Facts About the New Mental Health Parity Law

What is it? A new law in Oregon will require that coverage for mental health and chemical dependency services in group health insurance policies “may not be made subject to treatment limitations, limits on total payments for treatment, limits on duration of treatment or financial requirements unless similar limitations or requirements are imposed on coverage of other medical conditions.”

How did this come about? NASW, Oregon, and many other advocates for the persons with mental illness (most notably NAMI-Oregon) have made this their top priority each legislative session for over ten years. This year, a change in the composition of the State Senate gave us a Democratic Committee Chair favorable to parity and a Senate President who made parity a top “take home” issue in the bargaining with House leadership that ended the session. The parity bill, SB 1, passed the Senate by a 23-6 vote, and the House by a 59-1 vote. The Governor signed the bill into law on August 15, 2005.

When does it take effect? January 1, 2007

Who is covered by the new parity law? The parity law applies to people with group health insurance policies written in the state of Oregon. It does not apply to individual policies or to “self-insured” health plans (so-called “ERISA plans,” in which the employee’s company in effect provides its own health insurance to employees). It does not apply to the Oregon Health Plan, but the OHP has always covered mental health and chemical dependency on a parity with physical illness.

Does it cover only certain types of mental illness? Largely, no. It applies to any mental illness or chemical dependency covered by group health insurance. Unlike parity bills in some other states, it does not limit coverage to “biologically-based” mental illness. However, it does not require coverage for certain services such as long-term residential care, court-ordered sex offender treatment, or screening interviews. And the state Department of Consumer and Business Affairs has stated in the past that group policies do not have to cover some mental health problems, such as certain personality disorders.

Will the new law do away with managed care? No. The new law explicitly allows insurers to review the medical necessity for treatment, require prior approval, and require review of the continuation of treatment. HMOs are allowed to limit coverage to providers associated with the managed care plan. Just as they do with physical health conditions.

Who will interpret and clarify the provisions of the new law? The law grants authority to the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to write rules clarifying and interpreting the law’s provisions. We expect that DCBS will consult with affected interest groups during this rulemaking process, and NASW will monitor this process as it unfolds, weighing in when necessary.

Putting our Ideas, Experience and Expertise to Work for Oregon

By Mark McKechnie, Legislative Chair

Mental health parity is now law in Oregon. Requirements that group insurance providers provide comparable coverage for mental and substance abuse disorders as they do for physical ailments goes into effect January 1, 2007.

The question now is: what’s next? Mental health parity was a top priority for the chapter for longer than many of us can remember. Our success has freed us to move on to new priorities, and we want your help to set them.

NASW member and state representative Chip Shields joined the legislative committee for our end of session wrap-up in September. He told the committee that the best advice he received as a freshman representative was: “focus.” The committee is planning to take the same advice as we approach the 2007 Legislative Session. We are beginning now to solicit ideas and concepts from committee members, the board of directors, other chapter committees and the membership at large, which we can turn into a few bills of our own.

We want your ideas. For the next few months, the committee will solicit and explore ideas from NASW members and determine up to five priority pieces of legislation for the chapter to promote in 2007. You can e-mail them to the committee at: ornaswleg@comcast.net.

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Greetings to you all in this Thanksgiving and Holiday season. Fall is always a beautiful time of year. I was reflecting on that looking out the windows in the sunshine at the brilliant colors on the Red Leaf Maple trees.

Much is happening in the Chapter. We’ve just completed a very successful LEADERSHIP RETREAT at Silver Falls State Park on Sept. 24-25. There is a separate article on it elsewhere in the Newsletter. The Board has just looked at the evaluations and we seem to keep doing a better overall job with the Retreat. Our top three priorities for this coming year are: 1) Member Outreach, 2) Advocacy for the Social Work Profession and 3) Care and Nurturing of Volunteers. There is a big thanks to Mark Hoderbach, who chaired the Committee, to the Planning Committee and to Scott, Janet and Kathy for all the hard work to make it the terrific event it was.

We continue to work on developing relationships and meeting in various areas in the state. The Board was hosted by Catholic Charities for our Nov. 19 meeting in PORTLAND. I’ll be making a presentation about the Chapter at their next full staff meeting. Hopefully we’ll have a lot of new members! Dave Olsen, Region 3 Representative, has scheduled the January Board meeting in SALEM and Dennis McNamara, Region 4 representative, will be doing the same for our March Board meeting in MEDFORD. It’s an exciting opportunity to meet with area social workers, connect with agencies and talk about the Chapter!

The SALEM CABLE TV series has completed its first year. I finished taping the last two programs on Nov. 15. We didn’t know initially that it would be a series when we did the first program on mental health and social work last March for Social Work Month. Producer Lela McNamara, who chaired the Committee, to the Planning Committee and to Scott, Janet and Kathy for all the hard work to make it the terrific event it was.

We've done 10 programs on a range of subjects from child abuse to disaster preparedness. She'll be cataloging the programs and they will be available for use and viewing. We’re working on next year. It’s been a huge challenge, but fun.

Here are a couple of other things of note. We plan to finally present Oregon Chapter’s Citizen of the Year Award to SENATOR GORDON SMITH in the first week of December when the Senator is in Portland. Also we need to give more attention to the NATIONAL PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. There’s a separate article on this newsletter and I’ll be writing more about it next time. But please keep it in mind.

A big thanks to our committees chairs and committee members for the hard work they are doing! The committee I want to highlight this time is SWPAC. Our PAC it gearing up for the extremely important primary campaign in 2006. Any contribution of time and talent is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I’m reminded of the blessings that we enjoy with a deep sense of gratitude. We can all join with President Lincoln who wrote in 1863 in his Proclamation of the first Thanksgiving that “the year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies.” Thanksgiving is a particular time to honor that.

I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a wonderful Christmas and Holiday season and a blessed New Year. 2006 will be great!

Tom Hogan, Oregon Chapter NASW President

The Maternal/Child Council wishes to announce some meeting changes. The Council will be meeting monthly. (We were meeting quarterly). The meetings will occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. They will be held at 447 NE 47th Avenue, Suite 200, in the Office of Providence Beginnings at Providence Portland Medical Center. All professional social workers with an interest in maternal/child care and/or pediatrics care are invited to attend. Social work students with an interest in these areas of practice are, also, welcome. Next meeting date is Dec. 13, 2005.

Anna Black, MSW, LCSW is the new liaison between the council and NASW. Anna’s email address is: ablack@lhs.org.
Upcoming Classes Sponsored by Events Committee:

1) We have had a very busy year so far and are busy planning conferences for 2006. Our final offering for 2005 is: December 2nd Collaborative Supervision by Susie Snyder in Portland.

2) Mark your Calendars!!! See the registration from on page 10.

