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President's Corner

While we're all very involved with the state legislative scene, it is important for members to know that the challenge of the national legislative arena are also being addressed.

The National Federation of Societies of Clinical Social Work, of which our Society is a member, is utilizing almost 100% of its funds for education and thereby influence the people who make decisions which affect our profession.

In January, 1976 the Federation hired the firm of Dickstein, Shapiro and Marin to accomplish this. In the past few months much time and effort has been expended by Federation and Dickstein, Shapiro and Marin in preparation for their assumption of a high-powered advocacy role. The following is their third report to Federation President, Crayton Rowe:

REPORT #3

"There was considerable discussion at the quarterly Federation meeting on March 13th about the definition of 'clinical social worker' contained in the draft legislation which Congressman Matsunaga has offered to introduce, entitling clinical social workers to direct reimbursement for services rendered to Medicare and Medicaid patients.

We subsequently discussed with NASW the addition of further definitional language requiring a Masters or Doctoral degree with a clinical core curriculum and field placement. NASW objected to such revised definition on the grounds that (1) it raises more questions than it answers, since there is no existing 'clinical' curriculum or degree in most schools of social work, and it is unclear what courses and how many would be sufficient to

entitled a given provider to reimbursement; and (2) such a definition would exclude numerous highly qualified clinical social workers whose experience and expertise grows out of post-graduate training, rather than course-work undertaken in connection with a master's degree.

It is our recommendation at this point that the existing draft bill be introduced in its present form, simply in order to get a vehicle before Congress for discussion. We have already made it clear to NASW that we intend to propose amended definitional language if and when the bill moves along toward hearings and subcommittee consideration.

On another front, we expect to meet this month with officials at CHAMPUS (Civilian Health & Medical Program of the Uniformed Services) in an effort to negotiate the removal of the 30-day physician recertification requirement imposed recently on clinical social workers.

With respect to the Federal Employee Health Benefits program, we have talked with officials at the Civil Service Commission about rumored upcoming reductions in mental health benefits offered to federal employees under the Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan. According to the Commission, benefit proposals have not yet been submitted by the insurance carriers, and they do not have any reason to believe, at this time, that such a cutback will be proposed. They did express the view however, that a majority of covered federal employees would prefer increased dental coverage to continuation of the 'mental and nervous' benefit, if a choice has to be made. You will recall that Aetna has already reduced its 'mental and nervous' benefit in exchange for expanded dental coverage. Apparently Blue Cross/Blue Shield has lost some subscribers to Aetna, and may propose the same kind of exchange (adding dental and reducing mental health benefits) in an effort to win back those subscribers. We will not know for certain until the benefit proposals are submitted to the Civil Service Commission. The deadline for submissions is June 30th.

In the past, the terms of the benefit proposals and the negotiations between the insurance carriers and the Commission have been secret. We have requested copies of those submissions pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, and are awaiting the Commission's response. In addition, we are working with Congressman Moss (D-Calif.) to generate a Congressional request for the same information.

On the national health insurance front, the Ways and Means Committee is continuing its regional hearings. On March 19, 1976, Robert Dean testified in San Francisco on behalf of the California Society and Wick Courtney of the

Louisiana Society will be testifying in New Orleans in May.

Finally, we are looking forward to hoisting the P.S.R.O. conference you expect to plan. As soon as we receive your letter outlining the proposed program and probable invitees, we will set about arranging a keynote speaker from the White House Staff, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, or a Congressman who is active on one of the relevant Congressional Committees."

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, healthy and restful summer.

chapter news

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER

by Conrad S Semler

It is my pleasure to announce to all members of SCSWP the final results of the election of officers to our newly created Metropolitan Chapter.

Before doing this we would like to thank in particular the Election Committee who spent much time and energy conducting the election in a manner which was administratively, legally and ethically above reproach. Special thanks go to JANET PARKS, chairperson, MILDRED KLEINMAN and MARCIA RABINOWITZ.

The following is the result of the election and the permanent slate of officers of the Metropolitan Chapter. The necessary pluralities went to:

President	Al Genlot
Vice Presidents	Kathleen L. Friend
	Marsha Wineburgh
Treasurer	Conrad S. Semler
Recording Secretary	Susan Rufer
Corresponding Secretary	Virginia Seplowin
Members-at-Large	Alan Shanel
	Barbara Pichler
	Marguerite Perrin-Klein

The first official Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 30, 1976 at 9:00 P.M. at Marsha Wineburgh's.

