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Maryland's Highest Court Affirms Clinical Social Worker's Qualifications to Diagnose

by Ellen T. Luepker

In March, the Maryland Court of Appeals (which is the state's highest court) heard an appeal in a case involving a clinical social worker's expert testimony. The issue on appeal was "whether the Circuit Court for Washington County had erred in permitting a licensed clinical social worker to testify as an expert witness and to provide diagnostic expert testimony." Due to the significance this case held for clinical social workers in Maryland and nationally, the Clinical Social Work Federation (CSWF) helped develop a "friend of the court" (*amicus curiae*) brief to assist the court in understanding the nature of clinical social work practice. In its decision filed on September 13, 2000, the Court of Appeals agreed with all aspects of our *amicus* brief, affirming that the "trial court neither erred nor abused its discretion in receiving the diagnostic opinions."

Dr. Carleton Munson, a Maryland licensed clinical social worker and member of the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work, notified CSWF last winter of the Maryland appellate case. He informed us that the Maryland Department of Human Services had hired him to evaluate a five-year-old child and mother for an adoption and guardianship court hearing. He had considered, among multiple factors, the mother's history of a serious and persistent mental disorder, including her several suicide attempts in front of the child. He had testified in the Circuit Court for Washington County that, in his professional opinion, the mother's mental illness had impaired her capacity, at least for now, to provide adequate care for her young child. The judge accepted his qualifications as a licensed clinical social worker to testify regarding diagnosis of the mother's emotional and mental disorder. The court also agreed with his professional recommendations.

The Maryland public defender's office, however, appealed the case to the Court of Appeals, arguing that Dr. Munson was erroneously "practicing medicine" by rendering a "medical diagnosis." Petitioner also argued that while psychologists are named by Maryland statute as experts in court, "social workers" are not, and therefore are not qualified to provide diagnostic expert testimony in the courtroom.

In its fourteen-page opinion, the Court of Appeals distinguished between the statutory definitions of licensed "social worker" and "clinical social worker." The Court noted that the latter's requirements are "more stringent

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Next General Meeting

Chevy Chase branch of the DC Public Library
Connecticut Ave, NW, one block south of Chevy Chase
Circle between Northampton and McKinley Streets
(parking in the rear)



Wednesday, December 6, 2000
7:00-8:30 PM

MEDITATION AND PSYCHOTHERAPY:
PARTNERS IN HEALING

Presenter: Susan Drobis, MSW

President's Message

by Nancy Nollen

The Clinical Social Work Federation (CSWF) Board of Directors meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia on October 11–15 was an energized forum of 30 state presidents representing those states that are Federation members. Our task was to determine whether or not the CSWF Guild would affiliate with the Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU) four years after the initial courtship began in 1996 and two years after the first signed contractual agreement in 1998.

The Guild, organized as a body within the Federation, was established to affiliate with OPEIU, a national union within AFL-CIO. This organizational link between the CSWF Guild and OPEIU was established to provide the Federation with more political power in negotiating with government officials at the state and national levels about managed care. The first contractual agreement two years ago presented by the CSWF board asked each state society to vote on whether it would affiliate with the Guild requiring all members of a clinical society to affiliate (mandatory enrollment). GWSCSW membership voted in a two-thirds to one-third majority vote not to affiliate with the Guild based on the mandatory requirement. Provisions were made for those GWSCSW members who wished to become Guild members to join as an "affiliate" with either Maryland or Virginia State Societies while maintaining full membership in GWSCSW.

During the October 2000 CSWF board meeting, state presidents voted unanimously to accept a new three-year con-

tract which allows individual states to choose whether to affiliate with the Guild. The 2000 contractual agreement differs from the original 1998 agreement in that each state will decide whether or not to affiliate with the Guild and will design their own "State Participation Agreement." Each agreement will accommodate each state's membership needs. Currently 22 of the 30 Federation states are affiliated with the Guild.

It is now time for all GWSCSW members to VOTE. To affiliate or not to affiliate with the Guild—that is the question. Our own local Board of Directors is currently preparing to disseminate more detailed information to you in preparation for the vote on this new three-year contractual agreement, probably before the end of this calendar year.

The CSWF Board meeting offers a forum in which state presidents assemble to discuss the numerous issues generic to state societies. Darlene Averick and I returned reinforced with information to strengthen the work of our various committees.

A primary concern for our Society in this difficult time of managing a deficit budget is determining improved ways of building membership, fund-raising, program planning and presentations, and increasing awareness and involvement in legislative affairs. We need people with knowledge, experience and talents to come forth as "professional volunteers." You and I, now clinical social workers, come to this stage in our careers with a wealth of experiences, often from quite different professions—marketing, public relations, law, management, finance, accounting, teaching, journalism, computer science, nursing, the ministry, the arts, library science, law enforcement—the list goes on. GWSCSW needs the integration of the wealth YOU can contribute toward building a stronger professional society today.

If you are building a new practice and/or expanding your current practice or are looking for ways to meet and work with other clinical social workers, please call Darlene Averick at 202-546-9322 or me at 202-363-0346 to explore ways you can become immediately involved in the work of our Society. Currently, I am meeting with Board members to envision ways we can provide cost-effective services as we plan for the future. It is the intent of our working Board to maintain a viable and vital Society. We urge you to join us in this mission.

**REMINDER: WATCH FOR THE CSWF GUILD/
OPEIU AFFILIATION PACKET AND VOTE!**

Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work, Inc.

PRESIDENT: Nancy Nollen

EDITORIAL BOARD

Jane Beller, Josephine Bulkley

The Newsletter is published four times a year. The next issue will be published in March 2001 and the deadline for articles is February 1. Late copy will not be accepted.

Op-ed articles expressing the personal views of members on issues affecting the social work profession are welcome and will be published at the discretion of the editorial board. Letters to the Editor may also be submitted. Maximum length for these articles is 300 words.

Submit articles to the attention of Darlene Averick. E-mail is preferred (gwscsw@juno.com). All hard copy must be typed and double-spaced. (P.O. Box 75417, Washington, DC 20013)

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For advertising rates and deadlines, see page 19.

