NASW Oregon Chapter Legislative Priorities for the 2011 Session

By Jessica Ritter, Ph.D., MSSW, BSW, NASW Legislative Chair and Jesse O’Brien, NASW MSW Student Intern

We are facing some new political realities in the Oregon House and Senate that will demand a much higher level of bi-partisan leadership in order to accomplish all that must be done in the 2011 Session. These are tough times due to the budget shortfall in Oregon, but the NASW Legislative Committee will be working hard on a number of issues that are critical to social workers and those we serve. We are introducing two pieces of legislation (described below), which are budget neutral, and we will also be monitoring other bills of interest. NASW will join others in fighting to preserve critical state services in the areas of mental health, addiction treatment, poverty and homelessness, child welfare, seniors, and those with disabilities.

Oregon State Budget: Preserving and Protecting Vital Services

Oregon faces a budget shortfall of approximately $3 billion dollars for the 2011-13 Biennium. A budget reduction of this magnitude (especially coming on the heals of the 2009-11 budget reductions of a similar amount) will require serious re-thinking of what constitutes “vital state services.” This budget shortfall is beyond conventional methods of cutting or taxing our way out of this problem. With the House divided 30-30 it is hard to imagine any sort of revenue discussion this session. Though many were hopeful “the kicker” would be restructured, it now seems unlikely. Fortunately, one of Oregon’s most seasoned budget writers in the Senate, Senator Richard Devlin, will step down from the Majority Leader position to focus on the budget full time next session. How the power sharing agreement will be structured in the House is unknown and who will be the chief budget writer from that chamber is yet to be determined. NASW will work to have a voice in the budgeting process in Salem because balancing the state budget should not come at the expense of the most vulnerable members of Oregon’s communities.

Social Work Reinvestment Act (SWRA)

NASW recently found that 20% of surveyed social workers in Oregon plan to leave the field in the next 3-5 years, and the average amount of student loan debt exceeds $40,000 while salaries and earning potential remain significantly lower than other masters’ level professionals. To address this growing workforce crisis and its effects on Oregon’s communities, NASW Oregon will lobby the state Legislature (cont’d on page 13)
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The general election was a sobering day for millions of us across the country that keep hoping for a government which puts people before the profit motive. Oregon fared better than many states by electing and re-electing many leaders who have similar values to social workers. This special edition of our newsletter highlights our work, ballot measures, and the outcome of the elections.

I’m proud to be part of a chapter that has so many members actively involved in pursuing social and economic justice in the state as well as electing leaders who will help us advocate for Oregon’s marginalized and oppressed populations. I first realized how many people don’t care about the well being of our fellow human beings while serving as the lobbyist for the NASW Idaho Chapter. Conversations with legislators about the impact of punitive laws and implications of cuts to social services only reinforced my growing realization that many, many Americans have a very different set of values than those six described in our Code of Ethics. Several radio talk and television show hosts spout values that are contradictory to ours on a daily basis—obviously, people are listening.

Service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence unite us as social workers. We can be very proud of these core values and shout them from the rooftops of every town and city in Oregon. I hope as many of you as possible will come to Salem, Thursday, March 3rd for our Day of Action to express our profession’s core values to every legislator. I hope you’ll have conversations with family and friends during the holidays about why you are a social worker and the importance of the common welfare. And, I hope that many of you will write more letters to newspapers and call in on more radio talk shows to get our values into the mainstream media.

We can make the most change in society when we work collectively. I believe NASW is the best way social workers can unite to keep Oregon and our nation from moving backwards, but there are not enough of us who understand or value the importance of the professional association and its vital role in advocacy. The chapter needs each and every one of you to ask another social worker to join us in growing our voice. We’ve included a membership application in this newsletter but social workers can also join online at: http://nasworegon.org/about-us/join-nasw/ Please contact me or one of our board members if you have questions about making the case for NASW membership. Our work is too important; our values are too precious… not to act today.

As I enter my two-year term as your President, I want to share with you my vision and goals for the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. I am fortunate to start my term with a diverse and qualified Board of Directors and a new Executive Director, Delmar Stone. Delmar joined us this summer from Idaho where he serves as Executive Director for the Idaho chapter. Delmar will continue to work with the Idaho Chapter as he begins his work with your Board in Oregon. We are fortunate to have Delmar with a strong background in social work and association management. He has already led the effort to relocate our chapter office to a beautiful new professional office building that gives us a separate conference room for committee meetings. Our Board members are representative of the multiple professional areas of social work and also represent the geographic, ethnic and philosophical diversity that makes Oregon a unique place to live.

