlined three major budget reform opportunities that would result in immediate and substantial cost savings while improving public safety. The first phase reforms areas followed:

1. Realign fiscal resources away from ineffective, costly secure placements to more effective programs that provide greater public safety return for each dollar spent.

2. Revise statutory sentencing schemes that result in ineffective overuse of costly secure placement and address court procedural and jurisdictional issues that would result in a more “clear, rational, effective, and developmentally appropriate” juvenile justice system.

3. Reinvent in critical community-based services for juvenile justice involved youth, particularly those research-supported, outcome-based practices that maximize results and public investments and capitalize on effective public-private partnerships.

This proposal has been presented to the Ohio General Assembly’s Finance Committee. Find the full article on www.naswoh.org.

Note: If you or your organization is interested in becoming involved in this coalition, please contact one of the two conveners for this group—The Children’s Defense Fund or Voices for Children.
Rise Sister Rise Panel Discussion Reaction
By: Rachel Rankin, NASW Intern

Rise Sister Rise was a moving panel discussion in which I heard from Dr. Elaine Richardson, Terrie Williams, Valerie Rainford, Charleta Tavares, Angela Hollis, and Dr. Angela Neal Barnett. Each of these women told their moving stories of trauma and described how they remain resilient today. The session opened with a discussion on the research that has been done on African American girls, who are subject to more trauma than any other group. The purpose of the researchers’ 400 surveys was to learn what can be done to increase these girls’ resiliency.

Dr. Elaine Richardson, the moderator for the panel, described her own troubled past of becoming an addict, being a victim of domestic violence, and being raped at a young age. She eventually overcame these obstacles to become a college professor for literacy.

Terrie Williams described her struggle with depression and how she lives her life now. She had a severe breakdown five years ago and is still in the process of dealing with her mental health issues. She believes everyone should be aware that mental health is important.

Valerie Rainford, who now works for JP Morgan Chase as a Home Lending Diversity Advisor, described her childhood as constant change—moving from run-down apartment to run-down apartment, being homeless for awhile, and even living in a place where rats crawled on her as she slept. Her brother committed suicide and so did her mother, but she described her mother as a strong woman who was a lasting role model.

Senator Charleta Tavares spoke about growing up with a sister with special needs. Her sister was born with hydrocephalus and died at age twelve. Shortly after that, her father had a massive stroke, and her grandmother moved in to help the family. Soon after that, Tavares’s grandmother had a heart attack and her father died of a heart attack. Her brother always had psychiatric issues and was misdiagnosed as schizophrenic (really he was bipolar), and he committed suicide. Through all this trauma, Tavares survived and became a legislator. She said “through my pain came my passion, through my passion I found my purpose.” Angela Hollis’s father died when she was 18 months old, and she described herself as always looking for her missing father’s love. In her family, there were issues with an abusive uncle, and she often would attempt suicide to get attention. After her mother died, she started smoking crack, and after suffering as an addict, she found salvation and hope in her church. Ms. Hollis lives clean and sober today, and she is co-founder of the NYC Black Women for Black Girls Giving Circle.

Dr. Angela Neal Barnett spoke about the hardships she encountered after she lost much of her ability to hear. At this point in her life, she was already a psychologists and she remembers thinking to herself “who needs a psychologist who can’t hear?” Despite her hardships, she said that she continued to practice psychology because losing her hearing actually made her a better listener.

All of these women showed strength and perseverance in the face of trauma and adversity. Hearing their stories was a very moving experience, and it made me appreciate the good things in my life even more. Rise Sister Rise was an event that pulled at the heartstrings and taught the audience what real resilience is.

Ethics Committee Update
By: John Hostetler, LISW-S, Chair of the Ethics Committee

This year, the Ethics Committee has been primarily focusing on two goals which have led to several tasks. The first goal of the Committee has been to have at least one National NASW-approved ethics consultant in Ohio. This goal was to address the fact that there have been no official ethics consultants in Ohio from which the Ohio Chapter can draw when they receive a request for an ethics consultation from an Ohio NASW member. The Ethics Committee has surpassed this goal by having three persons who met the prerequisite qualifications and then followed through with the necessary steps to become approved consultants, including satisfactorily completing the required training. The three persons who were recently approved by National NASW as consultants for Ohio were Sharon Mackel, Lorrie Workman and John Hostetler. They will be collaborating with the Ohio Chapter Office to work out the logistics of how these consultations will be made available to NASW Ohio Chapter members.