From The Executive Director

by Darlene E. Averick

These past months have involved a great deal of learning for GWSCSW and myself. With every turn I make I discover something new that must be faced, confronted, worked-on, worked-through and overcome. I welcome these turns for they are what help us grow and move into a new place of knowledge.

After much discussion and evaluation, the Board has elected to move forward in establishing a 501(c) 3 Educational Foundation arm to the society. At present our Society is a 501(c) 6. While both numbers are used by the IRS to designate us as a non-profit, only the 501(c)3 grants us tax-exempt status to support our programs; only with a 501(c) 3 will we be able to apply for foundation and grant funding. I am working with an attorney who specializes in non-profits. I will keep all of you abreast of our status as it develops.

During my tenure I have tried to develop positive working relationships with local mental health associations and non-profit agencies. These relationships have rewarded our society and membership with jobs, referrals, positive attention by the press, and the possibility of inclusion in a grant. In addition, I am working with two mental health associations in developing joint educational fundraising projects.

Rod Baber and our web master have signed our society up for the Amazon Associates program. GWSCSW will earn cash from Amazon.com each time someone purchases a book or CD through our link to Amazon.com. To make such purchases, go to our web site, www.cswsgw.org, click on the link to Amazon.com and order your books or CDs. We will be setting up a site on our web site entitled "recommended books." Please forward your recommendations to me—via e-mail only (gwscsw@juno.com). This is a place where our members can also promote their own publications.

Please respond to the e-mail poll for GWSCSW. This poll will help serve the needs and interests of our membership. The following is a copy of the e-mail sent out regarding the poll:

Enter your vote today! Check out the new poll for the GWSCSWEB group:

Help us pick out a fundraiser that you would come to. Vote for any of the following events that you would seriously think about attending. Please send any other ideas that you might have regarding fundraisers to Rod Baber, growth4u@hotmail.com

- *Movie and therapeutic review by panelist*

- *Dinner Theater*
- *Art Auction*
- *Wine Tasting*
- *Cookbook with recipes contributed by members*
- *A talent show by members*
- *Entertainment such as Capital Steps*
- *Dr. Rock and The Managed Care Blues Band*
- *Breakfasts or luncheons with congressmen or political speakers*
- *Auctions for vacation homes or time shares*
- *A cook-off of some sort*
- *A race or walk for a charity*

To vote, please visit the following web page: <http://www.egroups.com/polls/GWSCSWEB>

Note: Please DO NOT reply to this message. Poll votes are not collected via e-mail. To vote, you must go to the egroups web site listed above.

Thanks!

If you are not currently on our Society e-mail list and would like to be, please forward your e-mail address to me.

As always, I welcome all comments, questions and concerns. Thank you for your continued support. ♦



Treasurer's Report

by Judith Wentwork Mullan

The work of creating and updating our budget process continues. Caroline Boulton Fernandez, one of our student members, has been an indispensable source of expertise in accounting, developing computer spreadsheets, and manipulating Quicken's budget program. She and our bookkeeper, Dana Hubbard, and our executive director have been working diligently on expanding the detail of our actual budget and dividing areas of responsibility by committee. The budget information thus generated will help us gain an accurate picture of income and expenses and help us maintain accountability. Each committee is being asked to review its individual budget. We will be calling them soon. ♦

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than those required for the non-clinical license, which does not include a similar grant to diagnose mental and emotional disorders." It acknowledged further that the District of Columbia and thirty-three other states in our country have similar statutes which "define clinical social work as including diagnoses or evaluations of mental disorders."

The Court also stated that the absence of a Maryland statute specifically citing clinical social workers as experts qualified to testify as to their diagnostic opinions in court was of "no consequence." Referring to Maryland law and several court opinions that have allowed clinical social workers' expert testimony, the Court upheld the general rule that it is within a court's discretion to determine the qualifications of expert witnesses.

CSWF developed the *amicus* brief for the Court of Appeals in collaboration with the following organizations: Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work; Maryland Society for Clinical Social Work; Committee on Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work, Inc.; Family Therapy Practice Academy; Clinical Social Work Guild No. 49 of the Office and Professional Employees International Union; AFL-CIO; National Association of Social Workers (NASW); Maryland Chapter of NASW; and American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work.

I am delighted that CSWF played a pivotal role in assisting the Court of Appeals to understand clinical social work practice. The Court's opinion will have positive significance for clinical social workers both in Maryland and nationally. My thanks to the Committee on Law/Forensic Practice and other CSWF members for generously contributing time and information to our brief on short notice. In addition, I want to acknowledge the attorneys at Dickstein, Shapiro and Morin for ably representing CSWF and our colleagues and all organizations noted above for their thoughtful and respectful collaboration.

For a complete transcript of this decision, search: www.courts.state.md.us/opinions.html

Quotations above are from the written opinion of the Court of Appeals in Re: Adoption/Guardianship No. CCJI4746 (Md. Ct. App. 2000).

Ellen T. Luepker, MSW, BCD, is the Past Chair of the Committee on Clinical Social Work & Law/Forensic Practice for the Clinical Social Work Federation

GWSCSW Clinical Case Conference Features Katherine Brunkow and Kathryn Chefetz

by Audrey Thayer Walker

This year's GWSCSW Clinical Case Conference Series was inaugurated on September 17 with Katherine Brunkow's presentation, *Engaging the Disengaged: Working with a Difficult Patient with Avoidant and Phobic Behaviors*. Kathryn Chefetz was the discussant. Ms. Brunkow and Ms. Chefetz are social work psychoanalysts, and members of the GWSCSW and the National Membership Committee on Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work.

Ms. Brunkow challenged the myth that psychoanalysts do not work with seriously disturbed people. She presented highlights from an eight-year treatment process with a person whose symptoms and history reflected social isolation, phobias, alcoholism, parental negligence, abuse, traumas, and multiple caretakers. She artfully moved from supportive psychotherapy (once weekly) to psychoanalysis. Her sensitive use of transference/countertransference experiences revealed the master clinician she is.

