

CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES

The Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah

April 2009

News and Announcements

Dear Members/Colleagues,

The 23rd Annual Julius Hornstein conference evaluations have been reviewed, and the majority of the 81 attendees deemed the conference a success! Despite Dr. Manning's recent major surgery, she delivered an interesting, informative, and animated presentation on Dialectic Behavioral Therapy (DBT). The process of creating a "chain" could prove beneficial no matter the therapeutic orientation of the clinician. The criticism of Dr. Manning's strict adherence and "polarized thinking" with regard to the DBT model has been noted, but there are many clinicians who have already been utilizing "DBT Lite" in their repertoire of therapeutic modalities. Overall, the feedback was positive and there are many to thank. In alphabetic order: All The Members of the Board/Program Committee, Cecil Barnes (for chivalry), Sister Patricia

Brown (for transportation of the PA system and timekeeper), Kristin Fahey (for her assistance with registration), "Boo" Hornstein (having vision and moral support), Evelyn Margaret Thomas (assistance with registration), Fred Nadelman (photographer extraordinaire), and Maggie Lee (assistance with printed materials).

Special thanks goes to Mary Hill for all her seemingly tireless efforts (food arrangements, name tags, registration) & dedication to deliver the CSWA-S goal of providing quality continuing education for its membership. Mary applied for and obtained CE approval for LPC's this year, which is just another example of her commitment to the continuing education of all Clinicians.

-Helen Schandolph, LCSW
President, CSWA-S

The CSWA-S Would like to Thank This Year's Sponsors

We would like to express once again our gratitude to all of the sponsors of the 23rd Annual Julius Hornstein Professional Social Work Conference. This year's top three supporters were the **Coastal Harbor Treatment Center, Saint Simons By-The-Sea**

Hospital, and Recovery Place, Inc. It is through the generosity of our patrons that the CSWA-S is able to provide the high level educational opportunities our membership has come to expect.

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- 04/22/09: Monthly Meeting at the Gibbons Chapel in the rear of Riverview Health & Rehabilitation. 11:30am to 1:00pm. Speaker will be Yvonnia Brown, Director of Chatham County DFCS.
- 05/15-16/09: LCSW exam prep at Hospice Savannah by Jackie Pray, PhD, ACSW, LCSW. 8:30am to 5:00pm.



Educational Opportunities

Oncology Conference

The Association of Oncology Social Workers will have its 25th annual conference here in Savannah, May 6-8, 2009. The link to the conference information and brochure can be found online at:

www.aosw.org/html/conference.php

It is an exceptional program with outstanding speakers and programs in cancer care, grief and loss, end of life issues, cancer survivorship, group work and much more.

The conference is looking for volunteers who can help with introducing speakers each day. Those who volunteer for a day can attend the conference for that day and receive CEUs for the sessions attended. If any one is interested in volunteering, they should contact Barbara R. McLaughlin, LCSW at 912-355-8987 or by e-mail at:

ameliamoon4769@gmail.com

Lunch & Learn

One of the area's leading medical gerontologists, Ali Rahimi, MD, will speak this month on the evaluation and treatment of dementia. An overview of incidence, demographics, and types of dementia will be provided, along with a discussion about the relationship between delirium and dementia, comorbid medical disorders, and the causes of these illnesses. The meeting will be held at the Hoskin's Center at Memorial Hospital on April 16th, from 11:30am to 1:15pm. (1 CEU)

Human Trafficking

According to the US Department of Justice, somewhere between 600,000 and 800,000 men, women and children are trafficked across international borders each year. 70 percent are female and 50 percent are children. The majority are forced into commercial sex trade. Many go unnoticed right here in the Savannah, Georgia area.

In an effort to bring this tragic

issue to the front of our community's awareness, a group of local Savannah/Chatham county professionals have come together recently to form Savannah Working Against Human Trafficking (SWAHT). SWAHT's mission is to reach out to the ground level services where trafficked persons are most likely to show up: emergency room staff, shelters, crisis centers, churches, ethnic organizations. Meetings are held monthly from 1-2 pm. Upcoming dates include April 21, (Armstrong room 156) May 19 (Lewis Cancer Pavilion 2nd floor conference room) and June 23 (Lewis cancer pavilion).

For more information, please contact Lizzie Ross at:

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Member Participation

Contributions to this newsletter are encouraged and can be sent to: harkonan@aol.com

Local Events & Happenings

Monthly Meeting – April 22, 2009

Yvonna Brown, Director, Chatham County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS), will lead our colloquium this month. In addition to a cursory overview of the local DFCS organization, Ms. Brown will be addressing the restructuring process of DHR and its impact upon the role of social services provided by DFCS in the Chatham County area. The meeting will be held April 22nd from 11:30am to 1:00pm at Riverview Nursing Home. Please e-mail Michael Mack at harkonan@aol.com no later than Friday, April 17th.

LCSW Exam Training, May 15-16, 2009: 8:30am to 5:00pm

Dr. Jackie Pray, founder and owner of Social Work Unlimited, is coming to Savannah to provide a two-day LCSW licensure exam preparation seminar at Hospice Savannah on 1352 Eisenhower Drive. This event is co-sponsored by the Social Work Department, Savannah State University. The fee is \$375 per person, \$275 for CSWA-S members. Anyone interested in attending this workshop is encouraged to contact Mary Hill at singmlhill@yahoo.com or (912) 355-6192 for additional information.

New Department Chair of Social Work

Savannah State University has announced the appointment of Dr. Roenia Deloach as Chair, Department of Social Work. Dr. Deloach is an Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work, and has been a faculty member in the department since 2002. She received her MSW (1989) and Ph.D. in Social Work (2002) from Ohio State University, and her BSW (1989) from Jackson State University. Dr. Deloach has published in refereed journals and serves on the editorial board of several peer review journals. She is a founding faculty in the development of the international social work study abroad program, and has a proven record of strong commitment to academic excellence and scholarship.

A Friendly Reminder:

The RSVP date for this month's meeting at Riverview Health & Rehabilitation is Friday, **April 17, 2009**. Please email Michael Mack at harkonan@aol.com and be sure to include in your message whether or not you will be eating. As the recent trend in last minute RSVPs or showing up to meetings without reservation has resulted in some attendees not receiving lunch or CEUs, those who do not RSVP will only be able to audit the meeting without guarantee for lunch. That is, do not expect CEUs and please bring a meal with you. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Social Worker Spotlight

Maggie Harris Lee, LCSW

Maggie is a Savannah native who recently returned from the Atlanta area, where she spent 35 years attending college, raising her family, and pursuing a career in clinical social work. Family ties, as well as a desire to return to a “slower pace of life in a smaller community” brought her back to Savannah.

She received a BS from Georgia State University and a MSW from the University of Georgia. She has been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker since 1987, and is a member of the NASW, as well as

the CSWA-S. Maggie’s experience in Atlanta includes work in a public school system, inpatient and outpatient addiction services to adolescents and adults, hospital social work, EAP, and private practice as a psychotherapist for over 18 years.

She is currently working in a collaborative practice in Savannah with Louis Laird, LCSW. Her other interests include gardening, kayaking, painting, and reading.

–Legare Nadelman