A second goal of the Committee has been to address at least some of the areas that the CSWMFT Licensing Board has noted as problematic, in that the Licensing Board frequently needs to deal with these issues. Although there are numerous issues to address, the Committee realized that, realistically, we could not thoroughly address numerous issues. So, the Committee selected two issues to address; namely ethical documentation and private practice records. Two subcommittees were formed to address these issues. Each subcommittee will select the vehicle(s) they feel would be best to present their findings to social workers in Ohio.

One subcommittee is addressing the importance of good documentation and the risks involved with poor documentation. Martha Lucas is the coordinator of this subcommittee. Other members of this subcommittee are Stephanie Bradford, Matthew Butler, Sharon Mackel and John Hostetler. This subcommittee is looking at a number of important issues in regards to ethical documentation including security/confidentiality of transferred/disposed records, client access to records, accuracy, timeliness, privacy, termination, documentation pitfalls and discernment.

The other subcommittee is addressing the issue of clients not being able to access records from private practitioners who have become incapacitated or have died. Debra Cohn is the coordinator of this subcommittee. Other members of the subcommittee are Stephanie Bradford and John Hostetler. This subcommittee is looking at many important issues for private practitioners to consider in terms of planning for access to records in the event of their incapacity or death. The subcommittee is also looking at issues that someone named as the executor/designee of the records should consider.

This is a reminder that you can receive a free legal consultation on social-work-related legal matters with the legal staff at the National NASW Office based on availability. For more information and to set up a legal consultation, call (800) 638-8799, ext. 290.
THE LEGAL CORNER
By: Glenn Karr, Attorney at Law

Staying Current—SWMFT Board Rules Update—HIPAA Sanctions

From time to time I will do columns that update issues for you that feel are important in your practice. This is one of those columns.

In the last column I reported on the change to §4757-6-01 Reports prepared for court review including custody, visitation and guardianship concerns (Ohio Administrative Code).

Those changes were effective on April 1, 2011, so they are now in effect and must be followed. You can always find updates to laws and rules on the Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board website, found at www.cswmft.ohio.gov.

Also effective on April 1st are two other Rule changes. Bartering is now strictly prohibited. Previously, although it had been seemingly permitted in one section, in another section of the Code it allowed for an analysis to determine if the bartering was fair to the client before someone entered into a bartering arrangement. That ambiguity has now been resolved and the Code clearly prohibits bartering in any situation, regardless of whether or not it is fair or even advantageous to the client. Those changes affected the following Code provisions: §4757-05-03 and §4757-5-08.

Another major change is that you will now have to identify a keeper of records in the event of your untimely ability to take care of the records yourself. That Code change is found at: §4757-5-09.

What I would really like to focus in on in this article, however, are recent actions by Health and Human Services (HHS) for violations of HIPAA. With the changes made to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) by the newHITECH (Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act) law, passed as part of ARRA, the American Recovery Act of 2009, HHS can and will impose draconian sanctions for violations of the HIPAA Privacy Rule. For instance, for a violation involving “willful neglect”, which under new regulations published on July 14, 2010 removed the “lack of knowledge” as an affirmative defense, the penalties are not less than $10,000 or more than $50,000 for each violation, but only if they are timely corrected (if not corrected then the minimum is $50,000 for each violation). The willful neglect penalties are mandatory, so you must ensure that your practice strictly adheres to HIPAA law and rules. In the first case involving sanctions, HHS charged that Cignet Health of Prince George’s County, Maryland violated the HIPAA Privacy Rule. This involved the denial of access to clients for their records for a one year period. The HIPAA Privacy Rule requires that a covered entity provide a patient with a copy of their medical records within 30 (and not later than 60) days of the patient’s request. Cignet ignored those requests and therefore was found to violate the Privacy Rule. It also failed to cooperate with HHS in its investigation. As a result of these violations HHS imposed a $4.3 million civil penalty on Cignet.

In the second case, Massachusetts General Hospital failed to provide appropriate safeguards to guard medical records involving patients. The patient schedule information contained the names and medical record numbers for 192 patients and billing encounter forms containing the name, date of birth, medical record number, health insuranter and policy number, diagnosis and name of providers for 66 of those patients. A file containing this information was left on a subway train by a hospital employee. Mass General cooperated with the investigation, but in addition to being fined $1,000,000, it also agreed to develop policies and procedures and train employees involving the handling of patient records.