Ms. Chefetz's discussion elaborated skillfully on the case materials. She documented change—increased ego strength—via her own and Ms. Brunkow's countertransference material. Her scholarly discussion of transference, modes of internalization (identification), and categories of attachment were enlightening and relevant.

Clinical Case Conferences Resume!

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February 25

TBA

March 25

Constance Hendrickson

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Washington, DC

3:00–5:00 pm
Wine & Cheese Reception to follow
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For information, call 202-546-9322

Campbell Bill Dies in Senate

by Darlene E. Averick

On October 31, 2000 the Campbell Bill, HR 1304, also known as the "Quality Health Care Coalition Act" died in the United States Senate due to the absence of a sponsor. After passing the House of Representatives in June with a 276-136 vote, the Campbell bill is back to square one. Supporters vowed they would try again to get Congress to pass the legislation that has been termed the collective bargaining bill, but expect antitrust debate again next year. Passage of this bill would have allowed physicians and health care providers to bargain collectively with insurers. Proponents of the bill are optimistic that a bill allowing physicians to collectively bargain could pass the House quickly next year because it had strong bipartisan support this year.

History of Campbell Bill - HR 1304

The Campbell Bill, HR 1304, now known as the "Quality Health Care Coalition Act," provides an exemption from antitrust laws to allow independent health care professionals to bargain collectively with insurance companies. It was passed in the House on June 30, 2000. On July 27, 2000, it was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

The Campbell bill arises from a perception that managed care has unbalanced the health care delivery system. The bill opposes the view that coverage of health care should be based on cost alone, rather than best available treatment procedures and future decisions should not be made by administrators who lack expertise to make health care decisions. The bill addresses the concerns of professionals who have little control over treatment issues and often are reimbursed at rates that do not cover the cost of care.

CSWF position

The Clinical Social Work Federation (CSWF) supports this bill (as well as the Patient's Bill of Rights) in order to keep our health care system functioning. They believe these bills are in the best interests of consumers and health care professionals. In summary, CSWF believes this bill would give health care providers the bargaining rights that previously have been unavailable. As health care providers, we presently would be in violation of antitrust laws if we banded together on issues. The purpose of the Campbell bill is: "To ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of health care professionals and health plans and health insurance issuers in the same

manner as such laws apply to collective bargaining by labor organizations under the National Labor Relations Act." This bill applies to clinical social workers as well as other health care professionals.

Advocates say the Quality Health Care Coalition Act (the Campbell bill) would level the playing field between the managed care industry and physicians and other health care professionals. It would allow physicians to form coalitions to bargain with managed care groups, but it would not allow physicians or other health care professionals to get together outside of contract negotiations to set prices. It also would not allow them to strike. At present, only those in a joint venture or integrated arrangement can collectively negotiate with insurers. Most physicians, clinical social workers and health care providers are independent contractors. Bill supporters say that the inability of health care providers to collectively negotiate has given managed care companies a disproportionate amount of power and has allowed them to set unrealistically low reimbursement rates. It has given managed care companies a "take-it-or-leave-it" attitude that many believe compromises patient care.

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Call for Papers

Deadline: March 1, 2001

"Representations and Re-Presentations, Psychoanalytic Reflections"

March 8-10, 2002 • Chicago

Eighth Conference of the National Membership
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All submissions should include:

- Cover sheet: name, address, phone number, fax, e-mail, title of paper and one-paragraph professional biography (credentials, education, affiliations, area of practice, etc.)
- Four copies with NO IDENTIFYING DATA
- A one-page abstract summarizing core ideas of paper

Papers submitted without the above will be returned. Evaluation will be on the basis of quality of theoretical integration with clinical application, clarity of expression, scholarship and general interest to a clinical audience.

Presentations are allotted two hours, including discussion.

Work must be original, not previously published and relevant to the conference title.

Mall to:
Jennifer Tolleson, PhD, LCSW
3560 North Pine Grove, #2S
Chicago, IL 60657
(312) 409-2851

Campbell Bill, *continued from previous page*

Opposition to the bill

The insurance industry, the Antitrust Coalition for Consumer Choice in Health Care, the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) have actively opposed the bill and will fight hard to defeat it next year. Opponents believe this bill would allow doctors to fix prices, which would lead to dramatic boosts in health care costs.

Two separate studies conducted by the American Association of Health Plans (AAHP) and the Congressional Budget Office estimate the proportion of physicians that would join coalitions to bargain and how much physicians would increase their fees if the Campbell bill was passed. Each did a cost analysis predicting how the Campbell bill would ultimately impact the health care system. The AAHP study, conducted by a former director for antitrust at the FTC's Bureau of Economics, estimated that the legislation would raise health care premiums by more than 8.5% and result in nearly 3 million more Americans losing their health insurance.

The Congressional Budget Office study predicted that the bill would increase health care costs by much less. This report estimated a 1.6% increase based on an assumption that physicians would negotiate a 15% increase in rates,

raising total physician fees by about 4.5%. In contrast the AMA issued a statement earlier this year stating that "a 15% fee increase assumes that physicians will negotiate better than unions that exercise the right to strike."

In addition, the Congressional Budget Office's report predicted that employers would pass on higher health insurance premiums to their employees and the bill would result in nearly \$11 billion in lost tax revenues over 10 years as employers reduce taxable benefits. Rep. Campbell disputed these findings and argued that his bill actually could produce savings if doctors work to improve HMO service. There is no valid evidence the legislation would raise health care costs. He said the main purpose of bargaining rights would be to make health care professionals better advocates for their patients and stop HMOs from imposing contract provisions that interfere with patient-caregiver relationships. About 180 million Americans are in managed care plans that are dedicated to turning a profit for their investors. There must be a counterbalance that emphasizes quality care.

