

CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES

The Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah

November 2009

News and Announcements

Membership Renewal

It is that time of year when we start our annual pledge drive for members to renew their membership and pay the annual dues (\$30 for members, \$10 for students). Dues will be required by December 31st to avoid the late fee of \$5. Please fill out the form included on page 3 of the newsletter and mail it, along with your check or money order, to:

CSWA-S

P.O. Box 13930

Savannah, GA 31416

In addition to this membership dues

renewal reminder, the board of the CSWA-S has been diligently working to bring lapsed members back to the organization.

However, part of a social worker's function has always been community outreach, and we are understanding to the physical, financial, and emotional hardships which often isolate those most in need of contact with the members of our professional organization. If you, or social worker you know can demonstrate a need, please email Dr. Cathy McRae in confidence at:

mcr1452@bellsouth.net

Monthly Meeting: November 18, 2009

The CSWA-S would like to extend its gratitude to Susan Lamb, PhD for meeting with our colloquium last month. Dr. Lamb's discussion of the role that positive and negative desires help shape our world views and reactions to events and interpersonal relationships was informative and well-received by the membership. We would be delighted to have her speak to our organization in the future upon the completion of her book on the

topic. The subject of this month's meeting will be the treatment and diagnosis of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) by Captain Jessica Parker, clinical psychologist and director of the Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic at Ft. Stewart. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the meeting will be held one week earlier on November 18th. Please RSVP by Friday the 13th in order to reserve a lunch.

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- 11/18/09: Monthly meeting at the Hoskins Center of Memorial Hospital. Topic is "Treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury." Presented by CPT Jessica Parker. Lunch is scheduled for 11:30am. **RSVP: Maggie Lee at: [maglee53@hotmail.com](mailto:magle53@hotmail.com)**
- 12/05/09: Fall Institute (3 CEUs) on Mindfulness at Hospice Savannah. 10:00am to 1:30pm.
- 12/08/09: Overview of HIPAA Regulations (1 CEU) at the Hoskins Center of Memorial Hospital. 11:30am to 1:00pm.
- 12/10/09: Annual Holiday Social at Louisa Laird's home, 4111 Amsterdam Circle, starting at 6:00pm.

For Your Consideration

Employment Opportunity

Advantage Counseling Service, a core Medicaid provider, is currently in need of someone to lead an IFI team. This is a contract position that would start out being part time, but could become full time within 30-60 days. Please send this correspondence to anyone you know that would be interested. This position would provide great flexibility and pay to the individual interested. Please send a resume and cover letter to:

marvin.curtis@yahoo.com

Marvin Curtis

(912) 826-1128

NASW Meeting Dates

The NASW-GA Southeast Unit, will be meeting on the 17th of November for a workshop on the Aging Population for 2 CEUs (6-8pm), and on December 15th for their 1st Annual Xmas Extravaganza (6-8pm). Both events will be held at the Chatham DFCS.

Calendar of Events

Not to beat a dead horse, but due to popular demand, here is a reiteration of the anticipated meeting schedule:

November 18, 2009: Hoskins Center, Mercer Auditorium.

December 5, 2009: Winter Institute, Hospice Savannah.

December 10, 2009 Holiday Social, Louisa Laird's home. No Luncheon.

January 27, 2010: Hoskins Center, Mercer Auditorium.

January 31, 2010: Oyster Roast/ Barbeque, Gordonston.

February 24, 2010: Hoskins Center, Mercer Auditorium.

March, No Luncheon.

March 25-26, 2010: Annual Conference, Coastal Georgia Center.

April 28, 2010: Hoskins Center, Mercer Auditorium.

May 26, 2010: Hoskins Center, Mercer Auditorium.

June 23, 2010: Annual Meeting, Hoskins Center, Mercer Auditorium.

July, No Luncheon.

Annual Conference

We are excited to announce that the upcoming Boo Hornstein Annual Conference on March 25th and 26th will be devoted to the impact of overseas deployment on soldiers and their families. Practitioners and experts from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Winn Army Hospital, VA Mental Health Services, and other organizations will join the CSWA-S in an effort to provide its membership knowledge of the cutting-edge techniques utilized to reduce the negative psychological, emotional, and socioeconomic effects of active military service. Topics will include, but are not limited to: PTSD, child services and the stress of deployments on children and adolescents, helping spouses adapt to military life, family readiness, and the prevention and identification of domestic violence.

Member Participation

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

Membership Renewal Application

Name: (Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.) _____

License Type: LCSW (\$30) LMSW (\$30) LPC (\$30) Student (\$10)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

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Fall Institute: An Introduction to Mindfulness in Psychotherapy

Nancy Thompson, PhD, professor at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, will present a three hour workshop on Mindfulness. Dr. Thompson has maintained a personal practice of meditation for the last fifteen years, which she uses as part of her practice as a psychotherapist. The workshop will be held at Hospice Savannah, Eisenhower Dr, on December 5, 2009, from 10am to 1pm. The cost for CSWA-S members \$30.00, non-members \$45.00. Please pre-register with Maggie Lee magle53@hotmail.com or (912) 354-8734 before December 1, 2009.

From the Program Committee:

The next monthly meeting of CSWA will be Nov. 18, 2009, a week earlier than normal due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Our speaker will be Captain Jessica Parker, clinical psychologist and director of the Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic at Ft. Stewart. She will talk about the treatment and diagnosis of TBI in the military population. Please RSVP to Maggie Lee at magle53@hotmail.com or (912) 354-8734 prior to Friday the 13th if you plan to attend and if you are planning to have lunch. Please be reminded that if you sign up for lunch you will be responsible to pay \$5.00 whether or not you attend. RSVPs for lunch after Friday the 13th will not be accepted, and we will not respond.

In January, we will host a panel discussion to be led by Louisa Laird, Joanie Dane Kellogg, and others to explore issues related to adolescent alcohol and drug abuse in our community. 2010 Winter/Spring Institute will include a five hour ethics workshop by Steve Howard MD of Atlanta (date to be announced). Steve Howard is an experiential psychotherapist, along with being a practicing psychiatrist. He will explore some of the difficult issues that seasoned therapists face in their everyday practice.

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Social Worker Spotlight

Sister Patricia Brown, SSMN

Sister Patricia Brown, SSMN (Sister of St. Mary of Namur) is a licensed social worker and director of the Family Life Office for the Diocese of Savannah. She has worked extensively in New York, Mississippi, and Georgia with refugees, migrant farm workers, and marginalized families.

She was responsible for the Diocese of Savannah Hispanic Ministry and the immigration

program during the 1986 Amnesty and later for immigration services in the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi.

Her present responsibilities include coordinating programs for marriage preparation and family spirituality, Natural Family Planning, and ministry to the divorced, separated and bereaved. She also volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children in Chatham County.