Your association and Board will continue its focus on representing our profession through outreach, continuing education and advocacy for our profession and those that we represent. NASW will continue to offer a broad array of reasonably priced continuing education programs and conferences to meet your needs. Our educational focus will continue to emphasize diversity and strengthening our profession. Through our Political Action Committee (SWPAC) and an active lobbying presence in Salem, we will continue to represent the interests of our members and those served by our members. We still continue to advocate for funding services for mental health, children and families. Our outreach efforts will include reaching out to communities throughout Oregon to strengthen our statewide presence, including identifying a board member from eastern Oregon. We will continue our community building with the Oregon educational institutions involved in social work training and programs. NASW will enhance its presence on campuses with the professors and students involved in social work practice.

NASW is committed to growing our membership and retaining our existing membership. We will do this by remaining a strong advocate for mental health services and our profession. We encourage you to share with us your ideas for the future of Oregon and social work. We thank you for your membership and ask you to invite your fellow social workers to join the Oregon Chapter of NASW. (Membership application is included in this newsletter.)

As a mental health specialist in the schools, I see there is a lot of work to be done to support families and children in the areas of poverty, mental health issues, diversity and future employment of young adults.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve as your President for the Oregon Chapter of NASW.
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Oregon NASW Day of Action in Salem**  
**March 3rd, 2011**

NASDAQ’s Day of Action is coming soon! Join your colleagues for a day of education and advocacy for social work values, social justice and professional development. The Day of Action is a great way for social workers to come together to give our profession and the populations we serve a voice in the policy debates that will shape Oregon’s future. With a lingering recession, a looming $3 billion budget shortfall and a closely divided legislature, there has never been a more important time for social workers to speak up on behalf of the important work that we do. Participants will attend workshops on issue advocacy, meet with their own state Senators and Representatives to discuss the most pressing issues facing social workers in Oregon, and even earn continuing education credits. Do not miss out on this important opportunity to have your voice heard—mark your calendars for MARCH 3rd, 2010!

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**Supervision Group**

Ongoing for clinicians needing to meet LCSW or LPC requirements as well as for those seeking to continue post-licensure consultation. Individual supervision in addition to group is also available. Our focus is to be of service to your total professional development, not just the refinement of clinical skills.

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**NASW CEU Committee Looking for New Members**

The NASW CEU committee is looking for new members. The committee reviews CEU applications by email and meets in person perhaps once a year. The committee especially needs individuals with administrative and child and family backgrounds. Please see [http://nasworegon.org/continuing-education/continuing-education-ce-approval-program/](http://nasworegon.org/continuing-education/continuing-education-ce-approval-program/) and contact me if interested.

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The NASW Oregon Chapter Office relocated in November to 2929 SW Multnomah Boulevard, Portland, OR. The new office provides us with a work room and a separate conference room. The Chapter Office phone numbers remain the same.
January 2011 Implementation of the Revised Social Work Practice Legislation Senate Bill 177

Revised social work practice legislation, passed in 2009, (Senate Bill 177) will become effective January 1, 2011. Senate Bill 177 mandates licensure, with some exceptions, for those practicing clinical social work, and allows the Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers (the Board) for the first time to issue voluntary licenses for non-clinical social work at the Bachelor (RBSW – Registered Bachelor of Social Work) and Masters-level (LMSW – Licensed Master of Social Work). The bill also includes a provision restricting the use of the title “social worker” to only those who are registered, certified or licensed by the Board.

Over the past year the Board has been drafting the rules to implement this legislation. The rules are currently in draft form and open for public comment until Dec. 2, 2010. The text of the proposed rules can be found at http://www.oregon.gov/BLSW/pdfs/Rules_Proposal_SB177_HB2345_09.2010_AMENDED.pdf

Brief overview of the new regulations

This overview is not meant to be exhaustive and social workers who are unclear as to how these new regulations apply are encouraged to read the draft rules, the various fact sheets and presentations on the Board website, and to contact the Board for more information www.oregon.gov/blsw.

- Requires all social workers practicing clinical social work, including the supervision, administration, and teaching of clinical social work, will be required to have licensure as a clinical social worker (LCSW) or certification as a Clinical Social Work Associate (CSWA). The definition of clinical social work is included in the legislation and the interpretation of this definition is articulated in the draft rules.