Campbell's bill makes clear that the new bargaining power does not give the right to strike and takes out references to Medicare and Medicaid as subjects for bargaining. It also limits the life of the bill to three years, so that the effects of the bill on health care costs can be evaluated. It also offers a way to achieve some things set forth in the Patient's Bill of Rights. ♦

Roberta Glick, Capitol Financial Partners
Adron Krekeler, ChFC, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter

present

Financial Well-Being for Clinical Social Workers

- Cash flow alternatives
- Retirement plan options
- Asset allocation
- Investing in the future
- Making your money work
- Risk assessment

Wednesday, January 10, 2001

7:00–9:00 pm

110 S. Union Street, Alexandria, VA
(one block south of the Torpedo Factory)

Registration Deadline: January 3, 2001

Cost: \$15/Members; \$25/Non-Members; \$5/Students

Limited Seating – Reservations Required

For information call GWSCSW 202-546-9322

List-Serve Grinds to a Start

Rod Baber & Darlene Averick

Our sincerest apologies go out to all GWSCSW members who were flooded with e-mails in November from our Society's new list-serve. The intention of the GWSCSW Board, Rod Baber and Darlene Averick was to set up a means so that our membership could effectively communicate with each other.

It is important to understand what happened, what a list-serve is and how it can serve our membership. The list-serve began at the request of the Board. E-mail invitations to join the list-serve were sent to all GWSCSW members with known e-mail addresses. Fewer than 40 of our 300 members with known e-mail addresses signed on. Some members wanted copies of the messages they sent to the list-serve, while others expressed difficulty subscribing on their own.

The Board hoped to have all members with e-mail on the list-serve to defray the cost of mailing notices to members and to keep the membership informed of legislative alerts and other time sensitive issues. As a result, and after further invitations and notices were sent out encouraging membership, all GWSCSW members with e-mail were automatically placed on the list-serve with explanations regarding its purpose and procedures for unsubscribing.

List-serves can initially be confusing. Hitting the reply button to respond to a message sends the reply to the entire group, a direct cause of the November problems. Our list-serve can be set up to fit the preferences and needs of the membership to allow for maximum interactivity and

spontaneity. Currently, Rod Baber and Darlene Averick monitor the list-serve and respond to messages in a timely fashion.

Benefits of a GWSCSW list-serve include:

- The ability to request assistance and get quick responses
- The opportunity to share information dealing with insurance companies payment problems
- Finding and contacting old friends
- Immediate access to a vast pool of individuals with experience
- The ability to ask a question of 300 people at one time
- Assistance when researching specific issues
- Providing a sense of membership involvement
- The ability to choose to participate in a discussion or merely delete topics you are not interested in
- An economical way for the Society to communicate to all of its members
- A way to alert members about legislative issues and a means for immediate pro-action

Please help us develop our society by being patient and tolerant as we learn the basics and the potentials this new system has to offer. To subscribe to the list-serve, e-mail to GWSCSWEB-subscribe@egroups.com. To unsubscribe, e-mail gswscswweb_unsubscribe@egroups.com. To get a tour of egroups and see the benefits of a list-serve for yourself, your friends and family, and your clients, go to <http://www.egroups.com>. ♦

www.cswsgw.org

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Book Referrals: Read book reviews and excerpts from recommended periodicals. Society members have reviewed recently published works and made recommendations. Members also share information and excerpts from their own publications.

Fundraising Poll: Here is your opportunity to have input in programs presented by the society. This poll will assist the Society in presenting those programs that are of interest to the membership.

Events & Meetings: Find out when and where an event or meeting will be taking place. All local and Society events are listed here.

Links: Connect with other members, the Clinical Social Work Federation, and important services.

Recipes: Get and share old family recipes, always something good cooking.

Membership application: Applications can be completed on line and sent directly to the Society office.

Coming soon to your web site:

Referral Panel: Listing of those members of the referral panel who have chosen to be placed on the web site. Listings will include practice location (VA, MD, DC), modality and specialties (ex: substance abuse, depression etc.). This site will allow the user to find referrals that meet their individual needs.

We invite all to visit and submit to the Society web site. If you have any questions, comments, or would like to submit something for the web site, please contact Darlene E. Averick, gswscsw@juno.com.

www.cswsgw.org

New Membership Benefit Serves Financial Needs

Membership welcome packages from the Public Health Service Federal Credit Union were mailed to all current GWSCSW members during November. If you didn't receive one, please call the Credit Union at 301 881-1870. You may also e-mail your membership request to PHSFCU online at www.phsfcu.org. Identify yourself as a member of GWSCSW. PHSFCU invites you to start improving your fiscal fitness today!

During November and December the Credit Union is offering members a Happy HollyDays personal loan value. Members may apply for this special loan at only 9.0% APR to be repaid in 12 months. Loans are granted based on credit worthiness and ability to repay. New members may apply immediately. Let PHSFCU put some Happy in your HollyDays. This offer ends on December 31, 2000.

PHSFCU reminds GWSCSW members that once you are a member, you can remain a member for life—even after you have changed jobs or retired. Credit union financial services benefit members of all ages and we encourage you to enroll your entire family for lifetime membership privileges too. Eligible family members include your spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, siblings and adopted relations. Other household members may also join if they contribute to the economic unit of your home.

For your convenience, PHSFCU participates in a network of suburban branch office locations where you and your family may conduct business after your enrollment with us. Please call us for the location of the Credit Union Family

Service Center nearest your home or office. Family Service Center offices are located in Falls Church, VA; Marlow Heights, MD; Rockville, MD; and Springfield, VA.

It is easy to get started. A savings account with a minimum deposit of only \$25 is the basic account required for you to begin enjoying all other membership benefits. Your credit union provides many economical loans and other services for your personal finance needs. Loans include:

- VISA Gold, Classic, student and secured cards with no annual fee
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- Federal family education loans (FFEL)
- Tuition-assistance loans
- Share-secured loans.

Other services include direct deposit, payroll deduction, ATM networks, VISA CheckCard (a debit card), Touch-Tone Teller telephone account management, a web site at www.phsfcu.org, wire transfers and many others.

Public Health Service FCU has been successfully serving its members' financial needs since 1935. Today with more than 7,100 members, PHSFCU stands proudly among the thousands of federal credit unions whose not-for-profit, service-oriented, and member-owned approach to business distinguishes them from other types of financial institutions.