As an additional comment to the Mass General situation, HIPAA now requires that you notify not only the people involved whose records have been lost, but also HHS itself. The current rule involves some discretion in determining whether or not the record breach rises to the level that poses a significant risk of financial, reputational, or other harm to the individual, so you need to carefully follow the HIPAA Breach Notification Rule published in the Federal Register on August 24, 2009. If over 500 names of people in a specific geographic area are involved then you must also notify all major local media, like newspapers and television stations, in addition to HHS and the individuals involved.

So make sure that you are in complete compliance with the HIPAA Security Rule. (Remember, under the CSWMFT Board Rule 4757.5-13 Standards of practice and professional conduct: electronic service delivery (internet, email, teleconference, etc.), you are required to encrypt all e-mails.) Encryption is a defense to a breach under the HIPAA rules, meaning that if you lose a USB drive that contains PHI, you won’t have to report that to anyone if the information is encrypted.

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GLEN KARR IS PRESENTING HIS 3 HOUR ETHICS APPROVED WORKSHOP: 9 MAJOR PRACTICE PROBLEM AREAS FACING MENTAL HEALTH THERAPISTS/ CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS AT various locations throughout Ohio. Check the NASW-OH website for details and registration. This workshop qualifies as 3 hours Ethics credit for Social Workers, as well as Counselors, M&FTs and Chemical Dependency Professionals.
CULTURAL COMPETENCY AND YOU
By: Steve Polovick, MS, LSW

At the March 2011 Ohio CSWMT Board meeting a motion was passed to integrate cultural competence into the ethics requirement. What this means in a nutshell, is that cultural competence continuing education hours may be used for the three (3) hours required in ethics. However, the aim of this requirement has a much deeper meaning than simply trying to find alternatives to what have become “boring ethics seminars”. The true goal is to foster greater appreciation and respect for the changing face of our American culture, at a time when prejudice and stereotyping are becoming socially acceptable. It may appear from our social work history and roots that the intent is to have our licensees move in a leftward direction, or to remain liberal in their beliefs. This is not the aim of requiring cultural competence.

Every so often in this country, we tend to pause and kind of look in the rearview mirror and pat ourselves on the back for the progress and achievements we have made in our society. This goes back further than the freeing of our enslaved citizens or giving women the right to vote. Today, we are locked in a stalemate that appears to pit personal beliefs and values against the core values of the social work profession. Concerns over free speech, immigration, right to life and euthanasia, gun control, freedom of religion, and issues surrounding homosexual Americans are a constant source of pressure on social workers. More and more we are asked to advocate for these causes, or at the very least, voice an opinion. And we are.

The struggle we are having as a profession is that we determine what is right, based solely on our values and experiences. As a result, we close ourselves off to learning more about diversity and experiencing the myriad contrasts that make up our world, our communities, and our caseloads. It is not enough that we determine we are on the side of right and social justice; rather we must explore the other side in order to know why. Only by this focused investigation of the people and perceptions that are different from our own will we gain a greater understanding of diversity, as well as an improved understanding of ourselves.

As a young social worker, fresh out of the wrapper, I worked for a settlement house in Columbus, Ohio. We had a summer camp in the wooded hills of Sugargrove, where we brought inner-city children to experience the wonders of the outdoors. From time to time, while we slept in the security of our cabins, we would be awakened by the frightening grunts and snorts of a slobbering beast just inside the tree line. While the children shook in fear and the staff armed themselves with broom handles and rakes, the cabin doors were locked and shuttered and we made every effort to protect ourselves and our young campers. Toward the end of the camping season, the groundskeeper came around to see how the summer was going. We told of our midnight terrors and asked what kind of monster inhabited the woods. Thinking that we were prey to the wolves or bears in the area, we were embarrassed to find out that the anguished grunts from the woods were nothing more than the sounds of amorous deer, doing what they do during their seasonal mating.

The climate of our society today reminds me now and then of that summer, and the fear we had over something that was so innocent and natural. The absence of information and new experiences will always induce complacency and fear. We may not be locking ourselves in cabins and grabbing broom handles, but we hide behind sedentary beliefs and outdated information. It’s time for us to pick up a flashlight and step through the tree line.

I encourage our social workers to join this progressive journey and take an enthusiastic part in the effort to gain cultural competency. I look forward to participating in the new programming which will be developed in the coming months by our CE providers and licensees. And I certainly look forward to its residual effects.