Exemptions include

- Clergy acting in their ministerial capacity
- CADCs practicing within the scope of the CADC certification
- QMHAs or QMHPs acting within the lawful scope of their employment or contract
- Individuals certified or licensed by the State of Oregon to provide mental health services
- MSW graduate students engaged in clinical work as part of their MSW practicum

- Provides for voluntary registration for non-clinical Bachelor-level Social Workers (RBSWs) and Masters-level Social Workers (LMSWs). Social workers who submit an application for the RBSW or the LMSW prior to January 1, 2013 will not be required to pass the applicable master’s or bachelor’s level examination.

LMSW and RBSW Fees

Application Fee - $50
Initial 2-year license:
RBSW -$50; LMSW -$100
Criminal background check fee - $50
Renewal of License (2-year license):
RBSW -$100; LMSW -$200

- Protects the title of “social worker” such that only those licensed, registered or certified by the board can use this title.

What to do if this impacts you?

The following information was adapted from a November 8th email sent by Martin Pittoni, Executive Director of the Board.

For those affected by the mandatory clinical social work licensure requirement, or have colleagues or supervisees affected, the Board has changed its year-end holiday schedule and added a Board conference call on December 30th, 2010 to approve any CSWA and LCSW applications that are completed and meet requirements. The Board office will be open on December 31, 2010, to issue approved licenses and certifications. Key for anyone who must be licensed by January 1, 2011 is to start the criminal background check process now (information at http://www.oregon.gov/BLSW/pdfs/fingerprinting_ID_form.pdf) and submit an application and fees (instructions at http://www.oregon.gov/BLSW/apply.shtml). The Board cannot approve applications that do not have the background check completed, are otherwise incomplete, or fail to meet requirements.

For those waiting to apply for the non-clinical LMSW or RBSW license / certification, or have colleagues in that position, the Board does not have statutory authority to issue these new license and certification types before January 1, 2011. Prospective LMSW and RBSW applicants can e-mail the Board office now to get on a list (oregon.blsw@state.or.us) and receive notification once application packets are available. The criminal background check process can be started now for those who would like to have their LMSW or RBSW in place as close as possible to January 1, 2011 (http://www.oregon.gov/BLSW/pdfs/fingerprinting_ID_form.pdf).
Save the Date

Oregon Chapter, NASW is happy to announce that we are celebrating Social Work Month in March 2011 with “Incorporating Mindfulness in Social Work Practice: A Vertically Integrated, Holistic Approach” presented by Steven A. Alper, LCSW.

The conference will be on March 11th, 2011 and will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Portland, 1000 NE Multnomah, Portland, OR 97232.

Additional information and registration will be in the winter newsletter and on our website: www.nasworegon.org.

We hope to see you there.
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2010 Ballot Measure Summary

Ballot measures in Oregon this General Election cycle were fewer than normal and less rancorous than usual—with few exceptions, less money was expended to pass or defeat them. NASW only positioned on two, M70 and M73. Below are the results, along with a brief explanation.

NASW Endorsements

Measure 70 (NASW endorsed YES): Measure 70, expanding Veterans’ Home Loans, passed with 84% of the vote and it will now be easier for Oregonians who have served our state and country to have better access to housing. This will be a great boon to Oregon’s large population of veterans returning or recently returned from Iraq and Afghanistan to Oregon’s unsteady housing market.

Measure 73 (NASW endorsed NO): Unfortunately, Measure 73, expanding mandatory minimum sentencing laws, passed 57% to 43%, which will create many new challenges to our budget and criminal justice system. Designed to increase penalties for repeated DUIs and sex offenses, Measure 73 is poorly worded and creates a massive unfunded law enforcement mandate that Oregon can ill afford in today’s budget climate. NASW will be working in coalition with the Oregon Coalition for Safety and Savings to find ways to mitigate the impact of this $60 million measure during the 2011 legislative session.

Other Ballot Measures

Measure 71: Passed by a margin of 68%-32%, Measure 71 will move the Oregon Legislature to an annual schedule. Oregon will no longer be one of the few states in the country where legislators meet only once every two years. Measure 71 will have a profound impact on the operation of state government.

Measure 72: Passed by a margin of 59%-41%, Measure 72 is a technical change that will allow the state government to issue lower-cost bonds for building projects, likely saving the state millions of dollars.

Measure 74: Voted down by a margin of 56%-44%, Measure 74 would have created a system of licensed dispensaries and producers to support the state’s medical marijuana system.

Measure 75: Voted down by a margin of 32%-68%, Measure 75 would have authorized a single privately-run casino in Multnomah County.