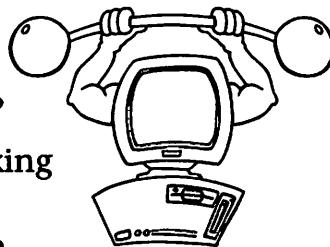
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your computer more effectively in your
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Opportunity!

The Newsletter staff has been producing an exceptionally fine publication, but they could use some new energetic members.

If you have always wanted to be involved in writing and editing, this is your chance.

Training and on-going mentoring will be provided.

For details, please contact
Marilyn Austin
301-261-0722.

Virginia Legislation

by Karen Welscher-Enlow

The Virginians for Mental Health Equity (VMHE) are working to expedite important legislative news to all their subscribers. To achieve this, they will be contacting all subscribers to their newsletter for e-mail addresses. By the end of November, 2000, they hope to better serve their constituents with timely updates regarding health and mental health issues of interest to our profession and clients.

The State Employees Health Plan has implemented a change in the copay amounts for primary care physicians (to \$13) and specialists (to \$25 or \$35). Mental health providers fall under the rubric of "specialists." This copay increase (almost double from what it was) could cause a reduction in the number of people who utilize their mental health benefits. The impact on families, employers, human resource EAP counselors, and others could be tremendous. It appears that only the OB/GYN specialists are concerned that women may come less frequently for well checkups because of the increased copay cost. VMHE will monitor this development and keep us updated. Further questions may be directed to Leslie Herdegen, lobbyist for VMHE, at 804-649-1053, or e-mail to lherdegen@mail.com. If Mrs. Herdegen is out of her office, the voicemail will tell you where to locate her.

Professional licensure issues continue to concern social workers in Virginia. In spite of the 1980 requirement for licensure of all social workers in the Commonwealth, there are numerous exemptions that still exist. No licensure is required in nursing homes or non-profit settings. These exemptions allow for persons to provide "social work" services without licensure. The concern is whether current laws and regulations protect clients from harm.

Summaries of some bills passed by the General Assembly

Senate Bill 301: Juvenile competency evaluation. As passed, this bill "[a]dds licensed professional counselors to the list of experts who may perform a juvenile forensic evaluation."

Senate Bill 520: Juvenile competency. As passed, this bill "[p]rovides for the civil commitment of a person who was

charged with a crime when younger than the age of 18 but who reaches the age of 18 during the time that the court finds him unrestorable to competency and in need of inpatient hospitalization. In 1999, the Virginia Commission on Youth recommended legislation to provide juvenile court procedures for determining whether a juvenile is competent to stand trial, for restoration of competency, and for dispositions for unrestorably incompetent juveniles. The current law provides that an unrestorably incompetent juvenile may be committed to a facility operated by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for a period up to three years, depending upon the charge. This bill provides the statutory authority to commit a juvenile who turns 18 to an adult facility.

Senate Bill 344: Commitment to Department of Juvenile Justice. As passed, this bill "[c]hanges criteria for commitment to the Department. Currently a child older than 10 years of age may be committed; this bill raises the age to 11 or older. The bill also provides for commitment to the Department for an offense which would be a Class 1 misdemeanor and the juvenile has been previously convicted of three Class 1 misdemeanors or a felony. Current law allows commitment for a Class 1 misdemeanor if the prior conviction was a felony or a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also clarifies that (i) abused and neglected children may not be committed to the Department and (ii) any juvenile who is in the custody of the Department and is subsequently convicted as an adult is to be transferred to the Department of Corrections. (This bill is identical to SB 150 and HB 295.)"

VA Board of Social Work Appointments

In late October, Governor Jim Gilmore announced the following appointments to the VA Board of Social Work, which regulates the practice of social work:

Anne R. Keast, Springfield, retired

Frederick Weston, Norfolk, Director of Family Services for Family Services of Tidewater

George Offerman, Sterling, Advocate for the mentally ill for Arlington County Mental Health, Clarendon House. ♦

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Legislative Priorities 2000–2001**Maryland Legislative Council of Social Workers***by Mary Lou Lindquist*

The Maryland Legislative Council of Social Work is composed of the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work (GWSCSW), Maryland Society for Clinical Social Work, NASW-Maryland Chapter, NASW-Metro Chapter and The Society for Social Work Administrators in Health Care, MD Chapter. Each year the Council, with assistance and guidance of the Council's lobbyist Stephen Buckingham, reviews current bills and determines priorities for the coming year. The priorities are divided into three tiers. The following is a listing of the first two tiers of the Council's 2000-2001 legislative priorities. During the coming year the Council will closely follow these bills. Mary Avery Edward's, GWSCSW Maryland Legislative Chair, and other council members provide testimony as needed. If you would like additional information on any of these or other issues the Council may be following, or if you would like to provide testimony, please call Darlene Averick at 202-546-9322.

Tier I:

- **Initiation of Mental Health Evaluations.** Passage of legislation to allow social workers to sign petitions for emergency mental health evaluations and to involuntarily admit individuals for treatment
- **State Employee Working Conditions.** Follows up on efforts to raise salaries, reduce caseloads, professionalize staffing, and otherwise improve working conditions for social workers in state agencies
- **Patient Access to Needed Services.** (1) expands capacity for mental health and substance abuse treatment; (2) carves out substance abuse from the HealthChoice program to assure adequate funding; (3) expands coverage to parents of children in the CHIP program; (4) assures providers are promptly and appropriately reimbursed by Medicaid and the Specialty Mental Health System for services rendered; (5) expands the State Medicaid Plan to assist Medicare and "gray area" patients; (6) modifies the 1999 Patients' Bill of Rights law requiring carriers to allow standing referrals to specialists (currently defined as physician specialists) by expanding the term to include other (non-physician) providers; (7) expands eligibility for the Maryland Pharmacy

Assistance Program; (8) assures funding for integration of substance abuse with child welfare services in the Department of Human Resources.

- **Sexual Orientation.** Anti-Discrimination and Hate Crimes - (1) passage of legislation to protect individuals from discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodation on the basis of sexual orientation and to give them recourse for grievances through the Maryland Human Relations Commission; (2) passage of legislation to include sexual orientation as grounds for charging defendants with violation of the "hate crimes" statute; (3) passage of legislation prohibiting discrimination and harassment of individuals in schools based on perceived sexual orientation.

