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LEGISLATIVE SCENE

The Society is continuing to actively pursue licensing legislation for social workers. We have intensified our contact with the leadership of NASW in an attempt to draft a bill acceptable to both NASW and SCSW. Discussions with NASW concerning legislation are in progress at the time of the writing of this Newsletter and we certainly are hoping for positive results. Also, as in the past, we are cooperating with other groups who are interested in legal regulation of the mental health field.

Aside from licensing, SCSW is planning to make efforts to have clinical social workers included in Medicaid and private insurance contracts. However, priority in terms of financing and time will be given to licensing legislation.

**** Quick Response Needed ****

Time, tide and the legislative process wait for no man. We are anticipating needing the active participation of members in telegramming their legislators in Albany and Washington regarding legislation vital to the interests of clinical social workers. If you are called and asked to send a telegram or contact other members, please make every effort to cooperate. It is in the nature of the legislative process that we are usually notified only a day or two before an important bill is to be heard in committee or voted on. In this situation, prompt action is called for. For example, we were called to support the Wolde Bill (described below) only two days before the bill was discussed in committee. We thank those members who responded to our request for telegrams, and urge others to be prepared to do the same in the future.

FEDERATION MEETS IN LOS ANGELES, OCTOBER 10th - 12th NATIONAL LEGISLATION AND FISCAL PLANNING DISCUSSED

Alan Grossman, President, represented New York State SCSW at this meeting of the Federation of Societies for Clinical Social Work. He reports that the two major areas of discussion were developments on the national legislative scene and internal fiscal planning for the Federation.

*** National Legislation ***

Dr. Pat Hewitt (Legislative Advocate of the Federation) reported on a bill sponsored by Representative J. Waldie of California. The Bill (HR 9440) would amend the Federal Employee Benefit Act to include psychologists and optometrists as providers of service without previous physician referral to federal employees. Dr. Hewitt approached the Sub-Committee on Federal Employee Benefits that was holding hearings on the bill to amend the bill further to include social workers. After some negotiations, Waldie agreed to this. However, because of the timing of the legislation, the amendment to include social workers will have to be offered as a separate amendment from that including psychologists and optometrists. This means that it will have to be discussed further in Committee. The Federation Board took the position that the amendment should read that "Licensed Clinical Social Workers at the Master's Degree Level" should be eligible to provide services under the provisions of the of the Bill. This stand was taken because it is felt that it will provide an impetus to clinical social workers nationwide to secure licensing in their respective states.

Dr. Hewitt advises us that when the amendment is brought up in Committee, we should be prepared to send telegrams to members of the committee urging its passage. It is necessary for the representatives to know that persons are interested in the amendment. Without support of a constituency, the representatives cannot make a strong bid for inclusion of an amendment.

The Long-Ribicoff Bill, a bill to cover "catastrophic illness" was discussed. The Bill provides hospital and post-hospital coverage for major illnesses. There is a \$2000 deductible clause. Dr. Hewitt explained that while payments to social workers are included in the Bill, the kind of illnesses covered and the deductible clause makes it not of much benefit to clinicians.

A revised estimate of the timetable for National Health Insurance was offered. It is now thought that such coverage is five to seven years off, rather than three to five years as was previously thought.

A legal suit brought by CAPPS (Council for Advancement of Professional Psychological Services) against Blue Cross for restraint of trade was discussed. This suit argues that psychologists should be reimbursed under Blue Cross contracts. The Federation can join the suit as plaintiffs if we can show the court that we have a legal interest in the case. It would mean that we too would sue Blue Cross, in a separate action, but that both suits would be heard by the court at the same time.

Dr. Hewitt is evaluating the CAPPS suit to determine what action we will take on this issue.

*** Fiscal Planning ***

Budget priorities for the National Federation were the topic of the Fiscal Planning Committee that met in conjunction with the Federation meeting. The following priorities for expenditures from the Federation Treasury were established:

1. Help to State Societies: This includes outlays of funds to develop new state societies, to help States expand their membership and to aid states to secure licensing for clinical social workers.

2. Establishing a central organization for the Federation: Essentially, this translates into the hiring of an Executive Director for the Federation. At the present time, our finances only permit hiring such a person on a quarter-time basis.

