

NHSSW Meeting Minutes September 27, 2012

2:30-3:30 Board of Directors Mtg.

Jayne Ludwig, Elin Pelland, Frances Strayer, Bernadette Pelczar, Cynthia Collea, Jocelyn Jerry-Wolcott

SSWAA: Jayne Ludwig presented information on the School Social Work Association of America. We have been invited to be an affiliate member. Below are some details from Jayne's phone conversation with Frederick Streeck.

Overview of SSWAA

09/09/12

Frederick Streeck, MSW ACSW\Executive Director, SSWAA

Washington State

NHSSWA must have 15 members (he will be lenient), if they realize that we are striving to find members.

One association per state, currently 25 US states are affiliated with SSWAA

Initial Fee \$120.00

Annual Fee \$100.00 (currently are waiving for the first year)

Delegate Assembly (once, sometimes twice a year)

Delegate (President or Vice President) is welcome to attend (does not reimburse state to the meeting).

Delegate will vote on issues and policies.

This year it will be held in San Diego, California. Vote at the assembly to give voice at the national level.

Two lobbyists in Washington, DC. Address policy and direction of the association. Issues addressed: internet communication, personal safety, home visiting, confidently.

Malpractice insurance to those members of SSWAA, \$250,000 coverage (Ins. Agent is Forest T. Jones).

Cost to members would be \$95 a year if NHSSWA join the association.

Bernadette Pelczar moved to join SSWA and Elin Pelland seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously for NHSSWA to join SSWA as a State Affiliate.

If individuals want to join it will cost you \$95 as a member of the NHSSWA. You can read about the benefits at www.SSWAA.org and find your registration forms to download. The website also has a school practice model that we can use.

NHSSWA membership: \$20 membership dues for NHSSWA for 2012-13 School Year are now due. Please make checks payable to NHSSWA and mail to Jocelyn Jerry-Wolcott NHSSWA Concord High School 170 Warren St. Concord, NH 03301

Brochure: It was agreed to revise the brochure. Bernadette will work on it.

A vote was taken to accept the minutes from May 10, 2012.

General Meeting: 3:30-4:45

Frances Strayer, Jayne Ludwig, Pauline Laliberte, Jocelyn Jerry-Wolcott, Elin Pelland, Cynthia Collea, Bernadette Pelczar, AnneMarie Allwine, Siobhan Green, Laurie Ekberg, Catherine Caswell, Katie Wads, Marie Easton, Colleen Lebeau

Discussion about joining SSWAA.

Accountability: Elin presented an article by Nic Dibble from Wisconsin on "Using Data to Document the Benefit of School Social Work Services"

Jayne presented a form she uses with goal setting. She uses it for academics, truancy, tardies, and behavior. She keeps emotional goals confidential.

Resource Sharing: Cathy presented the name of a new home-based therapeutic organization that has started up in the southern part of the state. www.homebaseNH.org contact Karis Callahan, LICSW 998-5186

Pauline presented the Concord Family Health Center as a resource for comprehensive health care. They accept Healthy Kids.

And the 9th annual suicide prevention conference on November 9th.

Colleen LeBeau talked about a fundraiser being done in by car agencies. The Ford dealership came to the school and for every person that drove a car, Ford gave \$20 to the school up to \$6000 for a specific fundraising effort. "Drive for your School" Call your local dealership to ask about it.

Discussion about afterschool anime clubs and gaming clubs providing a sense of belonging for many kids who struggle socially. Concord High has an afterschool club. There is a president, they have pizza parties etc, they begin to relate to each other and start sitting together at lunch. It has been very successful at Concord High. Goals of socialization, leadership, and cooperation.

If you want more information contact Jocelyn Jerry-Wolcott at 225-0800 Ext. 6165 or jjerr@csd.k12.nh.us

Frances referred to a workshop she attended last January by Mike Langlois, LICSW at Harvard Medical School School Mental Health Conference on Social Media and Video Gaming: How Technology Effects Behavior. You can see some of his articles and blogs on www.gamertherapist.com

Discussion about the role of School guidance counselor vs school social worker.

Issue of accreditation: It is unclear how one gets certified as a school social worker. If you are certified in NH you can become certified as a SSW, but if you have a masters and certification from another state a person has been told she cannot be certified. We will do some research with SSWAA on criteria for being certified as a school social.

Issues of turf:

Next meeting: January 22, 2013 2:30 Board meeting 3:30-5:00 Peer consultation

Establish **meetings for the 2012-13**

Tues January 22, 2012 2:30 Board Meeting 3:30-5:00 Peer Consultation Meeting

Thur. March 28, 2012 2:30 Board Meeting 3:30-5:00 Peer Consultation Meeting

Tues. May 14, 2012 2:30 Board Meeting 3:30-5:00 Annual Meeting/Planning meeting