Tier II:

- **Hospital Privileges for Social Workers.** Support legislation prohibiting hospitals from restricting privileges on the basis of licensure classification (e.g., no clinical social workers, only psychiatrists or psychologists).
- **Nursing Home Quality.** Implement recommendations of the task force addressing quality issues in nursing homes, including increasing staffing levels.
- **Assisted Treatment.** (1) amend mental health commitment laws to allow individuals named in an advance directive to give substituted consent for (voluntary) admission for treatment despite the principal's objection; (2) support legislation authorizing courts to order individuals with serious mental illness to participate in outpatient treatment when they are not a present danger to themselves or others.
- **Assisted Living.** (1) modify regulations governing assisted living facilities applicable to small facilities; (2) increase efforts to regulate all existing facilities in order to protect residents.
- **Abandoned Infants.** Support legislation to establish hospital emergency rooms as "safe havens" for distressed parents to relinquish newborns within 30 days of birth without being charged with child endangerment. ❖

Maryland Members!

Who among you wants to know more about what's happening in Maryland to the ever-changing laws that are affecting your work, your income, and your clients?

And who is willing to help get that information out to other clinical social workers?

GWSCSW needs more Maryland members to share attendance at important meetings and work with our Maryland lobbyist to influence lawmakers. Is that you? Who? What's the name?

Call Mary Lou Lindquist
at 703-461-8600 or
e-mail lindhume@aol.com

Egads! Doing this might
even be fun!

Community Outreach Committee

by Sarah Tyler

The Community Outreach Committee is planning to hold the tenth annual Licensing Information Workshop on Saturday, March 24, 2001. Please mark the date on your calendar and stay tuned for more information regarding the location. Increased room rental fees at American University have forced the committee to seek alternative sites which may be able to accommodate the workshop. Howard University and University of DC are among those being considered. The workshop is set up to answer questions about the LGSW, LISW, LCSW, LCSW-C and/or the LICSW licensure. Representatives from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia Social Work Boards will be on hand to provide information on licensure requirements in their respective jurisdictions.

The Community Outreach Committee is also pleased to report that recent efforts to recruit new mentors to the Mentor Program have been successful. Approximately fifteen GWSCSW members have signed on to be mentors. The committee hopes to attract more mentees to the Mentor Program. Mentees primarily include current MSW students, recent graduates, and those new to the area or returning to the field.

For more information about the Mentor program, the Licensure Workshop or membership on the Community Outreach Committee, or about mentoring, please contact Sarah Tyler, Committee Chairperson, at 703-288-2949 or Darlene Averick, Executive Director, GWSCSW, at 202-546-9322. ♦

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Continuing Education Courses Committee

by Dolores S. Paulson

We are fortunate that after a successful fall semester, Marilyn Stickle, Linda Levine, and Gail Guttman have agreed to offer their respective classes again in our spring semester. The time date and specifics are found on the next page.

In addition, the spring classes include *The Therapist Becomes a Grandmother*; *Fairy Tales: A Jungian Method for Understanding the Psyche*; *Readings in Supervision* (an asset for experienced supervisors); and *Introduction to Mediation*.

A book discussion on *At Home in the World*, reviewed in sidebar, will be held by Stacia Super on Tuesday, January 30, 2001.

Please see the list of courses beginning on the next page. Your registration (form on page 13) is encouraged and welcomed. ♦

At Home in the World

Joyce Maynard's first major published piece appeared in the *New York Times Magazine* when she was 18 and it led to her affair with J.D. Salinger. In her memoir, *At Home in the World*, Maynard discusses her childhood and family secrets. She also reveals details of her relationship with Salinger, an intensely private man. The revelations about Salinger (but not those about her parents) have been controversial and have led to a good deal of criticism of Maynard.

Maynard's relationship with Salinger, and her relationship with her parents, will give us an opportunity to explore issues of family secrets, the privacy of an individual, and the boundaries of confidentiality in personal relationships. It will also provide us with a springboard for a discussion of confidentiality in the therapeutic relationships.

GWSCSW Course Offerings 2001

These pages describe the 2001 selections being offered by the Continuing Education Courses Committee of the GWSCSW. Considerable attention has been given to insure that the topics meet the needs and interests of the clinical social work community. The program's focus is clinical. Non-clinicians will be admitted to classes at the discretion of the instructor.

This year we are offering courses which have been especially designed for recent MSW graduates as well as members beginning a new interest. These courses are starred (☆). Also, please note, fees are reduced by 50% for members who received their MSW within the last five years. Some financial aid is available.

Participants will be issued a Certificate of Attendance at the conclusion of each course which will document the hours attended. CEUs are available.

Many of the courses fill up quickly. Priority in registering is given to GWSCSW members. In the event that a course is being offered for the second time, preference will be given to first time registrants. If you have any questions regarding a particular course please contact the instructor. Please call the chair for scholarship information.

Dolores S. Paulson, DSW, Chair
Continuing Education Courses Committee
(703) 790-0786

BOOK SEMINARS

We are offering three two-hour book seminars. Each session will be devoted to one book and will include relating theory to the ideas and experiences of the book's protagonist and group discussion. Books will be reviewed by the discussant in the GWSCSW quarterly newsletter prior to the scheduled seminar. You may register for as many sessions as you like.

At Home In The World (Joyce Maynard)

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| Stacia Super, PhD, LCSW-C 2 Wisconsin Circle, Suite 210 Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 (301) 656-8336 | Tuesday, January 30, 2001 7:00 – 9:00 PM Members \$20 Non-Members \$30 |
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The Harry Potter Series (J.K. Rowling)

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| Christine Carpenter, MSW, LCSW-C 8000 Park Overlook Drive Bethesda, Maryland 20817 (301) 469-7077 | Friday, March 30, 2001 2:00 – 4:00 PM Members \$20 Non-Members \$30 |
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SPRING SEMESTER

■ **The Therapist Becomes a Grandmother: A Look at the Transference / Countertransference Clinical Issues and Implications For Our Personal Lives**

When the therapist moves into a new stage of the lifecycle, both her professional and personal lives are affected. This course will examine themes that emerge in the clinical setting such as envy, loss, abandonment and identification. Additionally, the course will explore the changes made personally to accommodate this new phase. The course will include a discussion of the professional literature, discussion of clinical cases and sharing of personal narratives.