3. Retaining a National Legislative Advocate.

Any further expenditures on a national level (e.g. legal suit against Blue Cross) would require a special assessment of the membership.

At present, the formula for rebate of dues to the National Federation includes a payment of \$500 per state to cover administrative costs and a \$20 per member assessment for our legislative advocate. A new formula was arrived at to take into account the situation of a State Society that has a rapid growth of membership in one year. The State Society will not be expected to pay the \$20 per member assessment in excess of 50% more of what it paid in the previous year.

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK JOURNAL

Mary Gottesfeld, Editor, reports that our Journal has been very well received in the professional community. In response to inquiries regarding publication policies and in order to encourage members who wish to submit manuscripts, Ms. Gottesfeld has prepared a statement regarding the Journal from which we summarize the following points:

1. Many manuscripts are submitted and an average one in five is accepted. Acceptance is based on many factors, including space and timeliness of the topic. The type of article with the most favorable chance for acceptance is a clinical paper with appropriate case material. Articles on theory and history are a close second. Research articles directly related to clinical practice are acceptable as are articles on psychohistory. Least acceptable would be papers on administration, curriculum development, community organization, etc.

2. All case data must be carefully disguised to protect the client's confidentiality. Authors with questions about the suitability of the topic or those who wish to do a book essay/review in the style illustrated in the Journal should feel free to correspond with the Editor.

3. The form of the manuscript should correspond to that published in the Journal. More specific details can be found on the inside cover of the Journal.

4. If a paper is not accepted and the author identifies himself as a member of SCSW, a referral of the manuscript will be made to one of the other ten journals published by Behavioral Publications, if it seems to be a possibility for another journal.

We remind SCSW members that the Clinical Social Work Journal has been provided free of charge for one year to Fellows and Members. Subscriptions are available through Behavioral Publications, Inc., 2852 Broadway, New York, New York 10025; Phone (212) 662-3100. Those wishing to correspond with the Editor should address their letters to Mary L. Gottesfeld, M.S.S., Editor, 285 West End Ave., New York, New York, 10023.

Response to our request for members to inform us regarding lectures and publications has been overwhelming. So many of you returned the form that it is not possible to publish the results in the Newsletter. We are planning a special supplement to the Newsletter in which we will be able to list the professional activities of our members.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

Activities of the chapter have included hiring a public relations consultant - Mrs. Mitzi Mirkin - to represent Nassau clinical social workers. Plans include increasing social worker participation in political activities, specifically to encourage clinical social work representation on the Mental Health Board of Nassau County and on the Comprehensive Health Planning Council of Nassau and Suffolk County. A speakers' bureau on mental health related issues has been created, and notices of clinical meetings are published in local papers. A list of private practitioners for referral purposes is being comprised in addition to active recruiting efforts to attract new members.

Correspondence should be addressed in care of the President, Beverly Unger, at 535 Cambridge Avenue, Westbury, Long Island.

President: Beverly Unger
Vice President: Florence Dutko
Treasurer: Dennis Franco
Recording Secretary: Adele Kaserman
Corresponding Secretary: Anthony Gaito

In August, 1973, the third chapter of SCSW was formed in Nassau County with a membership of approximately thirty social workers. An installation dinner is pending. Elections have been held, with the following results:

NASSAU COUNTY CHAPTER OF SCSW

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

An Interview with Beverly Unger, President of the Nassau County Society for Clinical Social Workers

Beverly Unger, a graduate of Simmons College and Columbia School of Social Work, has had a wide variety of clinical experience in such agencies as the American Red Cross Home Service, Jewish Board of Guardians (Child Guidance Institute), South Shore Child Guidance, and the Hempstead Consultation Service working primarily with disturbed children and/or their families. She has worked with privately practicing psychiatrists and has served as a director as well as consultant to a cooperative nursery school. Throughout her professional life she has been particularly interested in community programs, particularly organizations involved with politics, women and poverty groups. She is currently serving as third vice president of NASW - Nassau County Executive Board; she is a member of the Admission and Allocation Committee of the United Fund for Long Island - dealing with community services; and serves on the Private Practice Council of NASW of Nassau County.