March 3, 2006 - Ben Anderson-Nathe will present “Not Knowing What to Do: The Experience of Being Stuck.” He received rave reviews for the short presentation at the May 6, 2005 annual conference and we’ve asked him to present again. His workshop has been approved for 3.5 hrs.

March 10, 2006 - Matt Modrcin will present “Group Therapy.” Matt is well known for his excellent presentations so please join us. Matt is a long time NASW member and professor at PSU GSSW. This conference has been approved for 6 hrs.

March 17, 2006 - Norene Gonsiewski will present “Strengthening Couples and Families With Sustainable Relationship Tools.” Norene Gonsiewski received excellent reviews for her short presentation at the May 6, 2005 annual conference and we’ve asked her to present a 6.25 hour class which has been approved. Norene works for Innovations in Counseling in Portland.

In addition, we will be offering: Collaborative Supervision by Susie Snyder twice in 2006, probably June and December; LCSW Exam Preparation Workshop, three times probably in March, August and December, with one course offered outside Portland area; and Ethics Committee plans to offer a class likely in October. Watch the website and upcoming newsletters for details.

3) Planning for 2006 annual conference has begun – See Request for Proposals in newsletter. Theme: Social Workers Shape a New Reality: Building Strengths in the Face of Uncertainty. May 5, 2006 at Holiday Inn Downtown/Lloyd Center. The 4 tracks are:

a) Addictions (ATOD, sex, gambling, wider than just alcohol & drugs),

b) Violence & Safety (domestic violence, child & elder abuse/neglect, PTSD, bullying/school violence, violence & safety needs in the workplace/private practice/public organization, again wide open),

c) Direct Clinical Practice (including health, mental health, aging, specific treatment options, varied settings, etc),

d) Supervision/Administration (those no longer providing direct clinical work but needing evidence based practice options for supervision, program development and evaluation, supervising clinicians, etc.).

2007 Conference Planning:

March 2007, Fred Reamer, national speaker on ethics. Currently we are working with Dr. Reamer to find the best date. We’ll have ongoing information available in the newsletter.

Welcome New Members

We welcome the following new members who joined NASW since July 31, 2005. We thank you for your membership and look forward to getting to know you.

Sarah Loveland
Lee Ann Nair
Holly Thompson
Briania Thoreson
Nicole Walker
Christa Loveland
Margot David
Barbara Montrond
Karina Pacheco
Maren Waltz
Lynda Lovretta
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Annie Olson
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Benjamin Welch
Garret Forshee
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Jane Slater
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Devin Shea
Julie Smith
Janelle Peterson
Mona Treadway
Peggy Hull
Shawna Gallagher
Barbara Griffin
Melissa Katsikis
Jessica Eggertsen
Sandra Kenagy
Lisa Walcott
Clark Miller
Linda Nash
Rebecca Vanderpool
Are You Sure You Want to Go Public to the Licensure Board?

Most of us know that the Oregon Board of Clinical Social Workers is the state agency that issues the Licensed Clinical Social Worker credential. Many of us don’t realize that this means that most communications and information we may send to the Board become public records.

Because the Board of Clinical Social Workers is a public agency, it is subject to the Oregon Public Records Law. That means that any letters, inquiries, and information that the Board receives are considered to be public records, unless there is some specific law that makes the information confidential. Complaints against LCSWs which the Board receives are confidential under state law, until and unless the Board takes disciplinary action based on the complaint. But most everything else is public.

Here are two examples, based on real life experiences:

- A social worker asks a question of the licensure board about whether she can take a particular action regarding her practice. Some months later, she Googles her name on the Internet, and is dismayed to find that the first entry listed is a link to the Board’s web site, where her name, her question, and the Board’s critical answer are all detailed in the Board’s meeting minutes.

- A social worker moves from one community to another, but nevertheless finds that a former client from her old community is stalking her. She wonders how the client found her, and eventually determines that the client found her address on the Board of Clinical Social Workers’ web site, which has a searchable directory of all Oregon LCSWs.

Open public records are not necessarily a bad thing. Most social workers would probably agree that the public has a right to know what public agencies are doing. But social workers should be aware of how the Oregon Public Records Law may effect information they submit to the Board of Clinical Social Workers. Social workers may wish to submit only their office address on their license applications and renewal, or even use a post office box. And they should know that when they ask a question of the Board, the question and the answer will become public knowledge. They may wish to submit questions anonymously to the Board. Or they can ask NASW, Oregon, to ask the question on their behalf, and relay the answer to them.

NOTE: The Oregon Board of Clinical Social Workers is a state agency, and is a separate organization from the National Association of Social Workers, Oregon Chapter.

From the Producer of Public Pulse: Your Suggestions and Ideas are Welcome

On September 24, I had the pleasure of attending the NASW retreat in Silver Creek Falls as the guest dinner speaker. After my speech, I presented to the board members a 13 minute video presentation of a collage of vignettes of the Public Pulse shows aired to date. It was such a positive experience. I was overwhelmed at the warm reception my presentation received.

To date, Public Pulse is now airing its 12th show. We began the show in April of this year and the following topics have been covered, with an array of panelists from all areas of social workers and related professions:

- Aging – From Agile to Fragile
- Child Abuse – Tears of the Heart
- Child Abuse II – Who Gets’ the Call
- Be not Blind to Disabilities
- Interdependence: Our Ethnic Spectrum
- Volunteering: Teens Launch their Dreams
- Volunteering: Currency of Compassion
- Jobs: Helplessness and Alternatives
- Jobs: The Pay Check Quest
- The Meth Monster: A Social Time Bomb
- Children of Meth: Listen for the Silent Cries
- Disaster Preparedness

A special thanks to the NASW individuals who have appeared on Public Pulse. They are Larry Betcher, Kathy Outland, Kim Buller, Sharon Scott, Christine Ertle, B. Lee Coyne, and of course our ever present moderator, Tom Hogan, who does such a wonderful job on each show. The two times Tom could not be present for the show, Sharon Scott and Lee Coyne stepped in and did a terrific job of moderating.

The rest of the year has already been planned for topics, but we are flexible enough to make a change if the occasion arises. In October, we will be taping two shows, one on child foster care and the next on adult foster care. In November, we will be taping four shows: War veteran’s emotional wounds, Christmas stress and spirit, Mood disorders and Phobias.

To date we are airing in the Salem Comcast cable viewing area, but our show has already been accepted for sponsorship at the Tualatin Valley public access station and the Willamette Falls public access station. We will soon have it in Benton county and Polk county. It just takes time, but we are getting there.

If any of you would like to contribute as a panelist on Public Pulse, or have any ideas as to the subject matter, please feel free to e-mail me at lelalee3@comcast.net, or let Tom Hogan, NASW, Oregon Chapter President, or B. Lee Coyne, LCSW know. They can get the information to me.

