Annual Conference a Success!

We are Celebrating the Success of our annual conference, Social Workers Shape a New Reality: Building Strengths in the Face of Uncertainty on May 5, 2006 at Holiday Inn Downtown/Lloyd Center. Great food, great fun, and dynamic interactions were the order of the day. Our keynote speaker, Judy Cushing, CEO Oregon Partnership, set the tone of excitement and interest. Over 100 people enjoyed 16 sessions on a variety of topics related to Addictions, Violence & Safety Issues, and Direct Clinical Practice. In addition, information was available from 3 poster sessions, 5 paid exhibitors and 6 tables provided to non-profit voluntary organizations and social services publishers. Thank you to everyone who attended, those who volunteered their time and energy, and for the support we received. Planning will begin soon for the 2007 annual conference – if interested in helping, please contact the Chapter office or the Events Committee Chair, Luana Berens at LLBerens@comcast.net.

VOTE NOW!!!!

Ballots have been sent out to you for the current vacant Oregon Chapter Board positions:

- Treasurer; Secretary; Representatives from Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; Student Representatives as well as Delegate Assembly Delegate. Please fill out and return your ballot by June 22. Voting, even if for some positions there is only one person running, is another way to demonstrate your investment in what our Chapter does and in the people who have made a commitment to run and if elected, to serve.

At the conference luncheon, Awards were given to:

- **Lela Taylor** is a volunteer who has coordinated 30 Public Pulse shows for Oregon Chapter NASW through Salem Community Television. She received the Helen Catlin Award;

- **Francisco Lopez** is the Director of ISN Support Services Brokerage and a longtime human rights activist in his native El Salvador and with the City of Salem Human Rights and Relations Advisory Commission. He received the Citizen of the Year Award;

- **Liliana Pattie** is a social worker with Multnomah County HIV Services Center and a long time activist for services to people with HIV/AIDS in her native Bolivia and in Oregon. She received the Paul Starr Memorial AIDS Award;

- **Marilyn Callahan** is a long time therapist and Oregon Chapter NASW member who continues to fight for the rights of her clients for services such as housing, not homelessness, for sex offenders in Polk County. Ms Callahan was honored to receive a Lifetime Recognition Award;

- **Paul Sorenson** works with families with foster kids providing Intensive Family Services through Multnomah County and his private practice. Mr. Sorenson received the Social Worker of the Year Award.

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From the President...

It’s absolutely amazing to me that this is my last column as the President of the Oregon Chapter NASW. I want to say first “thank you” from the bottom of my heart for the honor of serving you, my colleagues, the Chapter and social work in Oregon. It’s a real privilege and I’m grateful for all the support, involvement and caring on people’s parts.

There’s more that I want to talk about than I can in this column! It’s been a tremendously busy time and a real learning experience. I can report that the Chapter is in good shape and headed in a good direction. We are in the black and making needed investments, both financially and in programs and services to members and in the community. We have an involved Board, numerous active committees and have added new ones, such as PR & Marketing, Elder and Disability Concerns, Capitol District and, most recently, Diversity. We have a strong relationship with the National office and can get information and support when we need it. We have our Leadership Retreat dates and locations planned for both 2006 and 2007. The Chapter has added an intern the past two years from PSU and plans to continue.

The National Office asked me at the last President’s conference call to talk about my experience. One thing I reported was setting specific President’s goals, four each year, in addition to the three Chapter priorities that we set at the Retreat each year. These both worked. Two of my goals involved member outreach and calling as we are a member organization. Member calling was the first time that we attempted to call all the members of the Chapter to reach out, to thank them and get ideas and more members if possible. It was a big, time consuming but positive process. The teams contacted approximately 90% of the members. The first step is done; the second is now to follow up with the 25-30% that indicated some interest in increased participation!

Another goal was reaching out and conducting Board meetings around the state as one piece in connecting with the whole state and addressing the perceived “metrocentric” nature of the Chapter. We held a Board meeting in Eugene the first year. As part of that we sent letters to agencies in the Lane County area inviting participation, held a portion of the Board meeting for member input and questions and attempted a social on Friday evening. The goal is to raise the visibility and accessibility of the Chapter leadership. The next year we went to Salem and had Medford scheduled. Next year Bend, Medford and Eugene are under consideration. I hope this continues.

Another goal was developing a presentation format as a tool to assist Chapter members in talking about the Chapter. Our intern, Mike Meyer, is addressing another and has started work this year on an agency database that we should have and never had. We need that. We also moved forward on a range of collaborations from participation in the anti-hate Unity rally to closer ties with the PSU School of Social Work to supporting Youth Builders program to developing a Sister Chapter concept with the Louisiana Chapter to aid them in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. We keep expanding in this area.

I represented the Chapter at the Social Work Congress and then at Delegate Assembly, both in Washington, DC. I got involved in the Cable TV program in Salem as moderator which became the series Public Pulse. We now have 31 half hour shows. And the final goal I want to talk about is forming a Chapter Advisory Group of Past Presidents. That’s in the works.

The other major event in the past year is that we’ve had a change in Executive Directors with Scott Manchester’s resignation. We have developed a year long Transition Plan and, as part of that, our Search Committee is nearing the end of its mission. This is always a time of extra work and challenge but also tremendous opportunity. The Search Committee and the Transition Team are serving the Chapter extremely well and making a terrific contribution as we look forward to a new Executive Director.

Does the success and accomplishments that we can point to mean that there isn’t work to be done? On the contrary, much more work remains. I’ll be making a more detailed report to the Board with some suggestions for building on our strong foundation.

I want to thank everyone I worked with during these two years. The contributions of many, people has been just terrific. The Board has stepped up for the Chapter and worked so hard. Committee Chairs and members have also worked hard on their respective committees and charges. Our office staff, Janet and Kathy, are wonderful and have done yeoman duty, especially during the last months. We’ve had a terrific intern. Mike Meyer, from PSU. I’m just so proud of everybody. Our new Board and President-Elect Luana Berens has my full support. Thanks for the opportunity. I’ll end this column as I have others: get involved. That’s one of the things it’s all about.

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Legislative Committee Update
by Mark McKechnie

NASW Endorses Campaigns Against Dangerous Measures

The recent economic recession decimated human services and public education in Oregon during the last few years. Remember Doonesbury? But, finally, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. The state budget has just begun to bounce back.

But apparently wealthy out-of-state interests don’t think that Oregonians have suffered enough. They’re pushing two proposed ballot measures that threaten to bring back deep cuts.

Initiative Petition #6 is a state spending limit based on a failed experiment in Colorado. You may have heard about it. Supporters refer to it as TABOR; they call it a spending cap. Opponents call it a trap because in Colorado a similar measure prohibited adequate funding for basic state services like roads, schools and health care.

The proposed measure would impose a rigid formula on state spending that chokes resources for health care and other state priorities. That’s why last year Colorado voters, in a campaign led by their Republican governor, opted to suspend the measure and regain control of their state. That’s why NASW has officially endorsed the campaign to protect Oregon from this ridiculous and dangerous measure.

The second petition, #14, is a tax code change that provides a federal tax substitution for Oregon filers. It’s a confusing petition but analysis shows that if it passes, health care funding would take a huge hit. This measure would cut $835 million from the state budget in 2007-2009 alone.

Initiative Petition #14 imposes these cuts because in Colorado a similar measure prohibited adequate funding for basic state services like roads, schools and health care.

There is still time to get involved or propose legislation. If you want to propose a legislative concept in one of these priority areas or other areas, you can contact the committee at ornaswleg@comcast.net. We’re also looking for volunteers to develop legislative concepts, do research, develop and deliver testimony and contact legislators during the 2007 session. Let us know if you are interested in any of these activities.

NASW has consistently supported adequate revenue for health, human services, education and other state programs that meet Oregonian’s basic needs. Both of these initiatives would lead Oregon down a dangerous path.