Measure 76: Passed by a margin of 69%-31%. Measure 76 will make permanent the existing system of funding clean water, parks and wildlife services through a dedicated portion of Oregon Lottery funds, which would otherwise have been set to expire.

SWPAC hosted a Bring Your Own Ballot event in Portland on October 27th. Legislative Committee Chair, Jessica Ritter, and NASW member Bridget Brooks join other social workers and social work students to hear information on the election and to complete their ballots.
Integrating Contemporary Neuroscience into Clinical Social Work Practice (6 CEs)

Friday, December 3, 2010
9:00AM - 4:30PM
Registration & Continental Breakfast at 8:30AM
Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital, Bldg 2 Auditorium
1040 NW 22nd Avenue, Portland (www.legacyhealth.org)

Recent advances in neuroscience have significantly changed our conceptualization of well-being, including interpersonal relationships, information processing, and the effects of traumatic stress and adversity. Integrating neuroscience knowledge into practice invites practitioners to re-evaluate their current methods of assessment and intervention, add greater specificity to their work, and enhance their clinical skills. During this workshop, participants gain a clear understanding of the neural processes underlying emotional regulation, aggression, memory encoding, learning, and risk-reward, as well as the role of early attachment experiences and psychological traumatic events on brain functioning. Building on this foundation, a framework for applying relational neuroscience in practice is presented using brain-based principles of change and neuro-integrative therapeutic strategies.

Presented by Julie M. Rosenzweig, Ph.D., LCSW.
Dr. Rosenzweig is a Professor of Social Work at Portland State University and frequently presents to local and national audiences on the topics of brain development, attachment theory, traumatic stress, and tech-stress. Her clinical practice includes adults, adolescents, couples, & families. She is author of numerous journal articles and has co-authored a book Work, Life, and the Mental Health System of Care: A Guide for Professionals Supporting Families of Children with Emotional or Behavioral Disorders.

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Social Workers Political Action Committee (SWPAC)

The Social Workers Political Action Committee (SWPAC) is already gearing up for the 2012 election cycle. The Oregon general election has just passed, and the 2012 elections will be here before you know it. SWPAC brings the voice of social work to the political arena in Oregon. We conduct interviews with candidates to find out where they stand on a variety of issues: mental health, healthcare access, social services, child welfare, tax fairness, budget, justice reform and other issues important to our professional values and the communities in which we work and live.

SWPAC makes ballot measure and state candidate endorsements that you can trust each cycle to reflect issues of concern to social workers! In 2010, SWPAC raised and distributed $9,750 in campaign contributions to political candidates. By pooling contributions from social workers across the state, SWPAC is able to give modest, yet significant, campaign assistance to targeted candidates who support social work values. It is our goal to do even better next election cycle by increasing our support to candidates. SWPAC is a great opportunity for social workers to pool our resources so that we can give significant contributions in targeted races on behalf of the profession.

To change the face of the Oregon Legislature takes a targeted approach. It isn’t enough to support your local legislative candidates; instead we must work together, as a unified profession, to impact the state as a whole.

Most of us don’t have time to follow politics closely, but you can be confident that SWPAC is. Please help us reach our goal by contributing to SWPAC today so that we can have a stronger voice and impact.

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Yes! I will help to elect Officials & Legislators who support social work values.

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Forgetting Freud

This past weekend I attended an international trauma and dissociation conference. One of the research groups staffed by young psychologists in training presented their findings that people who remembered their abuse from childhood were less likely to be assaulted in adulthood. This seemed to me to be stating (and researching) the obvious. Then the shocker came. The researchers stated how this finding was “counterintuitive” and not what they had predicted.

Sound of needle being scraped across the record….what?!! Such a prediction flies in the face of Freud’s famous statement, once memorized by thousands of therapists around the world: Whatever is not acknowledged or remembered is destined to be acted out. The key word here is destined.

Without remembrance of our past, either individually, in our families, as nations or groups of ethnicities, there is no chance to fully heal because we are destined to repeat the same “mistakes” (errors, abuses, atrocities). Whole museums are dedicated to this notion of remembrance. That’s why we have holocaust museums, Vietnam memorials and great works of art (books, poetry, movies) dedicated to preserving the memories and lessons of darker times.

So how could these researchers waste their time and grant money in researching the obvious? Don’t they read Freud anymore? Well, according to the professor that leads them, apparently not. He stated that it is likely that none of these students have ever read a word of Freud. The trend, begun by insurance companies, to reduce psychological practice to a series of affirmations and advice giving that has an evidential effect of 3-6 months has now made its way into doctoral programs, a very troubling trend. How is it that we have let for profit companies dictate psychological theory while letting go of so much hard earned wisdom?