Producing and directing Public Pulse has been an exciting experience for me and I know it is a very valuable educational experience for our viewers. The information shared during each show enriches our viewer’s knowledge base of what social workers do and how you work together in your respective fields and other related professions.

Lela Taylor, Producer/Director, Public Pulse
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Approved for Social Workers in Oregon by PsychoEducational Resources (PER), a sponsoring agency of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB #1008), PER maintains responsibility for the programs.
Imagine sitting in at a future Board meeting. And why not? Come March, you’ll have a unique chance to run for Board office as a rep or secretary or treasurer. Here’s a capsule of recent accomplishments:

—Visiting Different Areas: The Nov. 19th meeting is at Portland’s Catholic Charities; come Jan. 21st the site is Willamette Valley Hospice in West Salem. This is to invite grassroots comments by members who never witnessed the board in action. We need you!

—Mileage Reimbursement: If you join the Board or a committee after Sept. 1, you can apply for the new IRS rate of 48.5 cents a mile—beyond 25 miles from your home. This trial period revamps the old 50-mile deductible and is subject to review at our January meeting.

—Bylaws Group Gets Ready: Shortly an ad hoc committee will tackle writing new bylaws. One thorny issue: setting up new districts or regions in terms of population. We are eager to reach out to Central and Eastern Oregon as part of the loop. Suggestions welcomed.

—District Activities: Both the Metro Portland and Capital Districts are moving forward with new leadership. Do you have specific events for consideration? District chairs are all ears, so contact asap.

—Ethnic Minorities: Nominations Committee is truly committed to a visible presence of Black, Hispanic and Asian social workers going into leadership roles. Have any recommendations?

Send all comments to Board secretary at luckycoyne@yahoo.com.

B. Lee Coyne, LCSW

CHAPTER ETHICS COMMITTEE NEWS

Until recently, two committees dealt with professional ethics on behalf of the Chapter: the Ethics Committee fielded members’ questions, and the Committee on Inquiry handled requests for professional review in response to alleged ethical misconduct by NASW members. A policy change at the national level means these two committees have merged to become the Chapter Ethics Committee (CEC).

The CEC will continue to provide the same services to members as before. The Chapter office is still the first point of contact for members with ethics questions and those considering making a request for professional review. The Ethics Committee maintains strict confidentiality for ethical questions and consultations. The Committee does not make ethics complaints against members who seek consultation or initiate requests for professional review.

The Chapter is required to review published disciplinary actions of the state licensing board to determine whether a NASW member has violated the NASW Code of Ethics. If so, the Chapter must submit a surrogate complaint to the National Ethics Committee.

The CEC is led by co-chairs Krystal Ashling, LCSW, and Katherine Oberholtzer, LCSW. If you are interested in serving on the Chapter Ethics Committee, we encourage you to contact the NASW office for more information.

Katherine Oberholtzer, LCSW
ELDER CONCERNS SOLICITS TOPICS

The Elder & Disability Concerns Council is in transition with the resignation of Dr. Anissa Rogers as co-chair, due to her expanded academic responsibilities. She will remain as a member of the Council.

To date, approximately a dozen people have indicated interest in our projects and issues. No recent meeting has occurred, but emails have been our primary linkages this year. However, we have recently had CCTV, the Salem public access cable station, tape a relevant panel session on “Adult Foster Care: Alternatives for the Aging” and will shortly arrange for having a program on veterans and the aftermath of wartime trauma. That will include vets from WW II through the War in Iraq.

We are in the early stages of asking all chapter members to help us identify specific issues and experts on disability as possible workshop topics for our Annual Conference 2006, under the able leadership of the Events Committee. Please call in your suggestions to (503) 365-7533.

—B. Lee Coyne, LCSW, Chair

Feminism as Therapy and the Evolution of Relational Cultural Theory

Friday, December 9, 2005, 8:30-4:30
Smullin Center at Rogue Valley Medical Center
2565 E. Barnett Rd., Medford, OR
by Rosemary Dunn Dalton, LCSW,
and Julie Weber, MSW
Sponsored by Region 4, Oregon Chapter NASW

Instituted by the Wellesley Research Center, Relational-Cultural counseling integrates fundamental ethics and distinguishes itself from traditional theory. This workshop explores self-in-relation and cultural relational theory, often debunking perspectives of pathology. Issues of disconnection are explored. Violence and trauma, advocacy, counseling and strategies of disconnection are addressed. Spirituality as an important component for change and healing are also featured. Application for 6 CEUs in process. NASW Members $70, non-members $80. Make check out to NASW and mail to Adrienne Fansler, 720 Holly St., Ashland, OR 97520.

USE YOUR TAX CREDIT

Most of us don’t have time to follow politics so closely that we are already thinking about what needs to happen at the ballot box in 2006—but NASW’s Political Action Committee, SWPAC has been meeting nearly monthly to plan and prepare for the next major election.

There were a number of wins at the Oregon Legislature for 2004, but many of them will be hard to sustain in 2006. There were only four contested Senate races in 2004; that number will almost quadruple in 2006. In the Senate, 11 Democrats and 4 Republicans will be up for re-election. The balance of power here could easily shift because the Democrats have so many more fronts to defend than the Republicans. In the House, there will be a dozen hotly contested races. With the balance of power in this chamber only resting on a margin of three seats, there could be big changes in store.

It will be all the more crucial that progressive PACs like SWPAC raise early money to help with critical elections, so we do not lose the ground we have gained.

All of these races are vital to determining the future path in Oregon for jobs, education, health care and quality of life. It isn’t enough to support your local legislative candidates; instead we must work to impact the state as a whole. SWPAC distributed more than $10,000 in 2004 in campaign contributions to candidates to help them do direct voter education and contact. It is our goal to do even better this election cycle by doubling our support to candidates.

Each calendar year, Oregonians can use their political tax credit to contribute a total of up to $50 (single) or $100 (joint) to state political action committees. Using this tax credit is like making a loan to SWPAC until you pay your taxes and get it back—either because your refund is increased by $50/$100 or because the taxes you owe is decreased by $50/$100. Sadly, fewer than 5% of Oregonians make use of the political tax credit.

If you have not given up to $50/$100 to an Oregon State PAC, then I encourage you to make a contribution to SWPAC before the end of the year and use your 2005 political tax credit.

A year-end contribution to SWPAC can help ensure we have the assets we need to be successful. It will help us build the kind of early resources we need to impact both the Primary and the General Election. SWPAC is the easiest and best way for Social Workers to pool small individual contributions together to impact the election process statewide in a targeted and focused way. Please contribute today and help social workers be a part of the political story.

