

NH School Social Workers Association
Minutes for March 12, 2015
Board of Directors and General Membership/Collaborative Meeting
Rm 100 Walker Building at the State Office Park, S. Fruit Street, Concord NH

NHSSWA Board of Directors meeting: 2:30-3:30

Cynthia Collea, Bernadette Pelczar, Elin Pelland, Courtney Porter, Jocelyn Jerry-Wolcott, Frances Strayer, Kristina Lind, Jayne Ludwig

I Business

- a. Minutes from December 2014 meeting approved.

II. Kristina Lind, SW Professor at PSU presented her work on looking at the status and interest of all NH social workers currently employed in schools. She presented a format to conduct a survey followed by focus groups to look at school social work in NH. The gathered information will help us understand the needs of our membership. She will use this for an article that she will publish.

A few states have published information about school social work. We are 1 out of 26 states that do not require school social workers in the schools. Kristina has recruited some students and given them materials to read regarding research of this kind. She is hoping to do a mix methods study. We need to develop specific questions that we want answered related to job, rolls etc. The focus groups will have specific questions and the students will do the field notes. Any BSW or MSW employed by the NH Schools will be surveyed. We should have the approval of PSU by our annual meeting.

Informed consent and intent form so we know who to contact for the focus group. We need the Superintendents and/or Principals to give us the list of any BSW or MSW in their district. Kristina will draft the letter from PSU to the superintendents to try to get the list from them. The members here will send Kristina any information they have pertaining to their own districts to help with the creation of the list.

Resources: The demands and domains of School Social Work Michael Kelly

NHSSWA Collaborative Hours: 3:30-5:00

Pauline Laliberte, Catherine Caswell, Maria Easton, Laurie Ekberg, Jenn Sumner, Patrizia Cozzone

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Follow up on Needs Survey for Membership: Input was given for the survey questions and the focus groups.
 - b. Case Review/Peer Consultation
Suicide prevention protocols were discussed and will be sent out to those in attendance at the meeting. If you were not in attendance and want these protocols please contact me and I will send them to you.

c. Any other business

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Meeting Dates for 2015 May 13, 2015

Board meetings are 2:30-3:30. General Meetings are 3:30-5:00

May 13, 2015 Wednesday 2:30-5:00 Annual Meeting

If you are interested in being a board member please contact one of us and we will get you more information. We need new Board Members. Your input is important in creating our direction!