NASW has already endorsed the campaign to defeat these measures, and we urge you to decline to sign should you be approached by signature gatherers.

Crystallizing Our 2007 Priorities

The Legislative Committee has been soliciting, discussing and evaluating legislative concepts for 2007. We’ve been fortunate to have the assistance of five students from Joy Rhodes’ Community Organizing class at Portland State: Amanda Spear, Angela McKinney, Jessica Glover, Melissa “Missy” Kloos and Cheryl Zechmann. The students designed and implemented a focus group process, conducting several groups in the Portland and Salem areas with students and practicing social workers.

These groups have consistently chosen similar priorities to focus groups and survey respondents in previous years. NASW members and other social workers and students want the legislative committee to focus on such areas as health care, poverty and basic needs, education, housing and juvenile/criminal justice reform. The committee is currently researching potential legislation in most of these areas.

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Legislative Update: The Special Session

by Maura Roche, Government Relations

Not since 1990 has Oregon seen such a short, focused and well-executed special session. In a one-day special session held April 20, 2006, lawmakers managed to come together to address re-balancing the Department of Human Services budget, short-term school finance issues, regulation of payday loans and dramatically increased mandatory minimum sentences for sex offenders. Below you can see how members voted.

Please note that the Payday Loan Industry still has a lot of friends in Salem. The way the bill is structured, industry lobbyists will have six months during the next regular session to attempt a repeal of the law. Stay tuned to see how that fight unfolds.

HB 3510 — Relating to school finance; and declaring an emergency.
House Vote: Ayes, 57; Nays, 3—Butler, Kropf, Thatcher.
Senate Vote: Ayes, 26; Nays, 4—Beyer, George, Kruse, Whitsett.

HB 3511 — Relating to sex offenses; declaring an emergency.
House Vote: Ayes, 54; Nays, 6—Dingfelder, Greenlick, Nolan, Rosenbaum, Shields, Tomei.
Senate Vote: Ayes, 30.

SB 3511 — Relating to payday loans.
Senate Vote: Ayes, 22; Nays, 8—Beyer, Ferrioli, George, Kruse, Nelson, Starr B., Starr C., Whitsett.


SB 1106 — Relating to school finance; and prescribing an effective date.
Senate Vote: Ayes, 22; Nays, 8—Atkinson, Beyer, Ferrioli, George, Kruse, Stall B., Starr C., Whitsett.


SB 5644 — Relating to state financial administration (DHS); appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.
Senate Vote: Ayes, 23; Nays, 7—Atkinson, Beyer, Ferrioli, George, Kruse, Stall B., Whitsett.

House Vote: Ayes, 57; Nays, 3—Anderson, Kropf, Thatcher.

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Many organizations require instructors to disclose fiduciary relationships regarding material presented for continuing education. That seems needless if events meet “evidence based practice [EBP]” criteria as, e.g., at Oregon NASW’s May 2006 conference. Yet, studies conclude compensation not only warps drug trial outcomes, prescribing patterns, and publication decisions but also confounds what passes for EBPs. To evaluate “disclosure” policies below, we trace “fiduciary relationships” through the infrastructure of the medical field within which social workers labor directly and indirectly.

The network of corporate connections outlined below constitutes a medical industrial complex distorting “scientific” research that informs EBPs (or empirically supported treatments [ESTs]) which corporate lobbies increasingly write into legislation. The healthcare sector of the US economy exceeds the GNP of Spain, Korea, or Texas—a BIG capital imperative to protect intellectual property just as, e.g., in the music or software markets. Treatment protocols and diagnostic algorithms don’t fall from “pure science” heaven. Corporations control “quality control” standards and shape ESTs. The National Committee for Quality Assurance [NCQA] certifies over half of US HMOs. In 2001, 13 of 24 NCQA “sponsors” were drug manufacturers. Representatives on its 2000 Board included Aetna, the largest private insurer, GM and GE. A closer peek reveals an even more concentrated vector of financial interests with implications from global economics to individual treatment.

To determine who controls a corporation, a US House Banking Committee identified: 1) institutional holdings and 2) interlocking directorships. In 2000, Barclays Bank owned the largest institutional position in NCQA affiliates: Pfizer, Eli Lilly, Prorctor & Gamble, and IBM; and second position in Merck, GE, GM. One Director at IBM also sat on the Board of Bristol-Myers; another sat at Aetna, owned in part by Morgan (with two directors on the board of Merck). The litany goes on. Barclays was instrumental in forming the World Trade Organization (WTO) on whose Intellectual Property Committee sat seven NCQA affiliates in 2000. Lancet exposed the WTO’s agenda to destroy national healthcare. HMOs “target the public funding behind foreign health care systems. Multibillion-dollar social security or tax pools are effectively... redirected through private-sector organizations...”

A JAMA review of doctors authoring “clinical treatment guidelines” [CPGs] for diabetes, depression, etc. found 87% tied to pharmaceutical companies—10.5 financial links per doctor: 96% “...had relationships that predated the guideline creation process.” But doesn’t profit motive drive drug development? To the contrary, many observers cite marketing, billed as R & D, as the primary contribution of drug companies while fear of legal reprisals deter 25% of researchers from preferred areas of study. A review of 70 different studies showed researchers approved drugs 96% of the time when paid by drug companies but only 37% otherwise. In the 90’s the infrastructure was privatized from research centers to journal policies to the commodification of grand rounds, medical curriculum, formularies, etc. “Empirical” research is extremely compromised before research begins: 50% of research contracts reserve rights to refuse publication and/or delete information to corporations footing the bill.

There’s a critical distinction between specific candidates for EST status as efficacious treatment and the “EST movement” (policy that ESTs are the only proper treatment). Neither holds up to empirical inquiry though both have significant ties to big money! Cognitive Behavioral Therapy [CBT] is often declared a validated EST. However, echoing many studies, Wampold, in meta-analytical reviews of decades of research, shows therapy designated as CBT in trials worked—but not because of unique ingredients hypothesized by CBT “theory;” the same proved true of other EST contenders. Yes, segments of the NASW and APA advocate EST policy but others raise substantial philosophical, historical, and empirical objections beyond this newsletter sized tour through the issues. Protagonists in the debate are often caricatured as hard scientists versus softheaded clinicians, but a recent JAMA review found only 24% of “major general clinical journal” findings since 1990 “remained largely unchallenged!” In the more complex psychological realm, Wampold concludes the EST movement has immense detrimental effects on the science and practice of psychotherapy and “...can not support the weight of its own evidence.”

Extremely expensive EST trials are the province of corporatons whose lobbyists push the EST movement through laws. Oregon now attaches some funding to ESTs while the failed Health Security Act of 1994 promoted ESTs as the only proper way to treat. This despite scant “evidence” for ESTs as alluded to above, failed attempts at implementing specific ESTs, and a comedy of errors of quality control failures of the ‘70s and ‘80s. Obvious to scientific community standards, HMOs long refused to reveal their “evidence based” guidelines. In summary, quantitative science suggests the EST movement rests on gravely contaminated ground, merely waving the banner of science.

Indeed, disclosure of funding sources won’t stop abuses: Doctors prescribe drugs highlighted at drug company events at inappropriately higher rates—though those doctors knew the fiduciary bias of sponsors. Further, blind to the influence on themselves, doctors rate the perverting effects of money on colleagues’ treatment decisions up to 30 times greater than on their own. Clearly, disclosure policies may help discerning social workers choose wisely, but such policies only begin to address the larger issues noted above.
Members Asked to Spotlight Events on Disability, Aging

Effective immediately, all chapter members are asked to help inform other members about any coming events dealing either with disability or aging, for posting on the chapter’s “www.nasworegon.org” website. If you know of a relevant conference or workshop, please inform the Elder & Disability Concerns Council at notcoy@netzero.net. Fliers can be mailed to Lee Coyne, Box #5251, W. Salem, OR., 97304.