Amy Stuczynski, SWPAC Chair

Congratulations to the Hall Family

We are happy to announce the birth of Ronan Emerson Hall to proud parents, Christine (1st Vice President) and Reed Hall. Big brother Gavin (16 months old) is happy to have a little brother who weighed in at 7 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 18” long on November 11th. Our very best wishes to the Hall family.
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We offer a broad combined clinical background serving adults, adolescents, children and families. Additionally we provide a specialized care focus for trauma survivors and those with addiction issues. Experienced working within managed care, employee assistance, public agency and hospital systems and working with both short term and intensive longer term psychotherapy models.

For further information please contact co-leaders:
Steve Hand LCSW (503) 590-7029
Donald Mann LCSW (503) 228-1939

Understanding Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment

Southern Oregon Brown Bag Seminar Sponsored by the Graduate School of Social Work Alumni Association

January 20, 2006, 12 noon to 2pm
SOU Medford Campus,
229 N. Bartlett St., Room 103, Medford

Presenters: Lonny L. Mayeda, LCSW, BCD
Michael Miller, LCSW

This seminar will present information on an integrated curriculum for mental health and addictions treatment, including assessment for co-occurring disorders. The presenters will discuss how to integrate professional approaches between addictions counselors and mental health therapists. Valuable resources for integrated treatment in the Rogue Valley will be discussed.

2 CEU’s $20 for Alumni Association members,
$35 for non-members, paid at the door.
To register call 503-725-7067 or www.ssw.pdx.edu,
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Questions can be directed to Gretchen Thiel,
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Instructor Jacqueline Abbott, Dr.P.H., CEDS, is a preventative care practitioner and licensed child and adolescent obesity and eating disorders specialist.
I’d like to introduce myself as the new Portland State University MSW program intern at the NASW. It’s an honor to work this year with such an ambitious and accomplished organization, and I look forward to several projects linking the school of social work with the NASW. Portland State’s School of Social Work is the only MSW program in Oregon and has over 150 second year students and 180 first year students.

Please visit our website at http://www.ssw.pdx.edu/ for up-to-date seminars, contacts, and other happenings at PSU. Among the programs at the school of social work is a dynamic brown back seminar featuring outstanding social work speakers. CEU’s are available for attendees. Employment opportunities and focus topics are also listed on the website.

Among the priorities I’ve begun with the NASW includes diversifying membership, outreach to BSW students, and building a database of social service organizations in Oregon. Introducing social work to high school students includes the collection of social work promotion materials. The bus project this March will be some legislative action this year and I work closely with the Social Welfare Action Alliance (SWAA), a newly-reformed progressive organization concentrating on social justice. I would welcome and appreciate feedback including SWAA interest or ideas for graduate students this year at intern@nasworegon.org.

Mike Meyer

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BIPOLAR DISORDERS: Examines the clinical elements of mania and mixed states of bipolar disorder and its occurrence among a cluster of conditions in adults and children. Learn effective interventions to address chemical dependency, medication compliance, and family treatment.

HARM REDUCTION: Harm Reduction is an alternative approach to substance abuse treatment that integrates biological interactions and psychological theories of drug use. Dr. Denning has 25 years experience with 16 years as a director of psychiatric programs for the San Francisco Division of Mental Health.

MIND MATTERS: A fascinating look at how neurobiology affects psychological functioning and interpersonal relationships. Dr. Rosenzweig will focus on the interweaving of brain, mind, memory, and attachment processes, including unique adolescent issues, and discuss applications in therapy.

RIGHT USE OF POWER: Right Use of Power is a dynamic, inspirational, and relational approach to ethical awareness and the respectful use of personal and professional power. Cedar Barstow, M.Ed., founding member of the Hakomi Institute, with 25 years as a Hakomi body psychotherapist, therapist trainer, and ethics consultant.

POSITIVE PARENTING: This informative and entertaining seminar will provide therapists with a thorough, positive plan for teaching parenting skills to parents of children from grades K-12. Dr. Johnson's behavior modification program is easy to learn and implement in the home.
OREGON CHAPTER, NASW SPONSORS THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCES:

To celebrate Social Work Month, Oregon Chapter offers 3 great conferences in March.

March 3, 8:30-12:45, “Not Knowing What to Do: The Experience of Being Stuck” presented by Ben Anderson-Nathe, MSW, Ph.D. in 1700 Lorenzen, Legacy Emanuel Hospital, Portland.

Dr. Anderson-Nathe has worked with youth in a variety of settings, including out-of-home care environments (foster and group care), community mental health, homeless and street youth centers, religious institutions and GLBT services for the past 10 years. His area of expertise is in youth development and youth-adult partnership in social service delivery. His public policy work has emphasized the creation and maintenance of participatory management structures for non-profit organizations and policy advocacy with and on behalf of marginalized groups. Dr. Anderson-Nathe was formerly the Jewish chaplain at Macalester College and has taught graduate and undergraduate students at the University of Minnesota and Portland State University.

Social workers have all felt the moment of panic when we are expected to respond to a critical situation but all of a sudden we realize we have no idea what to do. We find ourselves stuck in the moment of “not-knowing.” This workshop explores that experience and provides useful tips for understanding it, managing its emotional effects and improving practice as a result. Principles of phenomenological interviewing will be explored and participants will have the opportunity to practice these skills. (This workshop has been approved for 3.5 hrs of CE.)

On March 10, 8:30-4:30, “Group Therapy: Process, Structure and Ethical Considerations” presented by Matthew J. Modrcin, Ph.D. in 1700 Lorenzen, Legacy Emanuel Hospital, Portland.

Dr. Modrcin is a licensed clinical social worker with over 30 years of experience. He is an experienced group facilitator, trainer, clinical supervisor and teacher. He has conducted therapy groups in a variety of settings and currently teaches a course on Clinical Social Work with Groups in the Graduate School of Social Work at PSU. He specialized in family and couples therapy and has maintained a clinical practice in the Portland community for the past 20 years.

This workshop will focus on the possibility of change that group therapy offers through a relational experience with others in a supportive and reflective environment. Group leadership is a critical factor in creating an atmosphere that encourages group interaction, emotional connection, reflection and attention to behavior that constrains or enhances our relational capability. This requires an active style of leadership that is both directive and reflective in intent within a relational context. A framework incorporating attachment, systemic, and existential perspectives for understanding and working with group dynamics will be presented. Issues related to group structure will be discussed. How to incorporate process interventions, where and when to enter, how to recognize the opportunity and the use of process interventions as a foundation for working with individual and group resistances will be articulated.

An opportunity to explore ethical issues related to informed consent, confidentiality and multiple roles will be made available during the course of the workshop. Participants should approach the workshop from a training and experiential perspective. Bring case examples and be prepared to participate in a dialogue focused on clinical group practice. (Approved for 6 CE hrs.)

