

# SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL WORK LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH CARE

Information and Notes for Members

New Jersey Chapter

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**THE MISSION OF THE NJ CHAPTER** is to be the primary professional organization that promote, develops and supports social work values, practice and leadership in health care. We welcome all who want to join with us. Your membership is a good value. All membership meetings have a CEU presentation and there is no charge for members. Plus you get the support and networking of other health care social workers in NJ.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: GREETINGS from LAS VEGAS!** We all had a great time at the 39<sup>th</sup> National Conference in Las Vegas April 27<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was a huge success with over 300 Social Work Leaders attending, 50 of them new members. Many members are doing new and exciting things and it was great to network and share. The National SSWLHC has adopted a new logo and is sharing it with the chapters. We will be unveiling the new logo on our next newsletter.

The New Jersey Chapter is one of the largest chapters with over 70 members. Being one of the largest groups emphasizes our need to keep the lines of communication open. This newsletter is a great example of communication tools shared at the National Conference. We are also going online with a YAHOO Group site. Simply go to [www.yahogroups.com](http://www.yahogroups.com) search for NJSSWLHC and click on Join Group. You will be added to our list serve which will email you updates, notices, and our newsletters. You can also be invited to join our group by emailing your request to me [suzhollis@att.net](mailto:suzhollis@att.net) Through this list serve we can also poll membership. Anyone with ideas for polls should email me your questions. Our goal is to deliver accurate and complete information to members in a timely manner so you can get the most from your membership. Hope to see you on the net and at the meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**THE NATIONAL SOCIETY HAS JOINED WITH THE HOME CARE SOCIAL WORKERS ASSOCIATION.** Welcome to the home care social workers. We encourage the home care social workers of NJ to join us- the NJ Chapter of the Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care. You can contact any Board Member listed below and we will send you a membership application. If you know a home care social worker please invite them to a meeting and give them a membership application. Applications should be sent to Patricia Douglas, PO Box 576, Medford, NJ 08055.

The National SSWLHC web site is [www.sswlhc.org](http://www.sswlhc.org). Membership in the National organization is strongly encouraged.

The 2005 Annual meeting will celebrate 40 years of the Society and 100 years of Social Work and will be held in Houston, Texas! Mark your calendars for April 13 – 16, 2005. Our chapter has been asked to donate a gift to raffle. Any ideas of a great gift to represent NJ? Pictures from prior national conferences are also being collected. Dust off your photo albums and send Debra Good any pictures you may have. You can send copies or scan and email.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS** The next membership meeting will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, at NJ Hospital Association from 9 am to 12:30 pm. The topic will be **"Sensitivity to Cultural Diversity in the Elderly"** presented by Barbara London, MSW, LSW, LNHA. Ms London's presentation will focus on the changing demographics of our aging population. Attendees will learn to develop culturally sensitive assessments, care plans, and interventions. You will receive 3 CEH. For directions to NJHA, call (609) 275-4018, put your fax number in and they will automatically fax you directions. Thanks Ann Gumbinger and Debra Good for the great programs we are having.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** On the evaluations from the last meeting the follow suggested topics were listed – Mental Health issues, such as Bi Polar; Psychiatric medications for Social Workers; Ethics; Substance Abuse; Community and Hospice Collaboration; Adult Protective Services. If you know of speakers for these and any other interesting topic please call Ann Gumbinger, (732) 545-4200 Ext. 119. We know that our membership is talented and skilled so if you want to speak on a particular topic, let Ann know.

**DEBRA GOOD IS WORKING WITH RUTGERS CONTINUING EDUCATION ON A HEALTH CARE CERTIFICATION** – Rutgers currently offers several certificate programs such as Gerontology; Child/Adolescent Mental Health; Case Management; Developmental Disabilities; and Group Work. A meeting was held with Susan Castano & Robert Nolan from the Rutgers Continuing Education Department (Atta Saperstein was not available to meet with us); and Kristina Thomson (ACS), Ellen Levine (CINJ), Lisa Parcenett (private practice) on April 13, 2004. We discussed the feasibility of developing a certificate program in Health Care. The group will establish a curriculum. It is our goal to foster seminars on various health topics which could be applied to the certificate program. Some of the subject matter that was suggested included pain, complementary and alternative medicine, end of life care, palliative care, bereavement, transplant, survivorship, sexuality, ethics, systems theory, brief models of therapy, spirituality, family dynamics in medical settings, etc. If anyone has any suggestions for topics or speakers and would like to be involved please contact Debra Good at 732-937-8702 or email at [debra.good@rwjuh.edu](mailto:debra.good@rwjuh.edu).

**MEMBER INFORMATION** Johanna P. Kumar please contact Pat Douglas at (800) 844-4774. She has your membership but not your address or telephone number. If someone knows Johanna please tell her to call us.

Shari Munch, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work has been appointed Regional Liaison (NY, NJ, CT), National Association of Perinatal Social Workers. You can contact her for perinatal social work issues at (732) 932-3578 or [smunch@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:smunch@rci.rutgers.edu).

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**By Laws:** Chair needed

Please feel free to call any one of us with ideas, information, thoughts and concerns.

**SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2005** It is not too early to be thinking about nominations for next year. You may suggest someone or yourself. Please call Vicki Hasser at (973) 322-6275 with ideas.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NEEDED:** All Committees could use help. Specifically, we need someone to chair the By laws Committee and Ann Gumbinger can use help with the Education Committee. If someone has access to a secretary and computer the Membership Committee could use help.

#### **2004 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

Thursday, June 3, 2004 – NJ Hospital Association, 9 am – 12:30 pm

Tuesday October 19, 2004 – Annual Meeting, Princeton Westin, 9 am-3 pm

Wednesday, December 1, 2004 – NJ Hospital Association, 9 am – 12:30 pm

#### **2004 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, 10AM to 1PM:**

Thursday, August 19, 2004 – NJ Hospital Association Thursday November, 11, 2004 – NJ Hospital Association

All members are welcome to come to board meetings. Directions to NJHA via fax – (609) 275-4018.

#### **NJSSWLH IS CO SPONSORING 2 CONFERENCES:**

Conference on **“Assessing Pain Management: Effective Policy, Practice and Action”** Sponsored by the AACPI

The American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives, **June 17, 18, and 19, 2004 at the New Brunswick Hyatt**

**Regency, keynote speaker Russell Portenoy, M.D.** For more information call 732 297-8005 x 267 or on the web

[WWW.AACPI.WISC.EDU](http://WWW.AACPI.WISC.EDU).

Also, on **June 19, 2004** is the annual **Stroke Conference on Aphasia** sponsored by the American Heart Association being held at **JFK Hospital in Edison**. Contact Debra Good for information at 732-937-8702 or [debra.good@rwjuh.edu](mailto:debra.good@rwjuh.edu). Continuing Education Hours are available at both conferences.

#### **KUDOS:**

Debra Good, Director of Case Management at RWJUH, was elected to the Case Management Administrator's Certification Credentialing Advisory Board. As a Board member she is helping shape the national certification exam for case managers.

The Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Department of Case Management was the first runner up to the Franklin Award presented at the Clinical Case Management Conference in Orlando on April 30, 2004.

Is anyone doing anything interesting?! Please let me know of any information you would like me to include in this newsletter. There has to be information that will be helpful to others. My telephone is (732) 643-2000, Ext 5172 or email: [kwiatek@ericksonmail.com](mailto:kwiatek@ericksonmail.com) (work); [lpkwiat@optonline.net](mailto:lpkwiat@optonline.net) (home).