

**Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care
OH/KY Chapter
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

Present: Chris Heck, Kim Shadoan, Stacey Reese, Tina Stevens, Jackie Cafera, Beth Brubacher

Review of Dec. 2009 Meeting Minutes: Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Outgoing Treasurer, Jackie Cafera, reported that our current bank balance is \$3,369.44. Jackie will work with Chris Heck, our incoming treasurer, to order new checks with the SSWLHC name on it.

Affiliation with National SSWLHC: Discussed the paperwork that National still needs to receive from our chapter to process our affiliation. Beth will send outstanding documents (our 2010 paid membership roster, list of officers, bylaws, and treasurer's report) by 3/15/10 to Fernley and Fernley administrative offices. Discussed need to define incorporation status of our organization, as National SSWLHC is strongly encouraging chapters to file for non-profit status on both state and federal levels. Proof of incorporation will need to be turned in to National SSWLHC by 6/1/10. Beth will ask the Health Council if there is a volunteer attorney who could work with us on this process, since it could be costly otherwise. Jackie Cafera also volunteered that she might have some expertise in this area. The other issue in affiliating with National SSWLHC is that we will need to pay \$10 per local member to National SSWLHC by 9/1/10. We discussed the pros/cons of having the local chapter pay this fee for all members vs. having each member pay themselves. We currently have 22 paid members for 2010, so this cost would be \$220. It was decided to wait to see how much the incorporation process costs before deciding if the local chapter will foot the \$10 membership charge.

National SSWLHC Dues for 2009 National SSWLHC Members: National SSWLHC has decided that those in our chapter who were members of National SSWLHC in 2009 (only about 3 or 4 of us – Dana, Beth B., Beth L., Doug?) need to pay our membership dues (\$85 for direct patient care workers; \$130 for managers) **now**, rather than waiting until the beginning of the next fiscal year (July 1, 2010). This will cover us until July 1, 2011, at which time **all** in our local membership will pay these higher dues.

Upcoming CEU Events/Meetings: We discussed upcoming speakers for our 2010 meetings, which are June 8, Sept. 14 and Dec. 14. Beth will speak with Pat Meadows, LISW-S and Dana Moran, LISW-S about doing a combined 3 hour CEU on Supervision for the Sept. date. Beth will also speak with Mike Toner at the VAMC about a 1-2 hour CEU on the topic of the impact on our health care system of returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan – for either the June 8 or Dec. 14 date. Beth will also speak with the Greater Cincinnati Health Council about a CEU on the topic of Trends in Health Care (for either the June 8 or Dec. 14 date, depending upon which date Mike Toner chooses).

Another speaker suggestion for the future was Tracy Taylor of Univ. Hospital's Mobile Crisis Team on the topic of Ethics in Medical Social Work.

Advocacy Letter to Erika Robbins re. New PAS/RR Requirements: Beth and Chris composed a letter to Erika Robbins of the Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services concerning our issues and frustration with the new PAS/RR requirements. Asked the membership for any suggested changes/additions to the letter, and none were offered, so Beth will send this letter to Ms. Robbins. Encouraged the membership to send a version of this letter individually, to show a wider support for curtailing these PAS/RR requirements.

\$1,000 to President-Elect Doug Williams for National SSWLHC Convention in 2010: Discussed the chapter's practice of donating \$1,000 to the president-elect to attend annual conference. This year's conference is in Tampa in November, 2010. All members present at this meeting voted to continue this practice, with the encouragement to Doug to return with material to do a one-hour presentation on conference to the rest of the membership. All other members will be asked to vote on this via email. Beth will check to see if scholarships will be available for conference again this year.

NASW CEU Event Tues. March 16: Reminder that NASW is hosting a CEU on Advocacy and Professionalism in Social Work at Lighthouse Youth Services and Chris Heck will be on a panel representing our organization.