Lines written in early spring by William Wordsworth

I heard a thousand blended notes,  
While in a grove I sat reclined,  
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts  
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link  
The human soul that through me ran;  
And much it grieved my heart to think  
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,  
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;  
And ’tis my faith that every flower  
Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,  
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—  
But the least motion which they made,  
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,  
To catch the breezy air;  
And I must think, do all I can,  
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,  
If such be Nature’s holy plan,  
Have I not reason to lament  
What man has made of man?
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### Advantages of Using Skype for Sessions

Skype broadens the range of potential clients from those who can travel to your office to everyone in the whole world who has access to a computer. I have a self-pay only private practice. I live in a remote rural area, and almost all of my sessions are via telephone and Skype. I especially like to use Skype for new clients so we can see each other. One can tell so much by the client’s posture and facial expression. Being able to see each other makes a more personal connection than is possible over the telephone.

Another advantage is that I use simple self-help exercises from the field of Educational Kinesiology to help clients balance and center their energy fields. One exercise is called the cross crawl, using the hand to tap on the opposite knee while counting (a left-brain activity) and humming (a right-brain activity). Skype lets me see the client to be sure they are doing the exercise properly. I also use energy tapping, having clients stimulate acupressure points on their own bodies to rapidly desensitize trauma, and with Skype, I can be sure they are stimulating the proper area.

I also do consultation with a colleague in Norway, and we connect via Skype. We just have to figure out the time difference each session, as Norway changed their clocks on a different weekend from when we changed ours.

### Disadvantages of Skype

- Skype sessions may not be covered by insurance companies as they are not in-person contacts.
- The Skype connection is sometimes unreliable, with moments in the session where the video portion of the other person freezes and the audio portion cuts out for a few words. It’s a little frustrating for the client to tell me, “You are frozen. I can’t hear you.”
- I keep asking them, “Can you hear me now?” until the connection is restored. Advising clients of this possibility at the beginning of the session helps them relax if it happens. Sometimes Skype just drops the whole call and one needs to Skype call again.
- Sometimes the sound transmission is not loud enough to hear well through the computer speakers. Each computer has two places to adjust sound: one for the overall sound, usually through an icon of a speaker on the bottom right hand corner of the computer screen, and another volume setting on the Skype page itself. One or both parties may need to use a headset to hear better. As a last resort when the client cannot hear me well, I sometimes call through a telephone for the sound and leave on Skype so we can see each other.
- Skype itself goes down sometimes, and nobody can connect for a few hours. Skype has been improving, but it still should not be relied upon for emergencies.

### Eye Contact

One slight disadvantage of Skype is that the camera is at the top of the screen, a little round circle the size of a pencil eraser tip, and the photo that appears is in the middle of the screen. Therefore, the other person always looks like she or he is looking slightly down instead of right at you. Skype Therapy Tip: When you greet the person for the session and frequently during the session, look right at your webcam so your clients will see you looking right at them.

### Additional Skype Features

When two people both have Skype, calling each other is always free. Skype also has various levels of monthly subscription programs to add features. For example, for $2.99 per month, one can call any regular telephone number in the United States for free. With an $8.99 monthly subscription one can add group conference calls via Skype. Skype rates to call other countries are very reasonable, and I use Skype a lot when I travel. For example, when I am in Costa Rica, I can call phone lines in the United States for just 2.3 cents per minute. Of course, I can Skype for free with my children and grandchildren, who all have Skype.

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Xela
By: Richard Romaniuk

At last year’s NASW Ohio conference, I heard how easy it is to do international social work. “Just click on this and that link and the world will open to you.” One day, when my social work became more work than social, I recalled this advice: “just click.” I went to the internet and clicked. I found many offers for individuals willing to spend a year or more abroad, even programs that would lead to a lifelong career, but not many for someone like me, with a regular American vacation, barely more than a week. Using several search engines, I eventually found a company that could find me a placement for two weeks. I called them. I thought that I might go to Africa, maybe to Asia, somewhere far, far away. They asked me how many times I had done this kind of volunteer social work in the past. I said “Never.” Then they said: “You are going to Guatemala.” I asked: “Why?!” – “Because you never did it before.” I still did not understand this logic, and so I used a different approach: “But I do not speak Spanish!” – “Then you are definitely going to Guatemala!” Case closed. On December 26th, I went to Guatemala. I had to be there on the Monday after Christmas. It was the only time I could take a three-week (!) vacation. Two weeks of volunteering and one week of sightseeing.