Now, strictly speaking, I am not a “Freudian” therapist, far from it. But I did read The Ego and the Id in high school as required reading. (My husband had to read it in college, and he was a chemistry major). And I did train in psycho-dynamic therapy with analytically oriented supervisors. I have a healthy respect for Freud’s significant personal journey and insights as well as my own assessment about where he went off track (not believing abuse victims in his practice and rationalizing their pain away with the strange and convoluted Oedipus theory.) I understand why people resist Freud and don’t want to read him. It’s challenging reading intellectually and emotionally.

Still, not reading Freud is like not reading Shakespeare, learning about DaVinci or Newton. Do we have to invent the wheel all over again? Why does science manage to make steady forward progress built on the geniuses of the past while psychological theory flounders around in the mucky wake of managed care? I cry foul! Restore the roots of professional psychology and we restore our own sanity and wisdom to move forward without wasteful detours and rehashes.

Susan Pease Banitt, LCSW is a Harvard trained psychotherapist writing her first book The Trauma Toolbox: Healing From the Inside Out. It is due out in Spring of 2012.
Lane County District Brown Bag Meetings

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MEETING DAY/TIME:
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LOCATION:
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ROGUE VALLEY DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETINGS

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Carpenter Room of the Jackson County Library
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Seminar: Substance Abuse
Friday and Saturday Feb 25 and 26 with Kelly Washam
This 10hour training provides an overview of substance abuse counseling. Increase clinical skills in this critical area by registering for the Foundations of Substance Abuse Counseling course March-June 2011. See www.pdx.edu/ceed/addictions-counseling for more information.

Clinical Supervision
www.pdx.edu/ceed/clinical-supervision

Supervision for Social Workers
Friday Jan 7 with Matt Modrcin

Ethics and Legal Issues in Clinical Supervision
Friday Feb 18 with Douglas Querin

Trauma-Informed Services
www.pdx.edu/ceed/trauma

Workshops may be taken individually or added together for the 12 days required to complete the certificate program.

Interpersonal Neurobiology of Trauma**
Friday and Saturday Jan 14 and15 with Bonnie Badenoch

Understanding Trauma and Crisis Response
Friday Jan 28 with Ann-Marie Bandidfield

The Suicidal Client: Prevention, Crisis Intervention, and Postvention
Friday Feb 11 with David Capuzzi

Graduate Certificate in Addictions Counseling
www.pdx.edu/ceed/addictions-counseling

Spring 2011 start
An academic series of six consecutive courses providing a broad overview of addictions counseling, concepts of treatment, and clinical skills, at graduate and non credit levels that lead to certification as an addiction counselor. For admissions requirements and procedures, see our website.

For more information, contact Kathy Lovrien at lovrienk@pdx.edu or 503-725-8165.

Graduate Certificates

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Therapy with Adoptive and Foster Families
www.pdx.edu/ceed/adoption

Attachment and Bonding in Adoptive and Foster Families
Jan 1–31, fully online with Doris Dodson

Trauma and Dissociative Disorders: Working with Adoptive and Foster Families**
Friday Feb 11 with Dave Ziegler

Promoting Positive Sexual Development Following Abuse**
Saturday Feb 12 with Dave Ziegler

Clinical Practice with Diverse Adoptive and Foster Families
Mar 1–31, fully online with Doris Dodson

Interpersonal Neurobiology (IPNB)**
www.pdx.edu/ceed/ipnb

Practicing Mindfulness in an Overstimulated Society: Intervention Strategies for Mental Health and Addictions Professionals
Friday Dec 3 with Greg Crosby and Donald Altman

Resonance and Alignment: Connecting to Your Clients through Authentic, Mindful Marketing*
Friday Jan 21 and Feb 4, plus online thru Feb 11 with Jessi LaCosta
*Class meets in Elluminate – Contact sharpm@pdx.edu for access instructions

Advanced Mindfulness and Interpersonal Neurobiology: Interventions for Anxiety, Depression, ADHD and PTSD
Friday Jan 28 with Donald Altman

Interpersonal Neurobiology of Anger and Rage
Friday Feb 11 with Greg Crosby

Being a Brain-Savvy Practitioner II: Weaving Brain Talk into the Flow of Practice
Friday Feb 25, plus online thru Mar 18 with Bonnie Badenoch

**Video streaming available

For more information, contact Marion Sharp at sharpm@pdx.edu or 503-725-4876.
to pass a resolution in support of the federal Social Work Reinvestment Act, which aims to improve recruitment and retention of social workers through broadening and strengthening student loan forgiveness programs, improving state licensing laws and increasing investment in social work research. Governor-elect Kitzhaber’s commitment to addressing social problems on the front end is encouraging for the prospects of reinvesting in the social work profession, and NASW will seek bi-partisan co-sponsors and unanimous floor votes as we use this effort to launch a major education campaign with lawmakers to better understand the profession and the vital role social workers play in working with vulnerable communities in both the public and private non-profit sectors.

