

## Minutes

### NHSSWA

Department of Education Room 12

Concord, NH

October 13, 2011

### 2:30 – 3:30

#### **Board of Directors Meeting-** Elin Pelland, Frances Strayer

Approval of May 19, 2011 minutes- We reviewed the minutes and made a correction to SAMHSA on the first page to include the H but do not have a quorum to approve the minutes

**Distribution of Flyers-** are they as important as a website.

**NHSSWA Membership-** We had a discussion about creating a web site to make us visible to potential members and also as a resource. What do we want to include and whom do we hire. We need to see how much this will cost and how much money we have to support this effort. There are examples for school social work web sites in other states.

Elin Pelland talked about being a part of the Community of Practice to develop a state strategy on children's mental health. The group generally meets monthly

We welcome Ginger Byron Drechsel from Parker Varney Elem School in Manchester as our newest member. We have received her membership form and dues.

### 3:30 – 5:00

#### **General Meeting-** Elin Pelland, Frances Strayer, Pauline Laliberte, Cathy Caswell, Sheryl Power

**Job Opening** There is a school social work position open at the Lakeway Elementary School in Littleton NH. It is 28 hours a week about 38,000 for the school year, but no benefits.

Elin has two forms to use for recording collaboration hours. She will send those out electronically.

**NH Family Voices** is offering "Triple Plays" for parents of kids with medical issues. They looked at the whole health care law and explained how it will help the families. The next one is on Oct. 26 on NH Insurance and how it can effect your family. The third one is on Medicaid and managed care and how it applies to your child's needs. They are being offered at Granite State Independent Living at 21 Chenell Dr. in Concord. Pauline will send out the link.

**NASW Standards** for School Social Work Services next draft is out. It would be good for us to all read this. Elin would like to discuss this draft, especially around the issue of collecting data. We would like to have people read the draft and be able to discuss it at our next meetings agenda.

Sheryl Power brought information on the Dental Center and the Health Care Van from Families First Health and Support Center in Portsmouth. Go to [http://www.familiesfirstseacoast.org/dental\\_care.html](http://www.familiesfirstseacoast.org/dental_care.html) She had taken a student from Kingswood there for 12 abscessed teeth and he got excellent care.

[www.samaritansnh.org](http://www.samaritansnh.org) 603-357-5510 100% anonymous and confidential for people who are reaching out but do not want to be identified.

Bonnie Clak the car loan organization is now under Concord CATCH . contact George Helwig

Frances made reference to an interesting article in the NY Times magazine about what is academic resiliency and what character traits does one need for success. Here is the link for the article

[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/18/magazine/what-if-the-secret-to-success-is-failure.html?\\_r=1&pagewanted=all&src=ISMR\\_HP\\_LO\\_MST\\_FB](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/18/magazine/what-if-the-secret-to-success-is-failure.html?_r=1&pagewanted=all&src=ISMR_HP_LO_MST_FB)

Peer Consultation

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00

Reminders: **Next meeting is January 12** 2:30 for the Board and 3:30 for general meeting. Please read at the NASW Standards for School Social work prior to meeting so we can discuss them then.

**Dues are due!** \$20 for your annual membership. Please send your check to Jocelyn at  
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