Elder Concerns Gearing Up To Explore Legislation

Spring ‘07 shall bring us a new legislative session in Salem at the very time Aging Baby Boomers are starting to trickle toward a vast need for Senior Services. In the decade ahead, the mini-trickle will assume floodlike proportions.

Accordingly, our Elder Concerns Council will take a hard look on what bills and regulations might be addressing this potential crisis, and work with the Legislative Committee to keep our state in the “progressive mode.” Any MSW or BSW holding an interest in this field is urged to phone (503) 365-7533.

PROGRAMS for MEN

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- Relationship Skills Group
- Domestic Violence Intervention Groups

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The Continuing Education Committee...

is still looking for representatives from the fields of private practice and education, such as school counselor to join our group. CEU applications reviewed via e-mail weekly and there are generally 1-2 committee meetings per year. Time commitments are the meetings and a total of about 1 hour per week to review applications and comment. If you’re interested in joining this dynamic group, please call the chapter office to let us know. Thanks!!!

Elder Council Backs Support Groups

Support groups have proven of significant value to the sufferers of illness and mental disorders. They supplement visits to physicians and therapists, and offer encouragement to those who feel all alone and beleaguered.

The time has come to consider opening up providing medical transit to disabled clients so they may take part. Also, many clients lack a car or auto insurance or both, adding to their isolation.

If legislators fear it would open the floodgates, then let’s simply confine eligibility to those medical support groups run by a licensed health or mental health provider. Maybe group support can even reduce reliance on doctors and therapists, and prove more economical to the budget.

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My Experience as an Intern at Oregon Chapter, NASW

Summertime brings transition to the NASW, Oregon Chapter, and an opportunity to reflect on the previous year. As I personally transition away from my internship role as a year-long Portland State University Social Work student and graduate, I’m also reminded that the NASW, Oregon Chapter has set itself up for new beginnings this summer. A new fiscal year begins July 1st, a new Executive Director will be hired, a new Diversity Committee begins June 22nd, and the new Board of Directors will hold a Leadership Retreat this fall to prioritize tasks this coming year. The following student perspective summarizes my rich, rewarding, and challenging experiences as an intern at the NASW, Oregon Chapter and my belief that the new year will be the best ever for the chapter.

This is only the second year that the Oregon Chapter has had an intern, and the position is coordinated as part of the community organization track of the Graduate School of Social Work, PSU. In the spirit of community-building, I created projects that were intended to enhance chapter outreach, diversity, education of youth, and networking. These projects, however, were community endeavors that involved fellow students, guidance from board members and the executive director, and concrete and conceptual assistance from the board president and president-elect.

Efforts towards diversity crystallized as tasks and priorities of a focus group which became a task force, and is now a committee. A resource guide was collected and posted on the Oregon Chapter website, several diversity events were planned, and the mission statement of the chapter was changed to include diversity. An MLK Day celebration at Mississippi Studios in Northeast Portland brought an overflow crowd where we watched an MLK documentary and enjoyed live music.

The most ambitious event though was organized by an outstanding first-year student. Lauren Chandler responded to what some considered an anti-Semitic article in Portland State University’s student newspaper, the Daily Vanguard. The first event was a dialogue facilitated by Rabbi Michael Lerner. After sharing his perspective on the origins of anti-semitism, Rabbi Lerner responded to questions from the several-hundred audience members. The second event consisted of interviews conducted by Portland-based Sojourn Theatre’s Artistic Director Michael Rohd. Rohd asked four community members with unique perspectives questions about free speech, hate speech, and the role of the media, which was followed up by audience questions. This event was part of social work month in March.

Although diversity was my primary project, bringing social work career options to high school students was something I also felt was important for the future of social work. Many social work students are currently in mid-life doing a career change, and having youth know about social work options early increased the possibilities of young people in the profession and volunteerism to gain experience. My 20-minute interactive Powerpoint presentation was shown to over a dozen high school classrooms, career centers, charter schools, and even detention centers. Although most of the students had known about social work, very few knew it was a profession or was called “social work.” Social work is rarely represented in career fairs or presentations that are heavily weighted towards business and military options. There were countless teens whose abilities, energy, and inspiration showed they were ready for the momentous future challenges in social work.

Other projects I was able to work on included the creation of a database of Oregon social service agencies, the production of a day-long “self-care expo,” fundraising for legislative action, assistance with the annual conference, participation in a mental health parity implementation panel in Salem, and student outreach at school. I worked with the newly revived Social Welfare Action Alliance (SWAA) and helped the NASW, Oregon Chapter partner with several of their noontime progressive social work events on campus.

Many of these projects were created as long-term, sustainable imperatives for the chapter. With the possibility of next year’s intern primarily focusing on the legislative session, my hope and plea to members of the NASW, Oregon Chapter is to please become involved in your chapter. Social work in Oregon needs strong organizational support more than ever, and volunteering your time for diversity, youth awareness, self-care, promotional events, and outreach in the era of income disparity. Budget cuts and greater needs of citizens require we read the NASW code of ethics liberally when it asks us to promote the profession. I look forward to continuing with volunteer work at the NASW, Oregon Chapter and look forward to working with you on common goals.
AFFORDABLE HOUSING NOW

The Oregon Chapter of NASW has committed a taskforce to the Affordable Housing Now Coalition (AHN), headed by Michael Anderson, Communication Coordinator of the Community Development Network.

The purpose of the taskforce is to support the efforts of the AFN in securing funding for housing of our most vulnerable citizens.

The NASW taskforce began in December 2005 and reviewed written reports from AHN, The League of Women Voters, and Catholic Charities. In addition, taskforce members interviewed Michael Anderson and Martha McLennon, Executive Director of Northwest Housing Alternatives. Further interviews will be scheduled with affordable housing experts. On April 18th, 2006, a delegation met with representatives from Mayor Tom Potter’s office and Commissioners’ Sten, Adams, Saltzman, and Leonard’s offices to advocate for City funding of Affordable Housing.

Members of the Affordable Housing Taskforce are: Clyde Ferguson, MSW, retired Director of Mental Health in Juneau, Alaska and owner of rental properties in Portland; Laurie Lusk, LCSW; Child and Family Therapist; Paula Rose Lang, Director of Elizabeth House, Project Rachel, Pregnancy Support, and Adoption Services for Catholic Charities; and Claire Corwin-Kordosky, MSW, retired Multnomah County Mental Health Consultant.

Interviews with Michael Anderson and Martha McLennon:

Michael Anderson suggested three ways that NASW members could support AHN.
1. Forward AHN email messages to NASW members.
2. Encourage NASW members to attend AHN hearings at City Hall.
3. Join the Statewide Housing Alliance. Lobbyists from member agencies meet together during the Legislative session to strategize to increase affordable housing. To be a member of the Statewide Housing Alliance does not require that the lobbyists attend all meetings, although it is highly recommended.

As a result of Michael’s interview, several taskforce members have attended one City Council hearing and have had an opportunity to visit a City Council member on April 18th, 2006.

Martha McLennon gave us an overall view of some affordable housing programs in Multnomah County. Most affordable housing is a mix of those who are able to pay regular rent and those who receive subsidized rent based on ability to pay.
1. New Columbia (Old Columbia Villa). There are 850 units, 250 of which are public housing, 66 are for seniors (55 and older), and about 200 units are “tax credit” housing. The population will be made up of working and non-working occupants.
2. Village at The Headwaters, SW 30th and Barbur Blvd. 56 units will be for seniors and there will be rent subsidies.
3. Hopewell Apartments in Hillsdale for families that have been homeless. The building is owned by the Housing Authority of Portland and managed by Neighborhood House, which is based in Multnomah Village.
4. Vermont Springs Apartments in Hillsdale for the developmentally delayed.
5. New housing soon to be constructed in Hillsdale on a small triangle of land.