March 17, 8:30-4:45, “Strengthening Couples and Families With Sustainable Relationship Tools” presented by Norene Gonsiewski, MSW, LCSW, Nicole J. Carroll, MSW, LCSW and John C. Wolfe, MSW, ACSW in 1700 Lorenzen, Legacy Emanuel Hospital, Portland.

In this day long workshop you will learn to support couples and families through: developing a mission statement; teaching sustainable tools for empathic listening; identifying the thinking errors common to couples and to parents and suggest techniques for correcting negative thinking patterns; understanding the four key times in each day that are important for families to give significant focused attention;
and learning tools and tasks to increase the frequency of caring behaviors and positive expressions.

Norene Gonsiewski, MSW, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, has been working with individuals, couples, families, and groups in private practice since 1980. She holds a master’s degree from the Graduate School of Social Work at Portland State University, is a certified Imago™ Relationship Therapist and has trained in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Whether working with individuals, professional groups or businesses, Norene helps each client to increase their self-efficacy, challenge their unsuccessful strategies and to gain a renewed sense of responsibility and mastery.

Nicole J. Carroll, MSW, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, has served the community as a therapist since 1989. Nicole’s unique approach to working with adolescents and their parents combines Imago™ Relationship Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and life coaching. She holds a master’s degree from the Graduate School of Social Work at Portland State University in Portland. Nicole brings a unique style in her work with all ages, and her professional background includes such diverse leadership as instructing team-building challenge courses through Pacific Crest Outward Bound to working as the mental health consultant for the West Linn-Wilsonville School District.

John C. Wolfe, MSW, has spent over 25 years working with youth and families in Oregon. Focusing upon helping families heal from emotional, social and cultural challenges, John incorporates narrative, family systems, and social learning techniques in the areas of working with teens, multicultural blended families and men’s issues. His experience being a single father for over 10 years, as well as his current multicultural blended family have provided John with valuable insight and understanding of key issues affecting individuals and families within this group. John holds a master’s degree from the Graduate School of Social Work at Portland State University in Portland, Oregon.

Participants will practice and experience each exercise and receive a packet of handouts for your clinical use. Join us to increase your success with couples and families through building your clinical toolbox.

(This conference has been approved for 6.25 hrs of CE.)
EMPLOYMENT

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

The Graduate School of Social Work invites applications for the Duncan and Cindy Campbell Professorship for Children, Youth and Families with an Emphasis on Mentoring. It is a full-time, tenured, appointment at the rank of Associate/Professor of Social Work, scheduled to begin September 16, 2006. Applications including a cover letter, curriculum vitae and the names of three references should be forwarded to Eileen Brennan, PhD, Chair, c/o Campbell Professor Search Committee, GSSW, PSU., PO Box 751, Portland, OR, 97207-0751.

Mental Health Therapist – Create/manage treatment plans and strategies that support children and families. Observes children in classroom; may screen, assess, and design interventions for identified children to address behavioral/mental health concerns. Leads therapeutic group sessions. Trains staff on relevant mental health concerns. Leads therapeutic group sessions, etc. MSW with minimum of two years exp.providing mental health services to children and families. Bi-lingual Spanish/English preferred. Provide current resume and FBB aplication to: Ginger Bensman, Program Director, Family Building Blocks, 2425 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, OR 97305, 503-566-2132 For more information: www.familybuildingblocks.org

Medical Social Worker for Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg, Oregon - FT. Provides psychosocial assessment, crisis and support counseling, discharge planning, patient and customer advocacy, consultation, and referral to community resources for hospital patients and families. BSW and one year exp. healthcare setting. To apply go to http://mercyrose.org/employment/

Case Manager East County - Provide support, advocacy and case management to senior clients through needs assessment, case planning, monitoring, and coordination of resources. BSW required. Contact YWCA of Greater Portland, 1111 SW 10th Ave., Portland, OR 97205 503-294-7470, fax 503-294-7399 www.ywca-pdx.org

Mental Health Specialist 1 - Community Support Unit. Requires BSW plus two years exp. in mental health setting. Contact Douglas County Human Resources, Courthouse, Room 322, Roseburg, OR 97470. Job Line 541 440-6291, HR 541 440-4405, TDD 541 440-6041 www.co.douglas.or.us/hr

Mental Health Specialist 3 - for the outpatient treatment unit of the Mental Health Division of Douglas County’s Health and Social Services Dept. Contact Douglas County Human Resources, Courthouse, Room 322, Roseburg, OR 97470. Job Line 541 440-6291, HR 541 440-4405, TDD 541 440-6041 www.co.douglas.or.us/hr

Child Counselor/Therapist-PT or FT-Expanding private outpatient mental health counseling service is seeking licensed independent contractor who will treat children, adolescents and their families. FAX resume to 503-585-0212 or email to npe@npc@viser.net or mail to New Perspectives Center, 1675 Winter St NE, Salem, OR 97303

LCSW -FT- opportunity available at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, Boise ID. Five years post-grad experience in a mental health setting preferred. To apply, visit www.saintalphonsus.org Contact: Shannon Trimboli at (208) 367-4948 or shantrim@sarmc.org

MORRISON CHILD and FAMILY SERVICES, info at: www.morrisonkids.org

Relief Residential Counselor (hours vary) - Residential Treatment facility has positions available, to work with adolescent males, ages 12-18, in a safe, secure, structured environment. Responsibilities include a range of counseling and skills training services to clients and their families. BSW with majority of positions swing/weekend shifts. Send cover letter and resume to: Jeff Abbott, c/o Counterpoint Program, 2408 SW Halsey, Bldg J, Troutdale, OR 97060. Fax: 503-736-9759.

Residential Counselor/Skills Specialist (ft) - Position available to work with emotionally and behaviorally disordered adolescent girls in a safe, secure, structured environment. Committed to gender-appropriate, culturally sensitive services. Apply to: Rosemont Treatment Center & School, c/o Jane Washizu, 9911 SE Mt. Scott Blvd, Portland, OR 97266. Fax: 503-788-1131.

Bi-lingual/bi-cultural Early Childhood Mental Health Prevention Specialist (PT, 20 hours week) - MSW position providing consultation and prevention services in culturally specific community organizations in Washington County. Spanish speaking and experience with children and families required. Send resume to J. Thomson c/o Morrison Child and Family Services, 3900 SW Murray Blvd, Suite 100, Beaverton, OR 97005. Fax: 503-736-9759.

NASW RECOMMENDED MINIMUM SALARIES

DEGREE/LEVEL & SALARY

Baccalaureate in Social Work - $25,000
Masters degree in Social Work - $30,000
MSW plus two years experience - $35,000
Advanced professional - $45,000+

(DSW/MSW plus special expertise, administrative level)

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.