**White House Conference on Children**

NASW has joined a broad coalition of groups calling for a reinstatement of the White House Conference on Children. At one time, this was held every ten years, but the last one was held in 1970! A Conference on Children would help increase public and policy-maker awareness at the federal level of the range of challenges facing our nation’s children, including child abuse, poverty, low educational attainment and lack of access to needed health and mental health services. This bill will be a budget-neutral resolution calling on the White House to convene such a conference and the resolution will be used by NASW here in Oregon to again educate Oregon policy-makers on the status of children and their needs as we face significant budget reductions. We hope to contribute a social work-focus to this larger discussion.

**Family of Origin Theory and Practice Training Group for Clinical Supervisors.**

This training is for supervisors who are interested in learning and integrating Family of Origin Theory into their understanding of themselves and their role as supervisors.

This training will provide:

- Overview of Family of Origin Theory
- Use of Genogram as a tool for self-growth and supervision
- Systemic model of supervision
- Ethical issues in supervision
- CEUs pending

Beginning February 4, 2011- May 20, 2011
16 Hours - 1st and 3rd Fridays, 2-4pm
833 SW 11th Ave. Ste 925, Portland
Miriam 503-223-7620, Ronni 503-221-1890

Trainers:
Ronni Batterman LCSW and Miriam Resnick LCSW
have practiced psychotherapy and supervision for over 30 years. Both have been on the faculty of the Graduate School of Social Work, Portland State University, and have taught at Lewis and Clark College. Miriam was the Director of the Institute for Family Centered Therapy. Ronni was a board member on the State Board of Licensed Social Workers.

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**Private Practice Handbook 2009 Edition Now Available!**

**Fees:**

- $30 NASW Members
- $40 Non-Members
- Plus $4.95 Shipping & Handling

To order the handbook, visit: [http://nasworegon.org/resources/private-practice-handbook/](http://nasworegon.org/resources/private-practice-handbook/)
Other CE Offerings

Dec 3, 9am-4:30pm  Integrating Contemporary Neuroscience into Clinical Social Work Practice, sponsored by NASW Oregon Chapter, held in Portland, OR. Cost: $35-135. 6 hrs., 503 452-8420.

Dec 3, 9am-4:30pm  Mental Health Assessment and Diagnosis of Infants, Toddlers and Pre-Schoolers, sponsored by Lane Community College, held in Portland, OR. No charge. 5.75 hrs., 541 682-7262.

Dec 3-4, 7:30-9:30pm & 9:30am-2:30pm  Stories Told, Stories Untold, Stories That Tell Us, sponsored by Oregon Friends of C.G. Jung, held in Portland, OR. Cost: Lecture, $12/Workshop, $85. 2 and 4.5 hrs., 503 223-3080.

Dec. 7, 12pm-1:30pm  Understanding Trauma Related Dissociation and Its Role in PTSD, Borderline Personality Disorder, and Psychosis, As Well As In Dissociative Disorders, sponsored by NASW Oregon Chapter Lane District, held in Eugene, OR. No charge. 1.5 hrs., email: Gina.Tormohen@co.lane.or.us.

Dec. 17, 9am-12pm  Ethical Issues in 21st Century Clinical Practice, sponsored by Cedar Hills Hospital, held in Beaverton, OR., 2.75 hrs., 503 535-7204.

Jan. 18, 12-1:30pm  Social Service Council Education Series, sponsored by Legacy Health Social Service Council, held in Portland, OR. Cost: no charge. 1.5 hrs. 503 413-7010.


Jan. 21-23, 2011, Fri. 7-9:30pm; Sat. 9:30am-5:30pm; Sun. 9:30am-4pm  An Introduction to the Enneagram, sponsored by Enneagram Ashland, held in Ashland, OR. Cost: $225. 14 hrs., 541 482-3992.