Marion Usher, PhD, LICSW
2021 Hillyer Place, NW
Washington, DC 20009
(202) 667-6755

Fridays, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
4 sessions, begins January 5, 2001
Members: \$80
Non-Members: \$120

☆ **Introduction to Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing**

EMDR is an innovative method of psychotherapy that can be used alone or integrated into ongoing therapy. It has helped people neutralize the effects of life threatening trauma, such as sexual abuse, domestic violence, combat fatigue and crime, as well as the effects of painful incidents that affect our self esteem. Video tapes, case presentation and didactic material will be used in this introductory workshop.

Linda R. Levine, MSW, LICSW
1234 19th Street, NW Suite 901
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 462-4646

Saturday, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
1 session, January 20, 2001
Members: \$30
Non-members: \$45

■ **The Spirit-Mind-Body Clinical Practice Model**

This course will integrate the Spirit-Mind-Body paradigm into a clinical model of practice. It will examine our professions religious/spiritual roots, relative theory development from Freud to the present, and current practice of the biopsychosocial model that includes spiritually sensitive practice. Organized along thematic lines, the course will examine the development of four key concepts in the Spirit-Mind-Body paradigm: connection, sensitivity, intuition and authentic presence in the therapy hour. Blending understanding from Eastern and Western thought, the course will examine the energetic nature of experience, the chakra system and meditation as a tool of change. These concepts will be incorporated into a clinical model that creates deeper appreciation of the physical, emotional and spiritual components of diagnosis and treatment.

Marilyn Stickle, MSW, LCSW
5319 Lee Highway
Arlington, VA 22207
(703) 790-0232

Fridays, 12:30 – 2:30 PM
4 sessions, begins February 2, 2001
Members: \$80
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■ Fairy Tales: A Jungian Method for Understanding the Psyche

This seminar will offer participants the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of Jung's psychological methods through the study of a fairy tale, "The Frog King," found in *The Complete Grimm's Fairy Tales*. In addition to the fairy tale, several typical academic models of the psyche found in Jung's writings will be presented. These models, along with an in-depth analysis of the fairy tale, will help seminar members shape their understanding of Jungian terms and move more freely in the realm of the psyche.

Bonnie Damron, PhD, MSW
600 Roosevelt Boulevard
Falls Church, Virginia 22044
(703) 538-6209

Wednesdays, 8:30 – 10:30 AM
6 sessions, begins February 7, 2001
Members: \$120
Non-Members: \$180

■ Readings and Discussion In Contemporary Psychodynamic Supervision

This course is designed to enrich the work of intermediate and experienced supervisors through discussion of the literature. The required readings will be predominantly current theoretical explorations, psychodynamically based, and focus on the supervisory relationship and interventions. Also explored will be the inner experience of both the supervisor and supervisee and its influence on the development of the supervisory relationship. Students will be expected to bring to class examples from their current supervision, if possible.

Constance Hendrickson, DSW, LICSW
3000 Connecticut Ave, NW, Suite 201
Washington D.C. 20008
(202) 332-0134

Mondays, 12 Noon – 1:30 PM
6 sessions, begins Feb. 19, 2001
Members: \$90
Non-members \$135

☆ Introduction To Imago Therapy: A New Form of Couples Therapy

In this course, the participants will receive an introduction to Imago Relationship Therapy which is based on Harville Hendrix's book, *Getting The Love You Want*. Imago Relationship therapy is an effective, efficient method of therapy that helps couples to develop safe, positive and more loving relationships and to turn distance and conflict into opportunities for growth. Participants will have the opportunity to learn the basic theory of Imago Relationship Therapy and to learn some of the techniques which promote intimacy and reduce conflicts. Additionally, there will be a focus on creating a safe environment for therapists to risk the sharing of themselves.

Gail Guttman, MSW, LCSW
6110 Executive Boulevard #518
Rockville, MD 20852
(301) 984-0322

Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
1 session, March 2, 2001
Members \$ 80
Non-members: \$120

☆ Introduction To Mediation

This 3-hour course is designed to provide an understanding of how mediation can be used for resolving a variety of disputes such as landlord/tenant, disability accommodations, consumer complaints, employer/employee, and divorce. Participants will have an opportunity to try out some mediation techniques in a simple role play in order to get a "feel" for the process.

Emily M. Brown, MSW, LCSW
Key Bridge Mediation and
Therapy Center
1925 North Lynn Street, Suite 700
Arlington, Virginia 22209
(703) 528-3900

Friday, 1:15 – 4:30 PM
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Saying the Right Thing at the Right Time

by Carolyn Gruber

Verbal interventions in therapy have been our stock-in-trade for many years. But how do we know if our therapeutic skills are fine tuned? Can we really figure out how to say the right thing at the right time?

Sherwood Waldron, MD, is an experienced psychoanalyst and child analyst, trained at the New York Psychoanalytic Institute, who has had a long-standing interest in research into the outcomes and processes of psychological treatments. He and his colleagues, Robert Scharf, Stephen Firestein, Anna Burton, David Hurst, James Crouse, and Marianne Goldberger, have spent the last fifteen years developing the Analytic Process Scales (APS) which reliably assess central psychoanalytic dimensions of the contributions of patient and therapist to the unfolding treatment.

Participants will have the opportunity to explore the concept that "what, when and how you say it actually makes a difference" through on-site use of the APS to rate the therapist's interventions and the patient's responses within session materials provided by Dr. Waldron. The APS is a manualized coding system for key psychotherapeutic techniques that can be reliably applied by clinician raters. Preliminary results of this research indicate which interventions elicit rapid and demonstrably productive patient responses. Applying the APS over time enables one to track the patient's progress during the course of treatment. Dr. Waldron will show how this research is useful through a range of interventions and with various treatment modalities.