Martha described some of the affordable housing services that are available in the Portland area.
1. Portland Housing Center. Buyer education for home ownership.
2. Craig’s List. Listings of jobs, properties, shared housing, etc.
3. Connections. A website with information about available housing. Relevant client information is entered to find an appropriate housing match.
4. Housing Authority of Portland. This agency receives annual federal grants for providing actual housing.
5. Section 8. Vouchers are provided for community housing units and is tenant and project based. Funding is through tax exempt bonding, loans from the State of Oregon with tax credits, and private donors.
7. Martha suggests a new project that NASW may want to support with a letter of advocacy is the “Bridges to Housing Program.” This program is modeled on the King County, WA., “Sound Families Program,” which is funded by the Gates Foundation. “Bridges to Housing” will be appealing to foundations for help in building a $20 million dollar start up fund. Once the funds are raised, the program will focus on the chronically homeless with rent subsidies, childcare, and two to three years of case management. The program will focus on housing first and then services. Four counties are involved in the effort to get “Bridges” up and running: Clackamas, Clark, Multnomah, and Washington. Two major foundations in Oregon may contribute: Meyer Trust and Connors.
8. Another way of helping, Martha suggests, is for NASW members to volunteer for painting days, yard cleanups, etc.

Delegation to Portland City Mayor and Commissioners on April 18, 2006:

Clyde Ferguson, Brent Carlson, and Claire Corwin-Kordosky represented AHN and NASW, Oregon Chapter, at City Hall, delivering the following message.

“We want to get to the $30 million mark with the Housing Investment Fund, and the last several years the Council has been great. The recommendation of Commissioners Adams and Saltzman that housing receive $7 million would be a wonderful decision for the Council.

On Urban Renewal Reform: We need concrete guidelines for how the Portland Development Commission (PDC) spends public money. In these tight budget times, it seems backward that in a new neighborhood like South Waterfront we have done nothing yet for affordable housing. As always, money is the issue. A 30% set-aside of Urban Renewal funds for housing would help PDC stay on track.”

The NASW taskforce was praised for its organization and the delegation was warmly received in all the Council offices.

This AHN taskforce is open to any interested social workers. For more information, please contact Claire Corwin-Kordosky, MSW, at 503-245-6769 or by email at kordosky6769@msn.com

Greetings From Your “Sister” Chapter

By Carmen D. Weisner, LCSW, ACSW Executive Director, NASW-Louisiana Chapter

We were certainly honored and thrilled by the offer of support from many of the NASW chapters from across this country following the devastation of two hurricanes that impacted our coastline. The most unique offer was the one from the Oregon Chapter in which your members and board wanted to be our “sister” chapter. We are now embarking on uncharted waters. Both the Boards of Directors of Louisiana Chapter and Oregon Chapter authorized this relationship. So, what exactly does this relationship entail? When Oregon’s Chapter President Tom Hogan visited our Chapter office, we agreed to begin with publishing articles in our respective newsletters. Here is our first article.

Tom, and fellow Oregonians, traveled to Louisiana to work in a Food Bank in New Orleans. In follow-up contact with Mr. Hogan, he was struck by the magnitude of the work ahead of the citizens of the state of Louisiana. I must tell you that in my opinion, the social work profession is making incredible contributions to this state’s recovery. We assisted in the early hours being part of the first responder network. For the first three months, many hours of volunteer work were dedicated to working with the evacuees/survivors in shelters, schools, crisis counseling units, and medical settings. Work is now being provided in more formal methods that are being financed through federal/state support and foundation dollars.

What’s next for the survivors? Well, we are slowly moving toward recovery. Some of the residents of the impacted area are returning to their communities and living in FEMA trailers. These trailers are basically, travel trailers that are parked outside of the homes of the survivors. Pretty tight quarters for some. The portion of the state that was damaged or destroyed has historically generated one fourth of this state’s income. The impact stretched beyond the territory touched by the wind, rain and floods of Katrina and Rita.

We are now just a few weeks away from the beginning of the 2006 Hurricane season. We know that as the season approaches, anxiety among the survivors will increase. We are part of the human service delivery dialogue that will be directed at attempting to minimize the anxiety and stress. Evacuation plans for the low lying areas of the state are being revised. We pray that if another storm makes landfall on our coastline, we will be prepared.

In our subsequent articles, we hope to give you a snapshot of our movement toward recovery. We are watching to see if the NASW-LA membership will change dramatically. We are watching our medical service delivery capacity, our mental health service delivery capacity, and the impact on at risk portions of our population.

Thanks again for your support and interest.

LCSW EXAM PREPARATION WORKSHOP IN WHITE CITY, OR.

The Oregon Chapter, NASW is pleased to announce that we are presenting “LCSW Exam Preparation Workshop” in White City, OR on September 15, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (registration at 8:30 a.m.). This will be held at the VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center, 8495 Crater Lake Hwy, Social Work Services building 224 upper north, room 207. Oregon Chapter member Roxanne Rae, LCSW, will be presenting. She received her MSW in 1977 and was licensed in CA in 1979. Her foundational social work training emphasized ego psychology and early child development and she was trained on a theoretical foundation of object relations in a relationally based treatment approach. That approach has been the foundation for Ms. Rae’s sand tray/sandplay studies, clinical practice and trainings and workshops. Currently she is teaching at Rogue Community College.

This workshop will provide information about test taking strategies and the different techniques for studying for the LCSW exam. It gives specifics about what to emphasize in preparing our population.

Participants will also receive their own study manual. Oregon Chapter NASW makes no promises nor guarantees for passing score on any test for licensure simply from taking this workshop. (6 hrs.)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

LCSW Exam Preparation Workshop (6 hours)

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Postmarked after 8/31/06 add $10 to above fees.

* Request for scholarship will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Copy or clip form and mail to Oregon Chapter, NASW, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy., Portland, OR 97219, or register and pay by credit card at: www.acteva.com/go/nasworegon

Members: Refer a non-member to join NASW the day of the workshop and receive a registration volunteer) will be given a 40% discount from the member rate of the workshop.
Save the Date: March 2, 2007 ~ Dr. Fred Reamer

Oregon Chapter NASW and PSU GSSW Alumni Association are proud to announce co-sponsorship of Dr. Reamer returning to Oregon for a conference on Boundary Issues. He will work from his book. Dr. Reamer was here in January 2005 and spoke to approximately 100 people. We have had multiple requests to bring him back and so he’s coming. More information such as site, cost and registration will be posted on our websites as it becomes available.

Recent Events Activities:

We’ve been busy with co-sponsorship of the following events:

Dance Around the World fundraiser for Multiracial Family Center on May 5th. More info about this brand new organization is at www.multiracialfamilycenter.org.

Self Care Expo for Social Workers on May 7th, co-sponsored by PSU GSSW and spearheaded by our intern Mike Meyer.


These events were emailed to our membership. If you didn’t receive these notices, we don’t have your email address, so please send it along with your name to nasw@nasworegon.org or kb@nasworegon.org and we’ll update the database.

Upcoming Classes Sponsored by Events Committee:

Licensure Preparation Class: April 22nd w/ Jody Swisher in Portland was very successful. September 15th with Roxanne Rae in Medford is getting ready, and the final class for the year will be Nov/Dec with Katherine Oberholtzer in Portland.

Potential Classes Sponsored by Events Committee:

We are hard at work on developing and scheduling classes for Fall 2006 or Spring 2007. Some options are:

1) Fundamentals of Personnel Management: Everyday Skills for Social Work Supervisors by Jonathan Beard. Should be a complementary class if you’ve taken Collaborative Supervision with Susie Snyder. Also works well on its own.