NASW OREGON CHAPTER

Winter 2006 - December/January/February
Social Work Month Spotlights Public Education

As a result of the Chapter’s Fall Retreat, the March celebration of Social Work Month will take aim at “advocating for the profession” through educating the general public about modern-day social worker roles.

Any chapter member who has undertaken unusual project and wishes to share that should contact their regional representative, located on page 2 of The Nexus.

Liberal use of the media is envisioned. Members are encouraged to speak before local groups in the community and/or write letters to their local editor during the coming March. Forums on topics from domestic violence to disaster planning, among others, could well be considered by the various districts.

Additional information and resources will be made available in the near future on National’s website at: www.socialworkers.org.

Spotlighting innovations by social agencies offers yet another route.

If you want an added assist by the new PR and Marketing Committee, please call or email the chapter office before the end of January, to allow sufficient lead time. We will be delighted to assist.

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Men’s Therapy Group

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Portland, Oregon 97219
Fax: 503-452-8506
email: sm@nasworegon.com

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Child and Family Mental Health Therapist/Co-Supervisor (FT) to provide administrative and clinical supervision for outpatient clinic. Also provides outpatient counseling services to emotionally disturbed children (ages birth to 5 years) and their families. MSW and 4 yrs direct experience in mental health setting providing intake assessment and therapy to children, adolescents and families; 2 yrs clinical and administrative supervisory experience; and licensure. Send cover letter/resume to Assistant Director of Operations c/o Morrison Child and Family Outpatient Services, 3355 SE Powell Blvd. Portland, OR 97202. Fax: 503-736-9759.

Family Clinician/QMHP (FT) - Position providing parent/family-focused, home-based treatment services for children and teens with severe emotional and behavioral difficulties. Services based on a family systems model. MSW and one year exp, providing clinical service to children, adolescents and/or families in a mental health setting required. Send cover letter/resume to: S. Jackson c/o Morrison Child & Family Services, 1818 SE Division St. Portland, OR 97202. Fax: 503-736-9759.

Members please check our website (www.nasworegon.org) in the coming weeks for scheduled events celebrating MARCH as SOCIAL WORK MONTH.

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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.


Dec. 9, 8-4:30, “End of Life Transitions: Politics to Patient Care” sponsored by OHSU Center for Ethics in Health Care, held in Eugene. Call 503-494-4466, $25, 6.75 hrs.

Jan. 20, 8-12, “The Use of Cognitive Therapy for Delusions, Voices and Paranoia” sponsored by LaneCare, held in Eugene. Call 541-682-7262, $20, 3.25 hrs.


Jan. 25, 2:30-4, “Bridging Multicultural Disparities at the End of Life” sponsored by Legacy Health System Dept. of Social Services & Utilization Review, held in Portland. Call 503-413-4386, no charge, 1.5 hrs.

Feb. 3, 9-4:30, “Moving Beyond Talk Into Experience” sponsored by Kelly Osmont, LCSW, held in Portland. Call 503-221-4243, $75, 6 hrs.


Feb. 17 & 18, “Mindfulness and Psychotherapy” sponsored by Portland Insight Meditation Center, held in Portland. Call 503-241-4519, $275, 13 hrs.

Feb. 26, 2-5:15, “Mind/Body Medicine for Health Professionals” sponsored by Samaritan Health Services – Heartspring Wellness Center, held in Corvallis. Call 541-768-6412, $95-125, 3 hrs.

Feb. 27, 8:30-12, “The SASSI: Administration and Scoring” sponsored by IHP, PCC, held in Portland. Call 503-731-6633, $50, 3.5 hrs.

Feb. 27, 1-4:30, “The SASSI: Clinical Interpretation” sponsored by IHP, PCC, held in Portland. Call 503-713-6633, $50, 3.5 hrs.

Feb. 28, 9-4:30, “Bullying and Social Aggression” sponsored by Lorman Business Center, held in Portland. Call 715-833-3940, $319, 6 hrs.


March 3, 8:30-12:45, “Not Knowing What to Do: The Experience of Being Stuck” sponsored by Oregon Chapter, NASW, held in Portland. Call 503-452-8420 (www.acteva.com/go/nasworegon), $10-80, 3.5 hrs.

March 10, 8:30-3:30, “Geriatric Pharmacology” sponsored by IHP, PCC, held in Portland. Call 503-731-6633, $119, 6 hrs.


March 17, 8:30-4:30, Strengthening Couples and Families With Sustainable Relationship Tools” sponsored by Oregon Chapter, NASW, held in Portland. Call 503-452-8420 (www.acteva.com/go/nasworegon), $15-135, 6.25 hrs.

March 18, 9-3:30, “Activities – Make All the Difference” sponsored by IHP, PCC, held in Portland. Call 503-731-6633, $109, 6 hrs.

April 6, 7 & 8, 9-4, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Into Action” sponsored by FASCETS, Inc., held in Portland. Call 503-621-1271, $325, 19.5 hrs.

April 26, 2:30-4, “Chemical Dependency: Assessment and Treatment Options” sponsored by Legacy Health System Dept. of Social Services & Utilization Review, held in Portland. Call 503-413-4386, no charge, 1.5 hrs.

NEW NASW, Oregon Chapter’s Continuing Education application fees are:

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Applications are to be submitted 4 weeks (20 business days) prior to the date of the conference. Completed applications received 2 weeks (10 business days or less) before the date of the conference will be assessed a late fee of $25. Please call the chapter office at 503-452-8420 if you have questions.
Youthful Involvement Revs Up Retreat

September ‘05 marked my 4th Chapter Retreat, and likely my last. Remarkably, I found it the most spirited yet, thanks to the eager enthusiasm of the young newcomers to the Board. They carried the ball by coming up with concrete ideas that bring us way beyond generalities.

Every Retreat finds us voting on three central themes to pursue for the year. Two were actual continuations of Agenda ’04: Member Outreach and Advocacy for the Profession. Our 3rd goal was all-embracing: Care and Nurturing of Volunteers. That includes many of us.

A central premise was unspoken: That the vast majority of chapter members do not serve on the Board or any committees. How to better involve the non-activists was our concern. Thus, having a central social work project that could be accomplished at the local level found strong favor. We are very aware that distance from Metro Portland’s chapter office can discourage some of us. To compensate, our show goes “on the road” to Salem in January and then to Medford come March. Watch the calendar and take full advantage.

Each board meeting, reports President Tom Hogan, will include a Feedback Forum. That is your invitation to “speak up and stand firm” on the direction we should be heading from here on in. If you cannot attend in person, call or use email. Your voice shall be our guide.