Discussants for the conference include Carolyn Shank, MSW, Mauricio Cortina, MD, Maurine Kelly, PhD, and Jaedene Levy, MSW. The GWSCSW is a member of the consortium.

The conference will be held at the Leland Community Center, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, Md., January 28, 2001, 9:30 am-3:00 pm.

For information and reading list, contact:
Sheila Hafter Gray, MD, 202-336-1955

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- 9:00 AM Keynote Speaker: To Be Determined
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- 10:30 AM Small Group Discussions of the Priorities
- 11:30 AM Preparation to Talk with Legislators
- 12:00 PM Lunch with Legislators
- 1:00 PM Attend Committee Hearings on your own

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Monthly Program Meetings

by Alice Straker

General program meetings for the GWSCSW are held on the first Wednesday of each month from October through June at the Chevy Chase branch of the DC Public Library from 7:00–8:30 pm. The library is on Connecticut Avenue, NW, between McKinley and Northampton Streets, one block south of Chevy Chase Circle (across from the Avalon Theater and Magruder's). Parking is available in the rear of the building and on Northampton Street.

Wednesday, December 6, 2000

Time: 7:00–8:30 pm

Speaker: Susan Drobis, MSW

Topic: *Meditation and Psychotherapy:
Partners in Healing*

Wednesday, January 3, 2001

No meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2001

Time: 7:00–8:30 pm

Speaker: Barbara Harling, DSW, LICSW

Topic: *Sibling Rivalry or Sibling Revelry
Partners in Healing*

Maryland Meetings

by Adele Redisch

Join us the third Tuesday of each month at the Davis Library, lower level meeting room, 6400 Democracy Blvd., North Bethesda, 301-897-2200.

From I-270, take Democracy Blvd. east to library on right.

From Old Georgetown Road, take Democracy Blvd. west to library on left.

I welcome an interested person to co-chair this position with me. Please call me at 301-279-0546 .

Tuesday, January 16, 2001

Time: 12:15–1:30 pm

Speaker: Karolynn Coleman, LCSW-C

Topic: *Wellness: Integrating Eastern Philosophy,
Western Psychology, and Medicine*

Tuesday, February 20, 2001

Time: 12:15–1:30 pm

Speaker: Kate Berman, LCSW-C

Topic: *Alternatives to Managed Care:
The Clinical Social Work Guild*

Tuesday, March 20, 2001

Time: 12:15–1:30 pm

Speaker: Sheila Hill, LCSW-C

Topic: *The Hope that Sinks the Boat:
Pathological Hope and Resistance*

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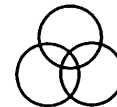
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Northern Virginia Meetings

by Jane Carey

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From the Beltway (495), take Exit 5 (Braddock Rd. East /Route 620). Go 1.7 miles to the second traffic light and turn right on Backlick Rd. Go 0.4 miles, turn right on Woodland Dr. and turn left immediately into the church parking lot.

From DC, take 395 South to Exit 2B (Edsall Rd. West – Route 648). Go 1 mile to the fourth light and turn left onto Backlick Rd. Turn right at next street, Woodland Dr., and turn left into the church parking lot.

Thursday, January 18, 2001

Time: 12:00–1:15 pm

Speaker: Vaughn Howland, LCSW

Topic: *Drug Legalization and Implications for Social Work*

Vaughn Howland is a leading expert in the field of substance abuse. He will discuss this highly controversial topic and share his thoughts and experience in the field.

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For more information, call
Sarah Tyler
703-288-2949

Thursday, February 15, 2001

Time: 12:00–1:15 pm

Speaker: Rod Baber, LCSW

Topic: *The Net and Your Practice*

E-therapy. E-zines. E-gads! Had enough? Or is this just the beginning? Rod offers courses on the use of the internet through the Society. He brings his knowledge and expertise to this discussion of the possibilities and expectations for practice in the 21st century.

Thursday, March 15, 2001

Time: 12:00–1:15 pm

Speaker: TBA

Thursday, April 19, 2001

Time: 12:00–1:15 pm

Speaker: Jaedene Levy, MSW
& Carolyn Shank, MSW

Topic: *Envy: Green-Eyed Monster
or Kermit D. Frog?*

I would like to encourage members and non-members to come and hear these excellent and intriguing presentations. Attendance has been sparse for the last several meetings while the presentations have been superb. Do come. Learn, network, and collect your CEUs. See you in January.



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Upcoming Events

December 1

Coaching for Clinicians
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8:00 am–4:30 pm, Falls Church, VA
NASW-VA, 804-204-1339

December 2

The DC Psychological Association's Annual Conference is scheduled at the Kellogg Conference Center at Gallaudet University. The conference theme is *An Aging America: Understanding and Responding to the Needs of Older Adults*. The conference offers CEUs for social workers. For more information contact DCPA at (202) 336-5559 or obtain registration information at www.georgetown.edu/organizations/dcpa

December 7

A Gift for Yourself: an Experiential Workshop in Meditation and Creativity. Incorporating meditation and creativity exercises into your practice and life. Presented by, Meridith McEver, LCSW, 11:30 am–1:00 pm, Arlington, NASW-VA, 703-671-7068

January 20-21

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January 26

Public Charities In Washington, DC Seminar designed to assist public charities in meeting the challenges before them with practical "how to" advice. Call LORMAN Educational Services, 715-833-3959

Feb 9

Coping with Your Older Parent: A Guide for Stressed out Children
Seminar for clinicians on how personality disorders show up in older people and wreak havoc on their children will be the forum of this seminar. A useful framework for working with both generations will be explored. Presented by Barbara Kane & Grace Lebow, 1:00 - 2:30 pm. No charge. Call 301-657-4329

February 16

Coping with Your Older Parent: A Guide for Stressed out Children
Seminar for grown children on how to increase your clients' understanding of their parents' difficult behaviors and sharpen their coping skills. Presented by Barbara Kane & Grace Lebow, 1:00 - 2:30 pm. No charge. Call 301-657-4329

February 24-25

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March 31-April 1

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April 20-21

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May 18-20

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