Beverly began her private practice in 1960. For the past seven years, she has been practicing full time in her home-office at 535 Cambridge Avenue, Westbury Long Island.

Beverly became interested in forming a Nassau County Chapter of SCSW through her membership in the State Society. Obtaining a list of SCSW members living in Nassau, she began contacting state members in her area to form the nucleus of SCSW's third chapter. Believing SCSW attracted a group of clinicians who were concerned with moving ahead professionally, she saw an opportunity for SCSW members to respond to a need for local political action and improve the public image of social workers. Beverly indicates private practice is thriving in Nassau County.

Beverly is married, has four children. She has published an article entitled "New Directions for Nurseries" focusing on the problem of integrating emotionally disturbed and normal children in the same classroom. This article appeared in Young Children, a professional magazine for nursery school educators.

REFERRALS TO SOCIAL WORKERS

The Mental Health Association of
New York and the Bronx is now placing
social workers on their referral panel.

If you wish to be listed call Mrs.
Bauman, 564-0550. The address of
the organization is 1440 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

BULLETIN BOARD

Psychotherapists wanted for small, select referral panel. Must have M.S.W., state certification and experience. Sent resume to Ms. Adler-M.C.C., 285 West End Ave, New York, N.Y. 10023

Psychiatric Social Worker, M.S.W.: Positions available immediately in interdisciplinary setting to which families are referred by the court for evaluation, consultation and brief intervention. Social workers, psychologists, community workers and psychiatrists work together in carrying out above functions. Treatment modalities include individual, marital, family and group. Supervision provided. Call or write: Mrs. B. Genlot, C.S.W., Acting Director, Dept. of Social Work Services, Family Court-Mental Health Services, 80 Lafayette St., New York, N.Y. 10013. Tel. 566-6846 or 566-7430.

NOTICES



The Private Practice Committee of the New York City Chapter of N.A.S.W. is planning an all-day Institute on the private practice of social work to be held on March 30, 1974 at Fordham University, Lincoln Center Campus. Volunteers are needed as participants and to help with the organization and administration of this Institute. Please contact Martin Sylvestre, Chairman, at 874-3730.

TIRIED OF WORKING ALONE? Interested in exploring idea of working together in a therapy cooperative or a therapy community? Contact: Estelle F. Charles, 595-8771. Keep trying.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

RENT ON PSYCHOTHERAPY ROW: (East 86th Street) PSYCHOTHERAPIST wanted to rent Tuesdays and/or Fridays. Large, attractive room, suitable for group and individual therapy. 108 East 86 Street, between Park and Lex, Phone: Dr. Wilfred Quayman, BO 8-5406.

OFFICE FOR RENT: Phone: Robert Butler, 120 East 36 St. 679-6906

INTERESTED IN RENTING / LEASING OFFICE SPACE: Would want to rent in a suite of offices or join others looking to lease offices. Phone: Alex I. Weiss-Altaner, M.S.S., UN 1-9000

OFFICE FOR RENT: Phone: Mollie Parkes, 12 West 68 St. TR 7-0487 (after 9 p.m.)



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Social Workers, with special interest and therapeutic experience with children and parents. Two positions available from 21 to 35 hours per week as result of expanding program. Agency has strong professional staff with excellent clinical standards and learning opportunities. Serving community of 73,000 on South Shore of L.I., 45 minutes from Manhattan. Contact: Herbert E. Ruben, Executive Director, Peninsula Counseling Center, 124 Franklin Place, Woodmere, N.Y. (Tel. 516-569-6600)

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Journal of Homosexuality, a new professional quarterly, is seeking manuscripts that present empirical research, and its clinical implications, on psychosocial aspects of lesbianism, male homosexuality, transexualism, and gender identity. Authors are invited to submit papers on these topics, and also any research on the social psychology, sociology, and anthropology of homosexual lifestyles, and the significance of this research for human service personnel who encounter homosexuality in a wide variety of settings (psychotherapy, pupil personnel services, crimino-legal systems, social agencies and so forth).

Manuscripts should be between 10-20 typewritten pages and should follow the specifications outlined in the APA Publication Manual (1971 Revision). They should be sent in duplicate, with a stamped-self-addressed envelope, to: Charles Silverstein, Editor, Journal of Homosexuality, 490 West End Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10024.