Better communications is the key. We quickly grasped the fact that since “The Nexus” is printed quarterly, why stay silent between issues? Leading the youthful mind was a marvelous idea to send out monthly updates to apprise us all of new developments. And from here on, our www.nasworegon.org website will carry the calendar of every single meeting and workshop the chapter sponsors. And we are discussing discounts for those who volunteer as an equitable reward, as the behaviorists might say.

Yes, Youth stepped up to the plate...and made it clear that volunteering can be custom-made to fit your individual availability—short and long-term and in-between. And effective as of last September, travel reimbursement at the IRS rate of 48.5 cents per mile kicked in for long-distance folks who must drive beyond 25 miles. Previously, 50 miles was the deductible.

Let’s cherish Christine and Amy as our new leaders, and Becky and Margo as the powerful voices of our students—they are setting the mark. At age 64, I can only look back with wide respect for their generation. If they are the pioneers for our future, we can only prosper!

About the Writer: Lee has been part of NASW since ’82, and held previous posts with the New York City and Metro DC Chapters. He plans to retire next year.
ADS


Psychotherapy Groups. Offering 2 on-going mixed gender groups. Modern psychoanalytic orientation. Downtown location. For information/referral call Linda Eisenberg, Psychologist Associate, Certified Psychoanalyst. 503-279-4648

Carol V. Swingen, LCSW announces a new convenient location. My new office is in West Slope, which is between Portland and Beaverton. The address is 8885 SW Canyon Rd., #135, Portland, phone 503-292-7511. I continue to serve individuals, couples and families.

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Large office in SW available half-time. Near Barbur and SW 30th by I-5. Includes large waiting room, parking, answering service, copier/fax, etc. Call Terry, 503-293-2259, ext. 4.

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Furnished office space available part-time in downtown Lake Oswego. Reasonable rent. Share with other therapists. Call Nancy Lamb, 503-635-5747 or Sandra Lajoy, 503-299-4989.

Attractive downtown Portland office with waiting room and kitchen space. Close to MAX, across street from Multnomah County Library. Open to negotiate days and hours. Call 503-224-3833.

Furnished office in Gresham professional bldg, sublet available up to 4 days/wk. Parking, close to Max/bus, handicap access. Join affiliated group of established therapists. Contact Alex Mendelson, 503-665-4357.

Available: small office on 2nd floor with abundant windows. Excellent NW location in suite of 3, with shared wait room, etc. Free off-street parking, handicap access. Call Virginia Terhaar, 503-274-1945.

Office for rent in building with lots of charm, near Lloyd Center. All mental health professionals. Please call Marsha Kohen, LCSW, 503-287-7006.

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Office to share with two other therapists in lovely location in the Rogue Valley in Medford. Parking, fax, copier, shared waiting room, peaceful courtyard setting. Call Kate Caldwell, LCSW, 541-857-1201.

Delightful ASHLAND COTTAGE FOR 2, $75 NIGHTLY. Contact Adrienne at 541-482-8185 or afanjet@jeffnet.org.

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State Board of Clinical Social Workers
3218 Pringle Rd., SE, Ste. 240
Salem, Oregon 97302-6310
Phone: (503) 378-5735
Fax: (503) 373-1427

For current information on disciplinary actions taken by the Board, please contact the Board office. A Disciplinary Report is available that provides historical information on all disciplinary actions taken by the Board. This report is updated annually and is available to the public. Web page: www.oregon.gov/bcsw/index.shtml

State Licensure Board Offers Toll-Free Number

The State Board of Clinical Social Workers (the licensing agency for the LCSW credential) recently announced that it has established a toll-free Consumer Protection Hotline. The new toll-free number is 1-866-355-7050. The Board intends for this number to be used by any licensees or members of the public who need to contact the Board.

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED???

We are requesting members to contact the National office online for updates on personal data information.

ONLINE MEMBER UPDATING:
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2. Click on “member’s login”
3. Click on “update your member profile”
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5. Make changes and click “submit”

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intern@nasworegon.org ...................... for mail to Mike Meyer, Intern
KB@nasworegon.org ........................... for mail relating to general inquiries

http://www.NASWOREGON.ORG ......... web site

STATE BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS
NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

2005 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

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 R. Boeve', MSW (LCSW 1450), McMinnville, OR. Final Stipulated Order, Letter of Reprimand for Additional Continuing Education and Assessment of Costs – dated April 27, 2005. Violation of OAR 877-030-0070(3) related to dual relationships with clients. Licensee fully cooperated with the Board in connection with its disciplinary process.

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 relationships. 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 #3439), Portland, OR. Final Order by Default (Letter of Reprimand and Assessment of Costs) – dated January 20, 2005. Violation of OAR 877-030-0070(14) 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 (CSWA #A1451), 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 Work 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

Homer Samuel Adams, MSW, (LCSW #1724), Portland, OR. On September 9, 2003 Final Order Imposing License (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 acts 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.

NATIONAL PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

The National Public Education Campaign is the first major marketing campaign of the Association designed to increase public awareness and understanding of the social work profession. If successful, the benefits for the profession and for social workers would be enormous. However, to be successful, it is imperative that social workers take the initiative to stand up for themselves and their profession.

Here are a few ways you can help:

- **DONATE TO THE PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.** Your donations are fully tax deductible. The original goal is to have 25% of our membership contribute in some form. Donations can be in any amount, even as little as $1. See the ad on the next page for information on how to contribute.

- **EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON YOUR AREA OF EXPERTISE.** The website, www.helpStartsHere.com is the cornerstone of the campaign. It’s an invaluable resource for the public. Or visit www.naswfoundation.org. You can contribute by submitting Web content for one of 30 different categories. Visit www.socialworker/consumerWeb/contribute/default.asp to submit content or for more information. You can also contribute in the National Social Worker Finder, which will provide your practice with national exposure.

- **Solicit advertising space.** If you have contacts in the media, or are aware of publications offering free advertising that would reach the public (such as a church newsletter), please contact the Chapter office at 503-452-8420 to help get the campaign started.

The success of the campaign is in your hands! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Chapter office.

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What we do need, in addition to your ideas, is some of your time and talent. Bills don’t pass themselves. Besides good ideas, we will be looking for members who are interested enough in these ideas to work with the committee and our lobbyist, Maura Roche, to develop an idea, research its benefits and impact, write testimony, testify in front of a committee or visit legislators.

Legislative concepts that have the strongest “grassroots” support will have an edge when it comes to choosing our priorities for the 2007 session. This approach will also give those of you who are interested in making good policy a chance to put your ideas to work, even if you don’t have the time or inclination to join the committee or work on other legislation.

The ideas have already started coming in. Some of the specific issues suggested for potential legislation so far are: increasing the availability of affordable housing; integrated public funding and services for children with mental health and other disabilities served by child welfare, special education and other systems; protecting the rights and improving access to treatment for persons with mental illness in criminal justice systems; expanding access to public benefits by raising asset limits; enhancing the rights of children in domestic relations proceedings and promoting a social work practice act. Child welfare will likely be an area garnering a lot of attention again in 2007, so it would be an opportune time for NASW to submit a proposal or two.

