

CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES

The Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah

March 2009

News and Announcements

The Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah would like to thank Mark Baggett, Executive Director, Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless, for his excellent, in-depth presentation on the state of homelessness in the Chatham County area. The impact of the reorganization of mental health services in southeast Georgia affects no group as profoundly as those on the fringes of our society. Current economic conditions, state mental health policy, and the proposed closing of GA Regional make it all but inevitable that area social service providers must brace for a significant increase in their number.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to Chris Foley, Vice President of Community Affairs, Hospice Savannah, for hosting this year's Winter Institute on Therapeutic Techniques for Coping with Sudden

Death. Always an engaging speaker, Chris was able to bring her extensive experience, knowledge, understanding, and caring to a topic which many would otherwise find difficult to address. More information on the services of Hospice is available at www.hospicesavannah.org.

Both events were well received by attendees, and we would hope to hear more from Mark and Chris in the future.

On a different note, the CSWA-S website has been in the process of being updated, and has been about 99% completed. The past six newsletters and the annual conference brochure can now be found online at:

www.socialworksavannah.com

Annual Conference – March 26-27, 2009

The 23rd Annual Julius Hornstein Professional Social Work Conference will be featuring Shari Manning, Ph.D., president of Behavioral Tech, LLC, the Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) training center founded by Dr. Marsha Linehan. This two-day seminar is intended for professionals who are

familiar with, as well as those with little or no previous exposure to, DBT or cognitive-behavioral therapy. Following this training, participants will be able to demonstrate an understanding of DBT targets for high risk, multi-problem individuals.

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Calendar of Events:

- 03/26/09: 2 Day Annual Conference at 305 Fahm Street. 7:45am to 4:30pm.
- 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.
- Reminder: Due to the Annual Conference, there is no Monthly Meeting at the Gibbons Chapel in the rear of Riverview Health & Rehabilitation this month.



Editorials and Opinion

Georgia Regional

The rumors of the impending demise of Georgia Regional look to be confirmed by June of this year. The community does not have the mental health infrastructure to absorb this population, which will only expand the rolls at the Chatham County Jail. Instead of learning from the mistakes of the Community Mental Health Act of 1963, lawmakers seem determined to repeat them. Please write to your state representatives and voice your concerns:

Sen. Eric Johnson: (912) 234-0370,
eric.johnson@senate.ga.gov

Sen. Jack Hill: 912) 557-3811
jack.hill@senate.ga.gov

Rep. Bob Bryant:
bob.bryant@house.ga.gov

Rep. Lester Jackson:
lester.jackson@house.ga.gov

Rep. Burke Day:
burke.day@house.ga.gov

Rep. Buddy Carter:
bcarter331@aol.com

Welcome Aboard

The CSWA-S would like to welcome its two newest members, Amy Perkins-Murphy, LCSW and Laurie Heller, LAPC.

Employment Opportunity

Non-profit CORE Provider of Child / Adolescent and Adult CORE services is interviewing Licensed and Associate Licensed individuals to provide mental health and substance abuse service in the Hinesville, Effingham and Chatham county areas.

Clinicians with experience in child and adolescent care are especially needed. These are contract positions with home and office-based service delivery.

\$32.00-\$38.00 an hour. Please contact Andrea Liverman, LPC, Clinical Supervisor at 912-507-2483 or email resume to: andi0308@yahoo.com

EEO and drug free work environment

Employment Opportunity, Part Deux

Horizon Health has an excellent career opportunity for a Director of Social Work in the psychiatric program at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia.

LCSW licensure by the state of Georgia and current Georgia's Driver's License, management experience are required, as well as experience in psychiatric inpatient and outpatient, demonstrated skills in working with diverse populations; experience in fiscal management; experience in clinical supervision; experience in crisis, individual, family and group treatment; oral, reading, writing and mathematical skills at the master's degree level; public speaking, teaching and training skills; experience in program development; skills in interpreting and applying standards and regulations; and demonstrated ability to be creative, flexible and calm. Forward resume to: Rick.Gray@Psysolutions.com Facsimile Number – 912.350.5824 EEO and drug free work environment

Member Participation

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

BROADENING YOUR FRAMEWORK OF AFROCENTRIC PRACTICE

Learn how to become a Culturally Competent Human Service Practitioner while working with diverse populations.

By Lillian Reddick, DSW, MSW, Associate Professor, Savannah State University Department of Social Work

March 24, 2009 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Memorial Health University's Hoskins Center, Classroom 2

One CEU will be provided for \$10.00 by the National Association of Social Workers. *Bring your own bag lunch*

For any questions please contact Amber Barnes (912)350-0847

LATE REGISTRATION REPRIEVE

The March 1st deadline for early registration of this year's Annual Conference has passed, and the late fees have been implemented. However, there were several returns of address from last month's mailing of the newsletter and registration forms. As a result, the pre-registration date will be extended until March 15th for members who did not receive the conference materials. To determine your status, please contact Mary Hill at (912) 355-6192 or Helen Schandolph at hschandolph@gmail.com prior to mailing your conference registration form.

conference registration form

The 23rd Annual Julius Hornstein Professional Social Work Conference

March 26-27, 2009 ♦ Coastal Georgia Center ♦ 305 Fahm Street ♦ Savannah, Georgia

Return this form with payment to: CSWA-S Annual Conference, PO Box 13930, Savannah, GA 31416

Please make checks payable to: CSWA-S

Name (Please Include Degree, Title): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-Mail: _____

CSWA-S Member: \$140 Non-Members: \$160 Students w/ID: \$70

Special Dietary Needs (Vegetarian Sandwich)

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<http://www.socialworksavannah.com>



Social Worker Spotlight

Ed Fahey, LCSW

A former member of the CSWA-S Program Committee, Ed Fahey received his undergraduate and graduate social work education at Savannah State University, where he earned his MSW in 2005. He is currently a behavioral therapist for SALUS Behavioral Health, serving long term care facility residents in Bulloch, Candler, Evans, and Tattnall counties.

Prior to SALUS, Ed was a support service provider for Hospice Savannah for three years. Mr. Fahey also served as a student intern at the

Full Circle Grief and Loss Center at Hospice Savannah from 2003-2005.

In addition to working at Hospice, Ed was an AmeriCorps volunteer with the Homeless Authority and Union Mission from July 2002 to July 2003.

Prior to his career in social work, he was a funeral director in Savannah for over 25 years.

Ed is married with one son, and is expecting a grandson later this month. He also has 4 street-rescue canines to keep him and his wife busy.