

Clinical Perspectives

The Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah

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News and Announcements

We would like to extend our gratitude to John Richards of NAMI-Savannah for his presentation at last month's colloquium. Topics included the state of mental health services in Savannah, the development status of Reed House, and the training program for the Georgia Crisis Intervention Team (CIT).

Mr. Richards also discussed the future of SABHC, Georgia Regional, and the need for a coherent mental health policy in the face of the Governor's restructuring plan

Upcoming Monthly Meeting

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, this month's Monthly Meeting will be held a week early on the 19th. The speaker will be Hunter Hurst, Executive Director of St. Joseph's/ Candler's Georgia Infirmity, Inc. and SOURCE program for the elderly and disabled. He

for DHR and the call for state budget cuts; both of which will possibly have a deleterious effect upon mental health services in our area.

For more information, call NAMI at 912-353-7143 or find them on the web at www.nami-savannah.org

Additional news and materials concerning the mental health clubhouse model that Reed House is adopting can be found at www.iccd.org

will be discussing the changes in CMS, as well as providing an update on Medicare and Medicaid policies. For those looking to receive CEUs, it is imperative that you RSVP harkonan@aol.com before 11/14/08.

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Calendar of Events:

- 11/19/08: Monthly Meeting at the Gibbons Chapel in the rear of Riverview Health & Rehab. from 11:30 until 1pm. (6711 LaRoche Ave.)
- 12/10/08: Annual Holiday Social at Louisa Laird's house, starting at 5:30pm (4111 Amsterdam Circle, RSVP: (912) 355-8215)
- 01/25/09: Oyster roast at 12:30pm (Volunteers Needed!)



Editorials and Opinion

Fall is here, and with this season comes the cool, crisp 75° weather, a harbinger of the upcoming holidays. The New Year is almost upon us, which means the Winter Institute, the Oyster Roast, the Annual Conference, and Membership Dues are all just right around the corner.

Oyster Roast

Held on Sunday, January 25th at the Juliette Low Park in Gordonston, the oyster roast will feature a pot luck dinner followed by an auction emceed by Fred Nadelman. Anyone who knows of a seafood purveyor willing to give us a great deal on fresh, tasty oysters, please contact the Program Committee at: mcrae1452@bellsouth.net

Dues: Avoid \$10 late fees and pay your fees before they are due next year. Make your \$30 check payable to "CSWA-S." Then, stick it in an envelope and mail it to:

ATTN: MEMBERSHIP

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Thanksgiving

Roast turkey with all the fixings in a warm home with your family and friends –something we all should share with those less fortunate than ourselves. We give so much of our time to the community, so what's one more day. To find out how you can help, contact the Homeless Authority at (912) 790-3400.

Annual Conference:

The upcoming Annual Conference will feature a two-day workshop on Dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT) a psychological method developed by Marsha M. Linehan primarily to treat persons with borderline personality disorder (BPD). The seminar will be conducted by Shari Manning, Ph.D., President and CEO of Behavioral Tech, LLC, the organization founded by Dr. Linehan to provide DBT training to mental health professionals. Following this training, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the dialectical biosocial theory of BPD used to guide treatment planning.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of DBT treatment targets for multi-problem individuals at high risk for life-threatening behaviors.
3. Structure treatment for multi-problem individuals at high risk for life-threatening behaviors.
4. Describe treatment strategies used in all mode of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), including individual psychotherapy, psycho-educational skills training, and telephone coaching.

The Annual Conference will be held on March 26th and 27th at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah, located at 305 Fahm Street. For more information, please contact Helen Schandolph at hschandolph@gmail.com.

Walk, Run, Jog!

On March 14, 2009, the MSW Student Organization at Savannah State University will be holding a Walk, Run, Jog! benefit for Reed House. Participants, volunteers and sponsors are needed for this event. For more information, please contact Leah Whaley-Holmes at lwhaley@savstate.edu.

CEU Protocol: Help Us Help You Help Us

If you or your organization would like to offer training opportunities for area social workers, the CSWA-S can sponsor CEUs for those in attendance. There is a \$50 application fee, and 30 days' notice is required for approval. If you have any questions, the Program Committee would be more than happy to assist you in providing the educational services for our members. Please e-mail Cathy McRae with any inquiries, and for the CEU Request Form at mcra1452@bellsouth.net.

LCSW Exam Training

In the past, the CSWA-S has facilitated training for the LCSW Exam by arranging for Dr. Jackie Pray, founder and owner of Social Work Unlimited, to come to Savannah to provide a two-day licensure exam preparation seminar. The website is www.socialworkunlimited.com, and the fee is \$350 per person. Anyone interested in attending one of Dr. Pray's workshops is encouraged to contact Mary Hill at singmlhill@yahoo.com.



Jackie Pray

A Friendly Reminder:

The RSVP date for this month's 11/19/08 meeting at Riverview Health & Rehabilitation is **November 14, 2008**. Chicken Parmigiana, noodles, Sicilian vegetables, wheat rolls, and cookies'n'cream will be served for lunch. Please email Michael Mack at harkonan@aol.com and be sure to include in your message whether or not you will be eating. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Social Worker Spotlight

Martine Pierre-Pierre, LCSW

Martine received her MSW from Florida State University, and is currently working towards the completion of her Ph.D. in social work at the University Texas-Austin. She is the Director of Field Education and Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work at Savannah State University. In this capacity, she has collaborated on several research projects and grants, including the University of South Florida's "Strengths of African American Family Research", the Casey Foundation's "Strengths of African American neighborhoods" and the Department of Family and Children Services "grandparents raising grandchildren" initiative. She received an award for

her policy paper from the University of Texas-Austin and went on to present a paper on Haitian immigration and Interdiction at the 17th Annual Haitian Studies Conference in Boston. Her primary areas of interest are immigration, poverty and community development.

In addition, Martine has coordinated programs for Parent & Child and the Housing Authority of Savannah and prior to moving to Savannah, she was a family counselor for Tallahassee's Capital City Youth Services as well as an outreach worker for Safe Shelter. She is originally from Ottawa, Canada and has made Savannah her home for the last 11 years. Martine is the proud mother of two wonderful children Edmond and Isabelle.