Want to work on one of these, or suggest other ideas? Drop us a line. I’ll write again to let you know how this process is taking shape in the next newsletter.

(If you want to support the chapter’s legislative efforts in another way, don’t forget to respond to our lobby fund request. You should have received a mailing at the end of October, which included information on how to sign up for automatic monthly payment options. Contributing even $10 a month is a relatively painless way to give that helps us communicate our ideas and practice knowledge to lawmakers in Salem. Every little bit helps in advancing policies that benefit those we serve, other vulnerable Oregonians and the social work profession.)

Oregon NASW asks members each year to make nominations for Social Worker of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Helen Catlin Award, and the Paul Star Memorial Award, which are given to recognize outstanding contributions to the profession and to the community.

Nominees should have demonstrated involvement in activities consistent with the goals of NASW, leadership in the human services, willingness to take risks and to enlist public support for improved social services, evidence of personal integrity, a capacity to increase public knowledge in their area of expertise, and personal representation of the ideals embodied in the NASW Code of Ethics. The Social Worker of the Year must be an NASW member. Citizen of the Year is a non-member. The Helen Catlin Award goes to a volunteer in community service who demonstrates a variety of efforts for social change and the betterment of society. The Paul Star Memorial Award goes to a social worker who has made a special contribution to the fight against AIDS. These awards will be given at Oregon Chapter’s Annual Conference “Social Workers Shape A New Reality: Building Strengths in the Face of Uncertainty” held at the Holiday Inn Downtown Lloyd Center, Portland on May 5, 2006.

It’s Time to Nominate for Social Work Awards

Awards Nomination Form

Check appropriate box:

☐ SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR  ☐ CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
☐ HELENE CATLIN AWARD  ☐ PAUL STAR MEMORIAL AWARD

Name of Nominee _____________________________ Home Phone _____________________________ Work Phone _____________________________

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Describe the nominee’s achievements specifically in 500 words or less. You may add attachments. Please include a biographical sketch.

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Call for Presentations

SOCIAL WORKERS SHAPE A NEW REALITY: Building Strengths in the Face of Uncertainty

The Conference Committee of the Oregon Chapter, NASW invites you to submit a proposal for a presentation or poster session at the annual state conference “Social Workers Shape a New Reality: Building Strengths in the Face of Uncertainty” on May 5, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Downtown Lloyd Center in Portland. The presentations/poster sessions must address topics that have a strong, broad-based appeal and are evidence based or best practices in the 4 chosen tracks: Direct Clinical Practice (health, mental health, specific treatment options, varied settings, etc.), Addictions (alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, sex, gambling, other), Violence & Safety (domestic violence, child abuse/neglect, elder abuse/neglect, bullying or school violence, PTSD, violence and safety needs in the workplace in general or for the clinician in private practice or public organization, other), and Supervision or Administration (supervising clinicians, program development, program policy, program evaluation, not direct clinical work with clients but still clinically focused.) Evidence based practices a plus.

The format will be 75-minute or 105 minute workshops. We will consider longer workshops (e.g. 150 minutes) but presenters must provide justification regarding the need for a longer block of time. We are looking for presentations in the following practice areas.

| Corrections | Risk Management | Alcohol, Tobacco, & other Drugs Treatment/Education |
| Aging, Retirement, End of Life Issues | School Social Work | Addictions other than ATOD (sex, gambling, etc.) |
| Health and Mental Health | Rural/Urban issues | Treatment/Education |
| Children and Families | Child Welfare & Reform | Poverty & Social Justice Issues |
| Organizational issues | Integrated Service Models | Oppression/Diversity/Gay and Lesbian issues |
| Private Practice issues | Program Development | Violence and Safety Issues |

Submission Guidelines: Proposals should consist of two copies of:

1. An abstract of no more than 500 words typed and double spaced.
2. A no more than 75 word succinct description of your proposed workshop as you would like it to appear in the conference brochure. Please include any criteria relating to the prior skills and experience level of your target audience.
3. A cover page providing the title of the presentation and identification about the presenter(s). Include name, address, fax, E-mail and phone, organization affiliation, degrees, credentials and a 75 word succinct summary of each presenter’s experience and expertise.
4. Audio Visual Equipment __ None Required __ AV Required Please order only the equipment that is crucial to your presentation. Flip charts and/or marker boards are easily provided. TV, VCR, overhead and slide projectors are available if requested with this proposal. We regret that we are unable to provide PowerPoint equipment.

Submission deadline: Submitted proposals must be postmarked by January 10, 2006. Send all proposals to NASW Annual Conference, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland, Oregon 97219.

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**December**

7  5:30 pm Nominations Committee, chapter office
12 12-1:30 pm Lane District meeting, “Navigating the Oregon Health Plan” at 1195 City View, Eugene (laurel@holtintl.org)
12  5:00-7:00 pm CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY (office)
13  5:30 pm Maternal/Child Council meeting, 447 NE 47th Ave., Ste 200, Office of Providence Beginnings, Portland
14  6:30 pm Private Practice Council, chapter office
15  5:30 pm Finance Committee, chapter office

**January**

10  5:00 pm Events Committee, chapter office
11  5:30 pm Private Practice Council, chapter office
21  9-2:30 pm Board of Directors, Willamette Valley Hospice, Salem
21  2:15 pm Chapter Member Forum (an opportunity for members to communicate with board at end of meeting)
26  5:30-7:30 pm Legislative and SWPAC Committees celebrate chapter donors, volunteers and activists at Cassidy’s Restaurant, 1331 SW Washington St., Portland.

**February**

8  6:30 pm Private Practice Council, chapter office
14  5:30 pm Maternal/Child Council meeting, 447 NE 47th Ave., Ste 200, Office of Providence Beginnings, Portland

**March**  (SOCIAL WORK MONTH)

3  8:30-12:45 pm “Not Knowing What to Do: The Experience of Being Stuck” 1700 Lorenzen, Emanuel Hospital, Portland
10  8:30-4:30 pm “Group Therapy: Process, Structure and Ethical Considerations” 1700 Lorenzen, Emanuel Hospital, Portland
17  8:30-4:30 pm “Strengthening Couples and Families With Sustainable Relationship Tools, 1700 Lorenzen, Emanuel Hospital, Portland
17  Board and Member pot luck (tba in Medford)
18  9-2:30 pm Board of Directors, (tba in Medford)

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Oregon Chapter Holiday Gathering  Please join us at our annual Gathering on Monday, December, 12 from 5 to 7 at the chapter office.