

CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES

The Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah

June 2009

News and Announcements

The CSWA-S would like to extend its gratitude to Christopher H. Warner, MD, MAJ, MC, U.S. Army, the Chief, Department of Behavioral Health, Winn Army Community Hospital, Fort Stewart, Georgia, for his presentation last month.

Maj. Warner's discussion regarding the studies of deployment-related stress and the rates of PTSD and depression in soldiers and their families was thorough and insightful, and attendees expressed a fervent hope that he return with a future presentation that would provide additional information and resources to help us assist our men and women in uniform.

Upcoming Meetings

As per tradition, we will not be holding a monthly meeting in July. August events will be announced in next month's newsletter. The CSWA-S Legislative Luncheon will be held in September. If you have any ideas for topics and/or speakers to present to our local legislators, please email Dr. Cathy McRae at: mcra1452@bellsouth.net

This month, we will be holding our Annual Meeting on June 24th at 11:30 in the University Village at Savannah State University. In addition to our regularly scheduled luncheon activities, the 2009-2010 Board members will be introduced, the Community and Clinical Social Workers of the Year awards will be bestowed, and this year's recipient of the Mary Jane Stinson Scholarship will be announced. The guest speaker will be Dr. Beverly Watkins, current Chair of the SSU Advisory Council and former Chair of Department of Social Work and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs.

RSVP Changes

RSVPs must be confirmed by the Friday prior to a meeting. Exceptions will be announced, and would generally occur in the instances of holidays. However, for this month's Annual Meeting, please RSVP Andrea Liverman no later than June 18th at:

andi0308@yahoo.com

There will be a variety of sandwiches & Beverages available on a first come first serve basis for \$10.00. Please e-mail Helen Schandolph at hschandolph@gmail.com no later than June 18th and indicate if you have any special dietary needs (such as Vegetarian).

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Calendar of Events:

- 06/24/09: CSWA-S Annual Meeting in the University Village meeting room at Savannah State University. Seating begins at 11:30am.
- Reminder: There will be no monthly meeting in July.



More Announcements

LCSW Exam Prep

The LCSW exam preparatory class went very well. The workshop drew five CSWA-S members and two LCSW hopefuls from Atlanta. All who attended reported feeling much more confident about their chances for test-taking success.

The R.O.C.K. Group

The R.O.C.K. Group is a group of agencies, businesses, and individuals dedicated to the protection of children and the support of families. They are the Chatham and Bryan County, Georgia, Chartered Council of Prevent Child Abuse Georgia, the state affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse America. Most of their member agencies have been serving children and families in our community for decades. The CSWA-S supports the R.O.C.K. Group by donating a flag

towards their annual Healing Fields Event. The cost is only \$35, and members are encouraged to support the organization in their endeavor to prevent child abuse. For more information about the R.O.C.K. Group, please call 912-356-8404 or look them up on the web at:

<http://coastalrockgroup.com>

Thank you, Riverview

Due to administrative changes at Riverview Health and Rehabilitation, the CSWA-S will no longer be meeting at the Gibbons Chapel for our monthly meetings. We are currently looking for a replacement. However, we would like to express our gratitude towards the facility for allowing us to hold our colloquiums and events there for the past two years, and especially to Artis Mungin and his staff for feeding us so well.

We're Going Green

In an effort to save a tree or two, and to reduce the overhead of publishing this newsletter, the Clinical Perspectives will no longer be printed in circular form. Starting July '09, the newsletter will only be available online at:

<http://socialworksavannah.freeyellow.com/id2.html>

It is imperative that members provide Sister Pat Brown with accurate e-mail information. She can be reached at (912) 201-4058 or by e-mail at:

pmbrown@diosav.org

Those members who are unable to access the CSWA-S website on the internet are encouraged to contact the newsletter editor for support. Michael Mack can be reached at:

harkonan@aol.com

Even More Announcements

Divorce Recovery Workshop

The First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall will be hosting a divorce recovery workshop on Saturday, June 20th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This workshop is for men and women who are going through or have gone through the shock and pain of divorce. The intent is to give participants a way to begin the process of putting the pieces of their life back together, and is sponsored by the Stephen Ministry at First Presbyterian Savannah. Cost is \$10. For more information, or to register, please call Paula Morris at 912-921-0636 (h) or 912-252-2808 (w).

Program Committee Update

We are still looking for volunteers to assist in planning next year's educational format for CSWA. It is my goal to develop a program that will have a strong clinical focus to enhance social work practice in the Savannah area. In mid July (date to be determined) we will host a morning "Brain Storming" session to outline the activities of the year. If you are interested in participating please email Maggie Harris Lee, LCSW at maglee53@hotmail.com. The Program Committee hopes to minimize meeting times and enhance communication through the use of email. The program committee is ready to get back to work for CSWA of Savannah and needs your help.

Directions to the University Village Meeting Room/Annual Meeting

From the Skidaway Road/LaRoche Avenue entrance of Savannah State University, continue past the Blue Angel plane on your right until you get to a T-intersection. Make a left onto N. Tompkins Road until you see the University Village (approx. 1.5 blocks). Limited parking is only available at the nearby Science Building parking lot, so it is recommended that members carpool and arrive as early as possible.

The Proposed CSWA-S Board for 2009-2010

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Children with Sexual Behavior Problems Under 12

June 17th University Village, Recreation Room, 9.30 -5.00 p.m. Registration begins at 9.00 a.m.

Title IV-E Workshop, CEUs Available

When a child (under age 12) is engaging in sexual behaviors it is sometimes difficult to decide when the sexual behavior is natural and healthy OR when it may be an indication of some distress or disturbance in the child's sexual development.

Workshop Delivered By: Juvenile Justice Fund, *a non-profit child advocacy organization based in Atlanta, Georgia.*

For more information, please e-mail Dr. Jindani at: jindanis@savstate.edu or drjindani@comcast.net

or contact: Ms. Machele Moore, 912-356-2410