2) Advanced Class on Group Therapy by Matt Modrcin. Group Therapy: Process, Structure and Ethical Considerations was very successful on March 10th. We are beginning the discussion with Matt to develop an advanced class and/or take the first class on the road to Bend or Medford.

3) Therapist Issues by Ben Anderson-Nathe. Not Knowing What to Do: The Experience of Being Stuck was very successful on March 25th. We are beginning the discussion with Ben to develop a class addressing complementary issues such as vicarious traumatization, counter-transference issues, peer supervision, and/or team building.

4) Narrative & Collaborative Approaches in Therapy by Susie Snyder has been successful in Eastern and Southern Oregon. We’ll consider offering in Portland or Eugene if we get enough requests.

5) Prevention and Intervention Strategies with the Violent Client by Marc Richmond was cancelled in Fall 2005 due to insufficient registrations. We continue to get requests for such a topic so this may be re-scheduled at some point.

Watch the website and upcoming newsletters for details on classes as they are scheduled. Remember, the website is updated frequently while newsletter remains quarterly! Luana Berens, LCSW

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION GOALS MAY COVER HEIGHT, WEIGHT

At its April 30th meeting, the Diversity Task Force went on record as favoring inclusion of Affirmative Action protection for hiring and promoting social workers who might otherwise be excluded on the basis of height or weight. That probably makes Oregon the first chapter to address workplace discrimination on the basis of dimensional status.

Men’s Therapy Group

for adult survivors of sexual abuse.

Current openings. Group continuous since 1987. Portland metro area. Also individual, couples and consultation and training on male sexual abuse issues. Contact Donald L. Mann, LCSW, 503-228-1939, or email dmann@spiritone.com.

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS: INTO ACTION

A Three-Day Intensive Training

Facilitator: Diane V. Malbin, MSW
July 13-15, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
(Repeats Oct. 26-28)
The Mark Spencer Hotel, Portland OR.

Register early – Fills quickly

NASW Approved for 19.5 hours

For information: Call FASCETS: 503-621-1271
Email: dmalbin@fascets.org
Website: www.fascets.org

Summer 2006 - June/July/August
**EMPLOYMENT**

**LEGACY HOSPITAL’S JOB LINE:** 503-833-3236

**NASW JobLink:** The Social Work Career Center: www.socialworkers.org/joblinks/default.asp

**WASHINGTON COUNTY JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** www.co.washington.or.us

Visit the Human Services Council website at www.humanservicescouncil.com for current positions available.

Morrison Child and Family Services, info at: www.morrisonkids.org

**Executive Director** – FT - Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, with a statewide membership of well over 6,000 and an annual budget of approximately $500,000. The successful candidate will have a broad knowledge of the principles of association management; be able to work cooperatively with a Board of Directors (i.e. have the ability to carry out the chapter’s mission statement and implement the work goals set by the Board); experience in legislative affairs; a knowledge of, commitment to and ability for articulating social work values and ethics; the ability to work with diverse populations; strong oral and written communication skills; a commitment to excellence in member services; a thorough understanding of office communication technologies; the willingness and ability to travel throughout the state; and a knowledge of the wide, cultural diversity within Pennsylvania. A graduate degree plus five years of experience in association or other human service management required. An MSW from a CSWE Accredited program strongly preferred. Send resume by June 30, 2006, electronically to: Dr. Nadine Bean at docsbandb@hotmail.com. Questions may be directed to Dr. Bean at the same e-mail address.

**Licensed clinician** needed for part-time evening work as a co-therapist in men’s domestic violence groups at the Beaverton office of Men’s Resource Center. Experience with this particular population not required. Email resume to Paul Lee, LCSW at paullee@qwest.net or mail to 12 SE 14th Ave., Portland, 97214.

**FT - Mental Health** Counselor to join mental health team at the West Salem Clinic Mental Health Department. MSW plus graduate coursework in theory, diagnosis, and treatment of mental health disorders and at least one year of experience required. LCSW preferred. Send resume to hr@nwhumanservices.org or send/apply in person at NWHS, 681 Center St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. www.northwesthumanservices.org EOE

Child Protection/Welfare Social Workers who wish to re-locate to England for a minimum of two years contact: Richard Evans, Client Manager, The Match Group. Direct Dial: +44 (0) 207 190 1617, Mobile: +44 (0) 781 668 3939, Fax: +44 (0) 207 190 1601, Email: richard.evans@match.co.uk

The Private Practice Council will not be meeting this summer. It will resume Sept. 13th and will then meet quarterly.

**Social Worker** – PT – To establish relationships with Assisted Living facilities, work with seniors and their families and conduct assessments for a new benefit program. Good verbal communication skills, sensitivity to and understanding of the needs of the elderly and their caregivers helpful. Send letter of interest including qualifications and resume to: Robert Skinner Assoc., 15800 Boones Ferry Rd., A-11, Lake Oswego, OR 97035.

**Awake Overnight Supervisor** –FT - Member of an interdisciplinary treatment team in a treatment program for children and adolescents, responsible for collaborating in the provision of individual guidance and supervision of clients and for ensuring a safe environment for clients in a group treatment facility during the overnight and early morning hours. Ensures that the Awake Overnight Treatment Specialists attend to the supervision of children, the laundering of clothes and bedding, completion of written work and other needs. BSW desired, MSW or Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) preferred. Two years supervisory/management experience in a social services field; preference for candidates with experience in residential treatment settings. For further details, see posting on website: www.trilliumfamily.org.
**Regional Director** – Children’s Farm Home – FT - responsible for developing and managing Trillium Operations at Children’s Farm Home. Directs the implementation of treatment programs that ensures the health, safety, and cost-effective treatment of clients within scope of authority. Responsible for the efficient utilization of human and fiscal resources. Oversees program management, including the assessment of staff development and training needs. Responsible for monitoring quality improvement activities and maintaining accreditation standards for the region. Responsible for essential community partnerships and relationships with government entities and payers. MSW required, preference will be given to LCSWs with five years experience providing therapy to children/adolescents/families, and two years management of treatment programs, budget development and community relations. Preference given to candidates with significant experience managing clinical programs, including residential treatment, outpatient, community based, and wrap-around service programs. Please visit the posting in the employment section of our website for further details and how to apply: www.trilliumfamily.org.

**Bilingual Family Program Coordinator at Yolanda House - FT** – to provide support, advocacy, case management and empowerment to children survivors of domestic violence residing at the shelter. Utilize needs assessment, case and safety planning, referrals, coordination of services and safe activities for the development of self-actualization. For further information call 503-294-7470, www.ywca-pdx.org (YWCA job application form is required).

**Case Manager East County - FT** - Provide support, advocacy and case management to senior clients through needs assessment, case planning, monitoring, and coordination of resources. Function as team member with other Case Managers and staff in the department. BSW and must be able to prioritize responsibilities and have excellent communications skills, computer proficiency, valid driver’s license, and own transportation. Two years working with senior populations required. Bilingual Spanish-English helpful. YWCA of Greater Portland, 1111 SW 10th Ave, Portland, OR 97205 (503) 294-7470, www.ywca-pdx.org.

**NASW RECOMMENDED MINIMUM SALARIES**

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These recommendations are purely advisory. They are not intended to suggest any understanding that NASW members will or must adopt them. Each member is free to negotiate his or her own salary independently and entirely within his or her own discretion.

**ETHICS COMMITTEE BACKS RULE ON VOTE ABSTENTION**

The chapter Ethics Committee recently was presented the question of how to proceed if any of its committee is voting on payment for services and one of its members would benefit from that decision. It unanimously voted to adopt the rule that since this presents conflict-of-interest, the affected person shall be required to abstain entirely.

