

New Hampshire School Social Worker's Association Meeting September 26, 2013

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

I. Attending: Jocelyn Jerry-Wolcott, Jayne Ludwig, Pauline Laliberte, Bernadette Pelczar, Elin Pelland, Cynthia Collea, Frances Strayer, Maria Easton

II. Business

a. Approval of minutes dated 05/14/13

b. **Marketing Strategies:** Frances Strayer will send out an invitation to everyone on the state list of certified school social workers inviting them to join NHSSW and SSWAA.

c. **SSWAA Delegate Assembly:** Jayne reported on the Assembly she attended this summer.

Membership: We now have an ID number an individual needs to use when joining SSWAA. You must be a member of NHSSW to get a discount on your membership to SSWAA.

State organizations are all sizes depending on the state. Some organizations are more collaborative and some are more activist. Discussion on how to recruit new members. Bernadette spoke at the Children's Issue Comm on the need for more school social workers.

Is there a school social work week and can we get the Governor to sign a proclamation (ask SSWAA for their proclamation). This would be good press.

Jayne will ask permission to post legislative information from SSWAA on NHSSW web site. Do we want to forward all these alerts to the membership or have some kind of check system that indicates if people are interested or not?

d. The possibilities/outcomes of NHSSWA providing a New England Conference or Workshop in April of 2013: Discussion

Jocelyn brings up the idea of presenting on school social work at the NEA conference in October 2014.

Many questions about regional conference were discussed. We do not feel that we are ready to take the lead at this point but might consider being an equal part of regional team in the future. Jayne will talk to Michele about the possibility of being a presenter at the NEA conference as an alternative to hosting our own.

a. We will not be meeting with Michele Alvarez, SSWAA President, (in October) about a Steering Committee meeting. Jayne will talk with her about this.

b. We are not ready to host a conference at this point.

e. Any other business: Colleen LeBeau contacted Frances Strayer to say that she got a new job in Massachusetts. She wanted us to know how grateful she was to be a part of NHSSW while she was in NH.

f. Susan Randlett is asking to present at our Dec. 4th on a program she is developing on Children Helping Children. Her website is www.children-helping-children.com Cynthia will talk with her by phone and get back to us.

NHSSWA Collaborative Hours: 3:30-5:00

- III. Welcome and Introductions: Laurie Ekberg, Courtney Porter, Jenn Sumner, Elin Pelland, Bernadette Pelczar, Cynthia Collea, Pauline Laliberte, Jayne Ludwig, Jocelyn Jerry-Wolcott, Maria Easton, Frances Strayer
- a. Case Review/Peer Consultation
 - b. Resource Sharing
 - *The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbach Jocelyn recommends this as an excellent book on foster care.
 - *Wisconsin and Illinois have very good Dept. of Ed and School Social work with good protocols when someone is looking for resources.
 - *Bus driver certification: If you get this you can drive kids more legally. Helpful for working with truants.
 - *Homeless Team Task Force Dept. of Ed, Tri County Cap- Homeless outreach
 - *CHINS is back –without enough money -so you have to show everything that you have done within the school and within the school. Frances will send out the CHINS information with the minutes.
 - c. Any other business: Courtney asked if anyone has a tutoring program that they would recommend for Homeless. Her school is looking into this under McKinney-Vento.
 - d. Next meeting: Dec. 4, 2013

Meeting Dates for 2013-2014 Board Meeting is 2:30-3:30. General meeting 3:30-5:00

December 4, 2013	Wednesday	2:30-5:00	
March 6, 2014	Thursday	2:30-5:00	
May 14, 2014	Wednesday	2:30-5:00	Annual Meeting

The meeting will be held in Room 12 at the NH Dept. of Education on Pleasant St., in Concord. The directions are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Frances Strayer 1-603-986-6914.