Information on subscriptions to this new journal may be obtained directly from the Publisher: Haworth Press, 53 West 72 St., New York, N. Y. 10023

Moving?...

Please notify the SCSW of your change of address so that there will be no interruption of mailings to you. Our mailing service is arranged according to zip codes. Therefore, in order to have your address change properly recorded, you must send us your old address, including zip code, and your new address, also including zip code. When notifying SCSW of change of address, please indicate whether or not you are a member of SCSW. Send change of Address Information to: SCSW, Inc, Empire State Building, 350 Fifth Avenue; Suite 3308, New York, N. Y. 10001.

In response to many inquires regarding membership requirements for SCSW, we here reprint our professional requirements and dues structure for the various categories of members. Our Membership Chairperson is Mrs. Mollie Parkes. Questions pertaining to membership status should be addressed to her. She can be reached, after 9 P.M. at TR-7-0487.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

It is not necessary to be in private practice in order to become a member of the Society. Regarding the following membership categories, questions of equivalency, where pertinent, shall be decided by the executive committee.

FELLOWS: - 75.00

- Master's degree in social work
- N.Y. State Certification
- A minimum of five years post-Master's supervised experience in the practice of clinical social work
- A minimum of eight courses of post-Master's study in the field of psychodynamics of human behavior, diagnosis, and treatment
- A minimum of 300 sessions of personal psychotherapy (individual and/or group) with a therapist certified as having graduated from a psychoanalytic training institute or program, or with a Fellow of the Society

MEMBERS: - 50.00

- Master's degree in social work
- N.Y. State Certification
- Three years of post-Master's full time supervised experience in the practice of clinical social work

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: - 25.00

- Master's degree in social work
- Post-Master's practice in the field of clinical social work

STUDENT MEMBERS: - 10.00

- Be a graduate student in good standing at an accredited school of social work
- Plan to specialize in the field of clinical social work and/or psychotherapy

Fellows and Members of the Society have full voting privileges, may be elected to office, may be elected or appointed to the Executive Committee, may be chairman of a committee of the Society.

Associate Members and Student Members may serve on a committee of the Society, may not hold office or chair a committee, do not have voting privileges.

PROFESSIONAL STUDY

The Mental Health Consultation Center, 25 W. 81 St., New York City, is currently sponsoring a series of discussions on the ASPECTS OF MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPY. The discussion leaders are: Robert Ravich, M.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Psychiatry, Cornell University Medical Center, Murray Sherman, Ph.D., Director of Family Therapy, Roosevelt Hospital and Arthur Leader, M.S.W., Assistant Executive Director, Jewish Family Service. Open to the professional public. For further information contact the Mental Health Consultation Center.

THE ADVANCED INSTITUTE FOR ANALYTIC PSYCHOTHERAPY is currently accepting registration for the spring term of 1974. The Institute is incorporated under the N. Y. State Education Law, and is affiliated with the Jamaica Center for Psychotherapy, a N. Y. State licensed psychiatric clinic. The Institute offers a program of courses, case seminars and treatment experience under supervision, leading to a certificate, with the objective of giving each candidate a thorough understanding of the theory and practice of modern analytic psychotherapy. After the first year, opportunity is given to Institute students to work for remuneration at Jamaica Center for Psychotherapy. Write to: Joseph LeBolt, Dean of Training, Advanced Institute for Psychotherapy, 178-10 Wexford Terrace, Jamaica Estates, N. Y. 11432

New Training Program in Cognitive-Behavior Therapy
The Institute for Advanced Study in Rational Psychotherapy has recently inaugurated an Associate Fellowship Program for psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and counselors. Completion on a part-time basis, the program emphasizes intensive case supervision in rational-emotive psychotherapy and behavior modification. In addition, the Institute continues to offer a one-year Postgraduate Fellowship Training Program and several intensive one-day workshops in group therapy, the treatment of alcoholism, and cognitive behavior therapy. These one-day workshops are offered at the New York headquarters and in several other cities. For a schedule of 1973-74 workshops and other information, write: Institute for Advanced Study in Rational Psychotherapy, 45 East 65 St., New York, N. Y. 10021