**GESTALT THERAPY TRAINING CENTER--NORTHWEST**

**NEW TRAINING BEGINS NOVEMBER, 2006**

**FACULTY:** Jon Frew, Ph. D. / Eva Gold, MSW, Psy. D. / Steve Zahn, Ph. D.

The two-year weekend intensive training program offers practitioners at all levels of clinical experience an entry point into Gestalt therapy theory and practice. This training is didactic and experiential. Demonstrations are used to illustrate concepts, and practicum experience offers immediate feedback and supervision designed to enhance trainees’ clinical skills and build new strengths. We also offer an advanced weekend intensive training program, and an advanced ongoing group for those who have completed the two year program, or those who have completed the equivalent training in another program.

Gestalt Therapy Training Center--Northwest is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education to psychologists. GTTC-NW maintains responsibility for the programs.

CE certificates from APA approved programs generally meets requirements for other licensing such as MSW or LPC. Check with your licensing organization.

For information / application: (503) 230-0900 or www.gttnw.org
CONTINUING EDUCATION OFFERINGS

Items above the dotted line have been approved for CE by NASW’s Continuing Education Committee; items below the line have been submitted for approval.

### New NASW, Oregon Chapter’s Continuing Education Application Fees

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June 6, 1-2:30, “A Clinical, School & Home Based Approach to Working with Children with Auditory Processing Disorders” (teleconference) sponsored by Lorman Business Center, Inc. Call 715-833-3940, $149, 1.5 hrs.

June 9, 10-4, “Storytelling as a Healing Tool” sponsored by IHP, PCC, held in Portland. Call 503-977-4933, $105, 5 hrs.

June 12, 1-2:30, “Legal Issues Faced by Behavioral Health Providers” (teleconference) sponsored by Lorman Business Center, Inc. Call 715-833-3940, $199, 1.5 hrs.


June 15 & 16 (Portland), July 28 (Boise), Aug. 4, & 7 (Portland) and Sept. 8 (Eugene), 10-3, “Internal Family Systems Therapy Summer Workshop Series 2006” sponsored by IFS Northwest. Call 503-227-8774 (or wwwIFSnw.net) $89 and 4 hrs. each date.

June 16, 7:45-4:45, “Palliative Care in Oregon: Looking Toward the Future” sponsored by OHSU Center for Ethics in Health Care, held in Beaverton. Call 503-494-4466, $45, 6.75 hrs.

June 21-25, 8:30-5, “Allied Team Training for Parkinson II” sponsored by National Parkinson Foundation Inc, held in Portland. Call 305-243-2985, no fee, 28.5 hrs.


July 6, 8:30-4:30, “One-day Workshop in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy” sponsored by Portland Dialectical Behavior Therapy Program, held in Portland. Call 503-231-7854 x 45, $140, 6 hrs.

July 8, 9-4:30, “One Day Workshop in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Adapted for Adolescents” sponsored by Portland Dialectical Behavior Therapy Program, held in Portland. Call 503-231-7854 x 16, $140, 6 hrs.


July 14, 9-4:30, “Moving Beyond Talk Into Experience” sponsored by Kelly Osmont, LCSW, held in Portland. Call 503-221-4243, $75, 6 hrs.

July 14, 5-9 and 15, 9-5, “We’ve Got to Talk About It: Addressing the Issues of Domestic/Sexual Violence” sponsored by Women’s Studies Dept., PSU, held in Portland. Call 503-725-8930, $50-60, 7 hrs.

Aug. 9 (repeats Aug. 11 in Seattle), 8:30-4, “Youth Suicide Ages 14-24” sponsored by HEALTH Education Network, held in Portland. Call 800-839-4584, $149, 6 hrs.

Sept. 15, 8:30-5, “LCM Exam Prep Workshop” sponsored by Oregon Chapter, NASW, held in White City. Call 503-452-8420 (888-842-8420), $95-205, 6 hrs.

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### Save these dates:

**Wednesday, June 14**
**Thursday, June 15**
**Friday, June 16**

**Geriatric Health Issues in the New Millennium**

**Summer Institute 2006**

- Day-long intensive sessions
- CEUs available

For more information, call 503 418-2174 or visit www.ohsu.edu/ogec

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**Portland/Boise/Eugene**

*Learn this healing practice through the psyche and into the soul.*

- June 15, Portland: Introduction to IFS
- June 16, Portland: IFS, Addictions, and 12-Step
- July 28, Boise: Introduction to IFS @ Angell’s Grill
- Aug 4, Portland: Integral Psychology w/IFS & Hakomi Therapies
- Aug 7, Portland: Mobilizing Hope & Joy with Our Clients, Our Selves
- Sept 8, Eugene: Introduction to IFS @ Downtown Athletic Club

- $89 each, Lite lunch included.
- Additional discounts available
- Location for each Portland workshop: Elephants Deli Garden Room w/ retractable roof

Visit www.IFSNW.net for additional info and to Register Online

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**The Oregon Center for Stress Reduction (OCSR)**

The OCSR is a mindfulness based eight-session group treatment program. Participants are taught non-denominational awareness meditation, relaxation techniques and gentle yoga, stretching and movement exercises. Mindfulness based stress reduction has been offered for over twenty years at major medical centers around the world. This approach was featured on Bill Moyers’ PBS series “Healing and the Mind.” It has been proven effective in caring for many illnesses, disorders and problems, including:

- Anxiety and Panic
- Depression
- Heart Disease
- Headaches
- Sleep Disturbance
- Job or Family Stress
- GI Distress
- Chronic Pain
- Grief and Loss
- Diabetes
- High Blood Pressure
- Fatigue
- Type A Behavior
- Skin Disorders

For information and referrals contact John Wadsworth, LCSW, at 503-478-0667.

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**Comprehensive Eating Disorder Treatment**

503-226-9061

Individual, Family & Group Therapy

Free Support Groups:
One for Families & One for Sufferers
Consultation & Inservices
Steps to Recovery Pamphlets

David Leventer, LPC, LMFT
Joyce A. Korschgen, LPC

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Sept. 15, 9-4:30, “Right Use of Power: The Heart of Ethics” sponsored by MHREN, held in Medford. Call 541-482-3328, fees vary, 5.75 hrs.

Oct. 26, 8:30-4, “Psychotropics and Dementia, More or Less” sponsored by HEALTH Education Network, held in Portland. Call 800-839-4584, $149, 6 hrs.

**Submitted for approval:**

June 14-16, 8-4, “17th Annual OGEC Summer Institute” sponsored by Oregon Geriatric Education Center, held in Portland. Call 503-418-2174, $75/day, $200/3 days.

Sept. 8, 8-4:30, “24th Annual Conference on Aging” sponsored by Umpqua Community College, held in Roseburg. Call 541-440-4601.


Oct. 27 & 28, 10-5:30, “Cosmic Freedom Qigong - Healing Ourselves, Facilitating Healing in Others” sponsored by Roberta Roth, LCSW, held in Eugene. Call 541-687-2835, fees vary.

Oct. 29, 10-5:30, “Cosmic Freedom Qigong - Healing Meditation for Practitioners & Clients” sponsored by Roberta Roth, LCSW, held in Eugene. Call 541-687-2835, fees vary.

Nov. 17, 9-4:30, “Helping Parents with Difficult Children” sponsored by MHREN, held in Medford. Call, 541-773-7503, fees vary.

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**Four Workshops on one of the Fastest-growing Movements in Psychotherapy.**

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**Sept. 23, 9-4:30, “Racial Diversity and the Somatic Experiencing Approach to Trauma” sponsored by Oregon Chapter, NASW, held in Portland. Call 503-452-8420 or 888-842-8420.**
**ADS**


**SUPERVISION FOR LICENSURE: EXPERIENCE FOR DEPTH.** An invitation to co-create a synergistic learning experience with a therapist having 25 years post-degree experience. Emphasis on meeting the client/system/supervisee at their model of the world. Affordable, LPC or LCSW. Call Michael Kohler, LCSW, 503-231-1711.