I arrived in Quetzaltenango. I quickly learned that I can use a different name of this city, Xela, and everybody will understand me. This worked out well, since otherwise I would never be able to remember where I was. I soon understood the logic of my conversation about my volunteer placement. Xela is a world capital of everyone from the West who wants to experience “real life”. In Xela, I met young people from North America and Europe who said that they “emigrated” from the West to find a different life and they found it in Xela. Social workers volunteering in the city’s many NGOs said their work in Guatemala revitalized their purpose and mission. The bikers I met who were on route from the North Pole to South America admitted they were lingering longer than planned in Xela because they had already found everything they had been looking for.

My volunteer assignment was in an orphanage and so I met with a professor of social work who studies the resilience of children at risk before my trip. I spent over two weeks among the happiest group of children I have ever seen. They were not upset about anything, they were busy being children, playing, laughing, sharing secrets. The children found all kinds of ways to communicate with me. Only sometimes did I wish I could ask all the questions I had and hear their answers. Otherwise, we were busy playing and having fun.

In the evening all volunteers met at Parque Central in one of the coffee shops with Wi-Fi. Of course all the Western “émigrés” were busy typing their e-mails to friends and families. This is where I met them and heard their stories. It was difficult to comprehend these two different worlds: the first, Guatemalan, a poor country with very nice people who struggle with everyday life with dignity and respect for others and the second, a world of westerners who speak English, volunteered, attended Spanish schools, met and socialized in coffee shops, and organized special farewell parties for those returning “home”.

At the end of my stay in Xela I discovered Entremundos. I used to pass their door at least twice a day never noticing what was behind them. If Xela is a capital of the world of volunteers, then Entremundos is a gate to this world. Google them and the world of international social work and many other volunteer opportunities will be just a click away. Entremundos maintains a database of all the NGOs in Guatemala where you can volunteer and offers other details about this kind of educational experience. When I came home, I used the tools on their site to determine the best placement for myself, should I return again. I already knew that it has to be in Xela. I put in my information: duration of stay: two weeks; Spanish level: none. And I received: Hogar Temporal. This was exactly the place where I volunteered! I am so happy that although the conversation concerning my volunteer placement made no sense to me, I did exactly what I was told. Thanks to the advice I received, I experienced Xela, visited the beautiful country of Guatemala, and learned much more about Mayan culture. The trip brought back bittersweet memories of my youth, especially 1968, when the colorful, free world of the sixties met the brutal reality of politics.

The Department of Social Work, Youngstown State University (YSU) celebrated the profession of social work at Social Work Day on April 1, 2011.

Field educators were also honored for giving their time and expertise to supervise BSW and MSW student field interns. Students were recognized who were graduating; receiving scholarships; officers and members of BSW and MSW Student Social Work Associations; and receiving field internship awards. BSW and MSW graduating students were given the silver NASW pin “S. W. Professional Social Worker”. There were 200 students, alumni, field educators, community social workers, field education coordinators, and faculty who attended. A short documentary film about the power of social workers, “Moving Our World Forward”, produced by the NASW-OH Chapter was also showed. After viewing the film, a panel of professional social workers facilitated a discussion of the impact of social work at local and global levels. Members of the panel were: Cindy Webb, MSSA, LISW-S, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Ohio Chapter; Victoria Marion, MSSA, LSW, LCDC III, the President-Elect of the NASW-OH Chapter; Bradley Smith, MSW, LSW, Region IV Director, NASW-OH Chapter; Juanita Daniel-Morgan, BSW, LSW, former Region IV Director of the NASW-OH Chapter; and Dr. Shirley Keller, LISW-S, Associate Professor, YSU. It was a great day of celebration of being a social worker and how social workers change futures.
Member's Spotlight

Want evidence of the 2011 Social Work Month theme, “Social Workers Change Futures?” Look to Region 7 Member Gladys Turner Finney

Few people can match the commitment of Region 7 member Gladys Turner Finney to the profession of social work. Ms. Turner Finney has been a member of NASW for 53 years, an active leader in the Dayton region, and worked for 38 years in medical and mental health social work. She is so committed to the future of the profession that she began a scholarship (Gladys Turner Finney Scholarship) in 1998 to recognize and support deserving social work students at Wright State University. In the past 13 years Ms. Turner Finney has given nearly $10,000 to 14 students. The scholarship provides $1,000 to an African American social work student who has achieved academically and is committed to social work practice.