Feb. 2011, twice a month:  first Tuesday 10am–12 pm – Group Training and third Tuesday 10am–11:30 am - Case Consultation  Child Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) Learning Collaborative 2011, sponsored by Children’s Relief Nursery, held in Portland, OR. 24 and 18 hrs., 503 283-4776 or email: leslie@crn4kids.org

Feb. 3-5, 9-4:00 pm,  Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Into Action, sponsored by FASCETS, held in Portland, OR. 19.5 hrs., 503 621-1271, wtremko@fascets.org


July 16-26, 2011, Voice Dialogue “Summer Camp” Training Intensive, sponsored by Voice Dialogue Center NW, held in Damascus, OR. Cost: $1850-2600. 64 hrs., 503 867-7545, VDCNW@comcast.net.

Pending NASW approval:


NASW, Oregon Chapter’s Continuing Education application fees (as of Jan1, 2010) are:  regular applications  non-profit and not charging

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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.

For a full listing of CE workshops approved by NASW, visit our new web site:  http://nasworegon.org/continuing-education/ce-offerings-approved-by-nasw/
Earn 6 CEs at Home!

**DVD: The Many Facets of Addiction**

*Presented by Claudia Black, MSW, Ph.D.*

*Sponsored by NASW Oregon Chapter; filmed in Portland on March 13, 2009*

Addiction is a critical factor in the preponderance of work with families and individuals. In this dynamic presentation, nationally renowned author Claudia Black addresses the many facets of addiction, including trauma, co-occurring disorders, multiple addictions, abandonment and family impairment. She will also discuss critical treatment issues and offer a variety of intervening strategies for social workers and allied professionals.

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**DVD: Boundary Issues and Dual Relationships in Social Work**

*Presented by Dr. Frederic G. Reamer*

*Filmed in Portland on March 2, 2007*

Is it ever appropriate for social workers to maintain relationships with clients after services are terminated? Should social workers ever disclose personal information to clients? How should social workers respond to gifts and social invitations from clients, or handle unexpected encounters with clients? Using extensive case material, Dr. Reamer provides a comprehensive overview of boundary issues and dual relationships that arise in various human service settings. Participants will learn how to identify and respond constructively to complex boundary issues, protect clients, prevent professional malpractice, and avoid liability.

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Welcome New Members

The Oregon Chapter wants to welcome the following new members who joined NASW. We thank you for your membership and look forward to getting to know you.

**SEPTEMBER**

Allison Huntley
Bridget O’Neill
Erin Keller
Jesse O’Brien
Katheryn Gigler
Kate Allen
Kacy Dressler
Kristina Stricker
Lisa Smith
Lindsay Coffey
Ranel McDaniel
Ryan Carroll
Salena Schwartz
Tiffany Morris
Amanda Parish
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Barbara Greene
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Laura Rodriguez
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**AUGUST**

Sara Cunningham
David Brian Harris
Stephanie Hisler
Amber McGill
Kathleen E Murray
Dimitri Ntatsos
Lisa Rosen
Darian Slayton Fleming
Margaret Wade

**OCTOBER**

Bethany Bird
Joseph Grutta
Susan L. Grzesiak
Maureen A Kelly
Laura La Rosa
Angela Loerzel
Valentina Antonella Muggia
Deidre Andrias Newton
Cheryl Nix
Marla Samuel
Shauna Lea Shelton
Jennifer Shupe
DeAnne Warner
Nichole Lynn Winges-Yanez

**MAY – JULY**

Kimberly L. Bakondi
Linda Bellinson
Kelly A Burgess
Kathleen Burton
David Carter
Elaine Charpentier Philippi
Carmen DeJesus
Nonie A. Ganakis
Alison M Holloway
Nathanael Magneson
Scott Winters

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**Newsletter Article Submissions**

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Student Membership* (Applicants must be matriculating in a CSWE accredited social work degree program.)

- □ BSW Student  □ MSW Student  □ $48
- □ Doctoral Student (in a social work/welfare program)  □ $143
- □ Associate Membership  □ $190

Students who have maintained continuous membership after graduation are eligible for a transitional membership rate for up to three years.

JOIN NASW’S SPECIALTY PRACTICE SECTIONS

The Specialty Practice Sections (SPS) focuses on issues, policies, and trends affecting social work practice in your specialty area and provide specialized content and information. SPS also offers free practice-based webinars with free CE credit. Learn more at socialworkers.org/sections. Fee is $35 per year for each Section selected. Select the Section you want to join, and add to your payment total.