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**Medford/Ashland:**
Delightful ASHLAND COTTAGE FOR 2. $75 NIGHTLY. Contact Adrienne at 541-482-8185 or afanjet@jeffnet.org.

**Coast:**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Rosemary Dunn Dalton, LCSW, has been named the 2006 Distinguished Alumna of the Year at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, OR, and will be honored with a dinner in late May. Rosemary is an adjunct professor in the Psychology Department at SOU and works in private practice as a psychotherapist. She has had a profound impact on the community through her teaching, social work practice, and her engagement with nonprofit organizations. She is the founder of Dunn House, an emergency shelter in Jackson County for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. She is also an active member of the Rogue District of NASW.

**Classified:**

**Greater Portland area:**
Furnished psychotherapy office available 80% of week. On 2nd fl. of established multidisciplinary clinic. Chiropractor, Acupuncturist & LMTs in-house. Located near shops, restaurants, on bus-line & minutes from Broadway Bridge & downtown. 1934 NE Broadway, $370/ mo. One-year lease. 503-280-1101.


Retired counselor seeks meaningful volunteer work in Portland area. Prior work experience in vocational rehabilitation, domestic violence perpetrator and pain clinic settings. Contact dandonham@aol.com.

Office sublet available. 516 SE Morrison, daytime hours available. Call Anne Emmett, LCSW at 503-238-2405.

Excellent NW location, spacious office with windows, closet, in suite of three. Shared waiting room, kitchen, free off-street clinic parking, handicap access. $555 includes utilities, cleaning. Seasoned professionals. Call Annik: 503-957-0135.

Attractively decorated offices available in Portland and/or Vancouver. Lease by the day. Please email barbarawilkins@comcast.net for additional information.

Part-time office space available in Oregon City. Meeting room for individuals/families and/or large group room. Lots of times available. Reasonable rent. Call Paul Lee, 503-235-3433.


Office for rent in building with lots of charm, near Lloyd Center. All mental health professionals. Please call Marsha Kohen, LCSW, 503-287-7006.
STATE BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS
NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

2006 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Alice J. Rothschild, MSW (LCSW 1989), Eugene, OR. Corrected Final Order by Default, License Revocation and Assessment of Costs - dated April 17, 2006. Violation of OAR 877-030-0015(2)(b) related to failure to complete a rehabilitation program recognized by the Board; and OAR 877-030-0015(2)(d) related to failure to complete a rehabilitation program recognized by the Board; and OAR 877-030-0090(2) related to failure to cooperate with the Board in its investigation of licensee.

Lynn E. Johnson, MSW (LCSW 2571), Baker City, OR. Stipulated Order of Reprimand - dated April 11, 2006. Violation of OAR 877-030-0070(13)(b) related to refusing to conduct business with a person legally authorized to act on a client’s behalf, and OAR 877-030-0070(14)(c) related to failure to provide a client reasonable access to their records.

Shailer V. Gionson, MSW (LCSW 3298), Portland, OR. Stipulation for Voluntary Surrender of Clinical Social Worker License in Lieu of Revocation, Assessment of Costs and Final Order - dated January 17, 2006. Violation of ORS 675.540(1)(a) and ORS 675.540(2)(a) related to being convicted of a crime (Class B Felony/sexual contact with a minor) in the State of Washington that would be considered a felony in Oregon.

2005 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Kathleen L. Prieto, MSW (LCSW 2391), Portland, OR. On December 16, 2005, the State Board of Clinical Social Workers issued a Stipulated Amended Final Order (Probation and Assessment of Costs) which Ms. Prieto had submitted to the Board. This Order amended a Final Order issued by the Board on April 15, 2005. The original Order was due to violation of OAR 877-030-0070(1) related to dual relationships. This Amendment adds a second year of probation and assesses the additional costs of the Amendment.

Craig M. Schreiter, MSW (LCSW #L999), Albany, OR. On December 13, 2005, the State Board of Clinical Social Workers issued a Final Order accepting the Stipulation for Voluntary Surrender of Clinical Social Worker License in Lieu of Revocation which Mr. Schreiter had submitted to the Board. Mr. Schreiter’s License as a Clinical Social Worker in Oregon has been surrendered for having engaged in conduct that violated OAR 877-030-0070(4) related to sexual conduct with a former client, and to OAR 877-030-0070(14) related to breach of confidentiality.

Robert A. F. White, MSW (LCSW 1098), Manzanita, OR. Stipulation for Voluntary Permanent Surrender of License in Lieu of Revocation and Final Order dated July 20, 2005. Violation of ORS 675.510(2) related to submitting false claims for health care payment for mental health services he did not render. White paid the full restitution of $169,620.59, and permanently surrendered his Clinical Social Worker License.


Kathleen L. Prieto, MSW (LCSW 2391), Portland, OR. Final Order by Default (Probation and Assessment of Costs) – dated April 15, 2005. Violation of OAR 877-030-0070(1) related to dual relationship. One year probation that places certain conditions or limits on social work practice.

Donald L. Mann, MSW (LCSW 943), Portland, OR. Stipulated Order of Reprimand – dated February 8, 2005. Violation of OAR 877-030-0070(13b) related to failure to release records to custodial parent. Licensee fully cooperated with the Board in connection with its disciplinary process.

Stanley J. Marcus, MSW (LCSW #3349), Portland, OR. Final Order by Default (Letter of Reprimand and Assessment of Costs) – dated January 20, 2005. Violation of OAR 877-030-0070(4) related to disclosure of confidential client information (one instance) and OAR 877-030-0070(17) related to soliciting clients from agency for private practice (one instance). Licensee fully cooperated with the Board in connection with its disciplinary process.

2004 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

M. Diane Wade, MSW (LCSW #L2778), Salem, OR. On November 6, 2004 the State Board of Clinical Social Workers issued a Final Order accepting the Stipulation for Voluntary Surrender of Clinical Social Worker License in Lieu of Revocation which Ms. Wade had submitted to the Board. Ms. Wade’s License as a Clinical Social Worker in Oregon has been surrendered for having engaged in conduct that violated OAR 877-030-0070(4) related to sexual conduct with a former client.

Polly A. Morrow, MSW (LCSW #A4151), Lake Oswego, OR. On June 16, 2004, the State Board of Clinical Social Workers issued a Final Order accepting the Stipulation for Voluntary Surrender of Clinical Social Worker Associate Certificate in Lieu of Revocation which Ms. Morrow had submitted to the Board. Ms. Morrow’s Certificate as a Clinical Social Worker Associate in Oregon has been surrendered for having engaged in conduct that violated OAR 877-030-0040(2) related to dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation and OAR 877-030-0070(4) regarding sexual conduct and related behavior with a former client.

Robert M. Clark, MSW (LCSW 751), Pendleton, OR. On February 13, 2004, the State Board of Clinical Social Workers issued a Final Order Imposing Discipline (Probation). Mr. Clark has been placed on one year probation for having engaged in unprofessional conduct that violated OAR 877-030-0070(14) related to disclosure of confidential client information in the practice of clinical social work. During the probationary year, Mr. Clark will receive monthly supervision from a Board-approved LCSW supervisor. Licensee will also attend 15 hours of continuing education on client confidentiality. The Board acknowledges that Mr. Clark fully cooperated with the Board in connection with the disciplinary process.