Social Work and Aging
Promoting Careers in Aging in Southeast Ohio
By: Natalie D. Pope, PhD, MSW, Ohio University

It is a well known fact that the numbers of people 65 and older is growing exponentially, in large part because of aging Baby Boomers. This year, the first of the Boomers will turn 65 and become eligible for Medicare. Between January 2009 and June 2010, the number of Ohioans entering their 6th decade of life increased from 12,000 per month to nearly 15,000 (Ohio Department of Aging, n.d.). In addition, widespread improvements in disease prevention and medical care in the U.S. have resulted in increased longevity. The oldest-old are the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population. The Administration on Aging (2010) reports that people aged 85 and older are expected to grow from 2.2 million in 2000 to 5.7 million in 2010 (a 36% increase), and then to 6.6 million in 2020 (a 15% increase for that decade).

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (U.S. Department of Labor, 2009), four of the top 10 industries projected to have the most employment growth are in health care and social assistance industries. More specifically, employment in offices of physicians, home health care, services for those 65 and older and persons with disabilities, and nursing care facilities is expected to increase by 2 million. Careers in Aging Week (CIAW), April 10 – 16, 2011, is an annual event aimed at bringing awareness and attention to the wide variety of career opportunities in aging and aging research. Across the world, colleges and universities get involved by sponsoring events at their schools or in their communities. The Social Work Department at Ohio University, in collaboration with the Gerontology Certificate Program in the Department of Social and Public Health, obtained a grant from the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education and the Gerontological Society of America to host their own CIAW events on campus. Students attended a panel discussion to hear professionals across disciplines share their experiences working with older adults. A second event brought students and professionals together at a reception where students obtained information about academic programs at the University and talked informally with local professionals working in geriatrics and gerontology.

By all accounts, the projected job outlook for careers in the field of aging is booming. According to a 2008 report from the Institute on Medicine, the supply of health care providers, including social workers, is inadequate for meeting the health and psychosocial needs of future elders. An estimated 60 to 70,000 geriatric social workers will be needed by 2020, yet less than 10% of that is now available (Whitaker, Weismiller, & Clark, 2006). In a 2005 sample of licensed National Association of Social Workers (NASW) members, almost 75% worked in some capacity with older adults even though they had not been formally trained to do so. For the 9% of this sample who reported aging as their specific field of practice, less than 3% were trained in gerontological social work (Whitaker et al., 2006). Initiatives like Careers in Aging Week are an important first step in educating college students about older populations and their needs, as well as showcasing the varied job opportunities in aging and gerontological social work in particular. The hope is that early on in their college years, young people would develop an interest in working with older populations so they can select an academic program and coursework that will prepare them to be competent geriatric practitioners.

References

NASW Member Jim Lucas, Receives First Annual Dayton Peace Hero Award

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I’m an Emerging Leader: My Perspective of the Emerging Social Work Advocacy Leader Group

By: Sarah Tarrant, OSU MSW Student

As a first year Master’s student in social work at OSU, I have learned the importance of advocating on behalf of clients who may not have the voice or platform to do so for themselves. I attended the NASW Advocacy Day on February 3, 2011 in order to learn more about the legislative process and become involved in direct advocacy work. After meeting with legislators, I felt empowered to use my voice as a student to campaign for social work causes. Another student and I decided to organize an event, called The Student Café: Conversations for Change that brings together students and lawmakers to generate meaningful conversations on the impact of current budget reforms in Ohio. We hope this event will spark creative ideas for how to protect the most vulnerable populations in Ohio as well as encourage students to become more active in the legislative process.

Through my work in planning this initiative, I became involved in the Emerging Social Work Advocacy Leader (ESWAL) group. This group offers a sense of unity among social work students across the state who are interested in macroenvironmental issues, such as public policy and advocacy. It is very encouraging to be surrounded by students with common interests on advocacy issues because we are able to share ideas and collaborate on projects in order to make positive changes in the community. I have become very passionate about the work ESWAL is doing and believe it will be a valuable legacy for social work students to pursue advocacy work in the future.