- □ Administration/Supervision  □ Child Welfare  □ Health  □ Private Practice  □ Social and Economic
- □ Aging  □ Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults  □ Mental Health  □ School Social Work  □ Justice & Peace
- □ Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs  □ School Social Work and the Courts

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Payment, contributions, or gifts to the National Association of Social Workers General Fund are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses subject to limitations imposed as a result of Association lobbying activities. For federal tax planning purposes, the nondeductible portion of the NASW dues payment to be made in tax year 2009 is 10.66%. Membership dues include annual subscription fees for the Social Work Journal, NASW News and other NASW newsletters. Contributions to PACE, NASW’s political action committee, are also not tax deductible and can be accepted only from individual members, not from businesses, organizations, or government agencies. Please consult your tax advisor to see if you can deduct a percentage of your membership dues in your state as a business, professional or other itemized deduction.

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The Code identifies core values on which social work’s mission is based, summarizes ethical principles that reflect the profession’s core values, establishes a set of specific ethical standards that guide social work practice, and provides the basis on which the public can hold a practitioner accountable. As a new member, you will receive a full copy of the Code of Ethics. The Code is available online in its entirety at socialworkers.org/pubs/code.

AFFIRMATION OF THE NASW CODE OF ETHICS
I hereby affirm and agree that I will abide by the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers and agree to submit to professional review proceedings for any alleged violation of the same in accordance with NASW bylaws. I further understand that falsification of the contents of this application, conviction of a felony, or revocation of social work licensure will be grounds for rejection and/or termination of my Association membership and revocation of any and all benefits resulting therefrom.

Signature_________________________ Date_________________________

You must sign the Affirmation of the Code of Ethics to ensure prompt activation of your membership.

PAYMENT INFORMATION
Membership Dues
Specialty Practice Section(s) Fee
ACSW Reinstatement Fee
NASW Foundation Donation
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Total Dues:

Check or money order payable to NASW in the “Total Dues” amount indicated above.
Credit Card: I hereby authorize NASW to charge my credit card in the amount of $________________
Check one: □ Visa** □ Mastercard** □ American Express
Credit Card Number:_____________________________ Exp. Date________________________
Name on Card:_____________________________________ Cardholder’s Signature:_____________________________________ Today’s Date:_____________

* Use of the NASW credit card helps support the social work profession. Call 800.523.7666 for more information.

Full payment must accompany this form. Your application will be processed within two weeks upon receipt in our office.

Refunds: Membership cancellations/refunds must be requested in writing within 30 days of processing of this application. A $25 processing fee will be assessed. Replacement Card Fee: There is a $15 fee to replace your NASW membership identification card. Download a free copy of your membership card information at socialworkers.org/membercenter.

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MAIL your application to NASW, P.O. Box 98272, Washington, DC 20077-7343 or FAX directly to 202.336.8331.

DEMOGRAPHICS
Ethnic/Racial Origin (Check one only.)
□ African American/Black (not Hispanic/Latino in origin)
□ American Indian or Alaskan Native
□ Asian American or Pacific Islander
□ Chicano/Mexican American
□ Puerto Rican
□ Other Hispanic/Latino
□ White/Caucasian (not Hispanic/Latino in origin)
□ Other (Specify)__________________________

Major Practice Area (Check all that apply.)
□ Addictions
□ Administration/Supervision
□ Adolescents
□ Aging
□ Child Welfare/Family
□ Community Development
□ Criminal Justice/Courts
□ Developmental/Rehabilitative Disabilities
□ Displaced Persons, Homeless, Refugees
□ Health
□ International
□ Mental Health
□ Occupational SW/EAP
□ Policy
□ School Social Work
□ Social Work Education
□ Violence
□ Other Non-Traditional
(Specify)__________________________

MEMBERSHIP DESCRIPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS
Regular Full Member applicants must hold a BSW or MSW from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited or recognized social work degree program, or a PhD/DSW in social work or social welfare.
Student Member applicants must be matriculating in a CSWE-accredited social work degree program. NASW student members and eligible transitional members may apply for discounted professional liability insurance for student field placement and/or for the first two years of professional practice. Eligibility for the Doctoral Student Membership category is limited to (4) years over the lifetime of membership, not necessarily to be continuous.
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APPLYING FOR INSURANCE
Insurance coverage must be obtained and purchased separately. Continuous membership with NASW is necessary when renewing professional liability insurance policies annually through NASW Assurance Services’ programs. To obtain an application for professional liability insurance, please call 800.421.6694. To obtain an application for term life, long-term disability, or accident protection insurance, please call 866.591.8267 or visit naswassurance.org. Be sure to retain copies of both your completed membership application and dues payment.

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