2003 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Honner Samuel Adams, MSW (LCSW #1724), Portland, OR. On September 9, 2003 Final Order Imposing Discipline (Revocation). Mr. Adams’ license to practice as a Clinical Social Worker in Oregon has been revoked for having engaged in unprofessional conduct in the practice of clinical social work, and conduct that violated OAR 877-030-0040(2) related to dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation and OAR 877-030-0070(4) regarding sexual conduct and related behavior with a client. The Board also concluded that the continued practice as a clinical social worker by the Licensee presents a serious danger to the public health or safety and confirmed the emergency suspension orders previously issued.
PEACE CORPS PAVED THE WAY FOR PAUL SORENSON’S SOCIAL WORK CAREER

By B. Lee Coyne, LCSW

Think back to the early 90’s. Paul Sorenson was then embarking on a unique adventure with the Peace Corps in Cameroon, a former French colony in West Africa. His assignment: Being a teacher in the world of plants. That timely experience planted the seeds of outreach, which ultimately led to his being named as our chapter 2006 Social Worker of the Year.

As Paul reflects on that era, he asked himself: “If I want to do development work, I really need to be in my own country”. That convinced him that the opportunities provided by social work is where he belonged.

It all began with two acceptance letters received the same day, one from a graduate school, the other from the Peace Corps. Paul went global.

After his Cameroon duties ended, he decided to attend PSU in ’95 to pursue his MSW. He did an internship with the Columbia River MH Center out in Vancouver. That sealed his fascination with Mental Health. Three “close buddies” also had mood disorders, deepening that interest. Paul’s second-year fieldwork took him to OHSU’s psychiatric ward dealing with veterans on the mend, albeit slowly.

Immersion into Family Therapy followed. After graduating, Paul spent five years with Intensive Family Services Inc., focusing on in-home counseling. That’s where he met up with chapter staff person Kathy Blakeman who was dealing with foster care challenges in her own family. During that time he developed a specialty in abuse and trauma issues affecting the foster child.

In recent years, Sorenson has turned to the “voice dialog” technique which emphasizes the psychology of self as untapped energy. This is explained as a “separation of opposites” that impact on one’s vulnerable points. Paul is accustomed to viewing his clients as a “collection of selves”.

Born in California, Paul states that he came from “a family that didn’t quite function,” so he became attuned to adolescent transitional issues. He also spent time in Calcutta with Mother Teresa’s Sisters of Charity last autumn. His work included bathing and feeding those on the children’s ward.

Now in private practice, our honoree loves sailing on the Columbia and is currently building his own kayak. Like most progressive social workers, he doesn’t mind moving counter-current to get to his destination. Isn’t that the essence of what our profession is all about?

ETHNIC POTLUCKS SCHEDULED BY CHAPTER DIVERSITY GROUP

In an effort to attract more members from minority groups, Diversity Committee Chair Mike Meyer announced his group is planning ethnic potluck meetings starting on Thursday, June 22nd. Among items under review are cultural diversity training required for licensure by the NM Social Work Board. As the NM program is better known, this will be conveyed to our membership.

It was emphasized that non-Portlanders can link up by speakerphone to committee meetings by calling Mike in advance. Leave a message at the chapter office: 1-888-842-8420.

The Southern Oregon Brown Bag Seminar Series, sponsored by The Graduate School of Social Work Alumni Association (GSSWAA) at Portland State University is recruiting presenters for the 2006-2007 year. These are two-hour educational seminars on various topics of interest to social workers and other helping professionals (mental health practitioners, drug/alcohol counselors, nurses, etc.) which allow them to remain current on relevant topics, problem-solve with experts in a variety of specialties, and network with colleagues. Seminar presenters donate their time and expertise, and in turn may attend other seminars (both in Southern Oregon and on the Portland campus) free for one year. The GSSWAA handles arrangements for location, publicity, and registration. A nominal registration fee helps with those expenses.

If you are interested in more information about presenting at the Brown Bag Seminar Series, please contact Gretchen Thiel, Ashland Site Coordinator for the MSW Program on the SOU Campus, at 541-552-8111 or gthiel@pdx.edu.

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Dear Friend and Colleague,

Two winters ago, a small group of mental health clinicians and therapists met to discuss how we could apply our skills in helping reduce the pain and suffering, present and future, of American military veterans (and their families) of the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns.

Our commitment was to understand how we all are responsible, in small ways and large, for healing the intense trauma we witness in veterans and their family, and expect to witness, for the foreseeable future. The Oregonian (Monday April 24, 2006) quoted the elder literary statesman Gore Vidal last weekend as he spoke at the Portland Convention Center, who said that the errors and miscalculations that have led our country into the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan would take literally generations to heal.

As many of us know from coming of age during, or being affected by the aftermath of, the Vietnam War era, trauma is passed down in profoundly painful ways, affecting war’s veterans, families, and our society at large in manners both vivid and obscure. We are all aware of the long-term impact of PTSD, mental illness, domestic violence, suicide and self-harm, and addictions. These are afflictions we are trained to address, but we are many obstacles to veterans and families being connected with therapists: money barriers; socioeconomic and political differences; unobtainable helpful information; and an inaccessible list of able and available therapists.

For the past year, our group, Returning Veterans Resources Project Northwest, has been working to lay the groundwork to create a directory of clinicians who will offer free counseling services to veterans and their families. We expect to be providing these pro-bono services for many years to come as an alternative and adjunct to the Veteran’s Administration and other military-related post-combat treatment services. From our outreach and connections with veterans groups and military treatment providers, we know that many veterans and active-duty military members are interested in truly confidential and empathic brief and/or long-term therapeutic services from practicing therapists in the community.

Returning Veterans Resource Project Northwest is now a formal and legal non-profit corporation with a web-based directory and a media and outreach component, and we are currently seeking like-minded therapists to join our directory. We are in the midst of connecting with military-based treatment providers, media, and local church groups and civic organizations to describe and offer our service and become a sustainable community resource.

Our vision is for hundreds of Portland-area mental health clinicians, (and in the future other medical and alternative treatment providers such as naturopaths, chiropractors, acupuncturists) to work with veterans and/or families, providing a network of care that will heal the wounds of war as they affect us all.

Please consider accessing our website at www.returningveterans.com for more information, or to apply to be a member of our Directory. If you have questions or would like to talk with me or another member of the Project’s Board of Directors, please call our Project’s number at (503) 402-1717.

Sincerely,

Carol Levine, LCSW, President of RVRPNW
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**SWPAC Prepares for General Election**

As SWPAC goes into full swing for the November election, we’d like to share with you our tasks for this summer and fall. We are working hard to elect candidates with social work values, who will support adequate human services, civil rights, criminal justice reform, and health care. We are looking for committee members or one-time volunteers to help.

**June**: Determine key races where our involvement is needed or can make a difference. Set up interviews with candidates in those races. Through the interviews we get to know the candidates and educate them on the issues about which we are concerned and knowledgeable.

**July**: Endorse candidates.

**August**: Make financial contributions to endorsed candidates or ballot measures.

**September**: If additional funds have been raised, make further financial contributions to candidates.

**August-October**: Opportunities will be available to volunteer for candidates’ campaigns or with the Oregon Bus Project. Most needed are people interested in making phone calls or going door-to-door. By volunteering for the candidates we endorse, we show that our endorsement has some teeth to it, that social workers take action!

If you are interested in helping with one or more of these activities, please contact Amy Stuczynski at amarie_fish@yahoo.com.

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June
3  9-1 Board of Directors, MOB West, Emanuel Hospital
13  5:30 Maternal/Child Council meeting, 447 NE 47th Ave., Ste. 200, Office of Providence Beginnings, Portland (ablack@lhs.org)
22  Ballots returned to Oregon Chapter

July
11  5:30 Maternal/Child Council meeting (see June for address)
15  9-2:30 Board of Directors, TBA

August
1  Fall Newsletter deadline
8  5:30 Maternal/Child Council meeting (see June for address)

September
12  5:30 Maternal/Child Council meeting (see June address)
13  5:30-7, Private Practice Council, chapter office (yogini4@comcast.net)
15  8:30–5, LCSW Exam Prep Workshop, VA Southern Oregon Rehab Center & Clinics, 8495 Crater Lake Hwy, Bldg 224, room 207
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