Students of social work and active professionals alike have one thing in common, overbooked schedules. Despite being a current graduate student in the Ohio State University School of Social Work and working a full time job, I was compelled to become more politically active in the 2011 state budget formation process to advocate for those without the opportunity or means. Part of the reason for joining was my deep seeded interest in administrative macro level social work practice and partly because this current budget proposal means more than just funding but also jobs. The budget will undoubtedly cut massive amounts of funding to critical departments that support vulnerable populations and provide social work jobs. It is my understanding that part of social work is a calling to not only provide direct services to those in need, but also to engage in political activation in support of those populations. I have made this a personal responsibility in my life and my future career.

Naturally, when the opportunity arose to join the panel for organizing a student/legislature world café event at the statehouse, I jumped on the opportunity. Initially I had not realized just how in depth the planning and organization process would go and I felt slightly overwhelmed. Maybe that is what being a social work student is really all about, learning the challenges we face and seeing how far down the rabbit hole goes, then tightening the old boot strings and diving in for the long haul. I look forward to the hurdles that lie ahead and the inevitable accomplishments that will be felt by students, professionals and legislatures as we plan, prepare and execute this critical event. Hope to see you ALL there on May 24th!

I traveled to Columbus for the annual NASW Advocacy Day with a Case Western University MSASS student from my internship. Advocacy Day was held at the Ohio Statehouse and attended by about 150 people, mostly MSW students from colleges in Ohio. As we checked in and sat down, we started to read over the handout materials. My MSW counterpart and I looked at each other and made a face that said, “What did we get ourselves in to!” All attendees were on the agenda to speak with their respective State Senators! Neither of us had any idea what NASW Advocacy Day was about. I was under the impression it was like most conferences: you go listen to a few speakers, get a few freebies, a lunch and some handouts.

NASW Advocacy Day was nothing like that at all—we were going to be the presenters! We were going to be doing real advocacy work. Our emcee, Danielle Smith from NASW, gave an overview of the state budget that was being closely reviewed and decided on by the Ohio Senators and Governor Kasich later this month. Ms. Smith encouraged us to speak to our Senators about maintaining the current funding for social services. She stated that one way to do this was to tell a personal story about a client or your current agency to the Senator. After lunch we broke into small focus groups corresponding to our counties. We were given a list of questions in our packet to guide our conversations with the Senator. My agenda included a visit with Senator Grendell, the Lake County Senator and Senator Nina Turner of Cuyahoga County. Unfortunately neither Senator Grendell nor Senator Turner was available, but I was given the opportunity to speak with their legislative aides.

From My Perspective as a Student

I attended my first visit along with another social worker from Cuyahoga County and we met with the legislative aide for Senator Turner, Ms. Olga Hesch. Ms. Hesch was very responsive towards our advocacy work for social services. My personal social work focus is on the elderly population and so I started to speak with her about the negative impact a reduced budget would have towards social services and the aging population specifically. She began to talk about her aging mother and the services that she receives and what a large impact the loss of them would be to her mother as well as herself as a caretaker. I have a good feeling that our conversation with Ms. Hesch was conveyed to Senator Turner and taken to heart because of Ms. Hesch’s personal story. My visit with Senator Grendell’s legislative aide went similarly, but with one huge difference: I was on my own. One-on-one, no one to jump in when if I couldn’t think of something to say—just me and the Legislative Aide. I was doing real advocacy work on my own, but for so many others as well!

I was advocating for all other social workers in Lake County; what a rush that was! At the end of the session, the crowd left with a sense of empowerment. They had made a trip to Columbus and actually did something that the majority of social workers never get the opportunity to do with their Senator. I also had the privilege to take a tour of the Statehouse, the Courthouse, and learn about the history of Ohio. I encourage students, social workers, and those working at social service agencies to attend the 2012 Advocacy Day and see what changes they can make.

By: Veronica M. Taraska, Cleveland State University MSW Student

I’m an Emerging Leader: My Perspective of the Emerging Social Work Advocacy Leader Group

By: Jay Taylor, OSU MSW Student

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Ethical Decision Making, Pam Reid
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Supervision—9:00am–12:15pm
Issues in Social Work Supervision, Ray Fant
Ethics—9:00am–12:15pm
9 Major Practice Problem Areas Facing Mental Health Therapists and Chemical Dependency Professionals, Glenn Karr
6.0 CEU’s Total
Members of NASW: $45.00 for 1 workshop/$80.00 for 2 workshops
Non-Members: $75.00 for 1 workshop/$140.00 for 2 workshops
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