At this time we have formed the following committees:

The meeting of May 21, featured Dr. Jessie Turberg of the Nathan Ackerman Institute in New York City. Dr. Turberg spoke on "Family Therapy--When and How." She discussed and demonstrated "Family Systems" and "Family Sculpting," using volunteers from the audience to illustrate these techniques. Dr. Turberg, who holds a Ph.D. in Psychotherapy as well as analytic training, has extensive experience in giving workshops throughout the country. We welcomed her expertise.

On March 24, Dr. Baruch Eilitzur, Chief Supervising Psychologist at the Nassau County Family Court Mental Health Clinic, demonstrated the use of Primal Therapy through an engrossing taped presentation. Dr. Eilitzur maintains a private practice and, in addition, teaches at Hofstra's Graduate School of Psychology. Dr. Eilitzur showed how he combined the use of Primal Therapy and behavior modification techniques in the case of Jill, a frightened, panicked, phobic woman, who was helped to bring out her tremendous fears and rage. It was a highly moving demonstration of the therapist enabling the patient to unleash her deepest fears.

Our social-supper-recruiting session at the home of Bessie and Leon Brill attracted enthusiastic members and members-to-be. They would have had to be enthusiastic to brave the snowy streets and cindered hills of Port Washington! However, everyone was rewarded with a blazing fire in the fireplace, a bountiful table, and, of course, much brilliant conversation. We enjoyed a fine feeling of fellowship and, incidentally, enjoyed and welcomed our new members: Peggy Isbell, Gloria Sandler, Joan Gordon and Eleanor Morris.

Since last reporting, we have had three very successful meetings.

NASSAU CHAPTER

by Mitzi Mirkin

All members living in the Metropolitan Chapter area covering Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island who are interested in becoming involved with any of these committees can contact either the Committee Chairpersons or Al Genlot at 369-2082.

There is much work to be done and at this time we are asking all members to schedule some time to either work on these committees or in some way become more involved. Thank you.

- Chairperson Susan Ruter
- Chairperson Marsha Wineburgh
- Chairperson Alan Shanell
- Chairperson Margrit M. Wreschner
- Chairperson Kathleen L. Friend
- Chairperson Barbara Pichler
- Chairperson Sheila Jordan
- Social Action
- PSRO
- Education
- Membership
- By-Laws
- Referrals
- Public Relations

We are establishing a Speaker's Bureau and will be sending a flyer out in the future in order to publicize our services. The flyer will go to PTA's, community organizations, high schools, colleges, etc. We have circulated a questionnaire among our members to help us launch this new venture in the most professional manner.

The combined Nassau-Suffolk Referral Service Directory will be ready to be fetched from the printer's momentarily. Unfortunately, distribution will be held up until we can secure malpractice insurance for the Referral Service as an incorporated body. We have been legally advised that our participating members' individual malpractice coverage is not protection enough.

We are planning two courses for the enrichment of our members for the Fall. There will be a 4-session course on the Depressive Personality to be given by Dr. Max Cohen, psychoanalyst, of the faculty of the Columbia Psychoanalytic Institute of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. There will also be a course on the Narcissistic Borderline Personality, which will be given by another faculty member from the same source.

Finally, it is with deep sadness that we report of the death of our member, Rose Paulson. Rose, a Fellow of the Society, had continued to function usefully despite a long and serious illness. She was actively involved in many areas, and had been an inspired worker toward the goals of licensure and Third-Party-Payments to Social Workers.

QUEENS CHAPTER

by Cecile Dunn

The Queens Chapter has a new Corresponding Secretary, Joseph Juliana. We also have several new committees established.

The chairpersons are:

Referral Committee	-	Co-Chairpersons	Khanu Chandnani Sylvia Rosenblum
Social Action Committee	-	Chairperson	Anthony Perez
Education and Program Planning Committee	-	Chairperson	Celia Levine
Membership Committee	-	Chairperson	Haruko Brown

The committees are making plans for our Fall activities.

We plan to continue our educational meetings. We had two stimulating discussions on Ernest Becker's Denial of Death.

Our new brochure is printed, and we are very pleased with how it turned out. We have offered the use of our logo, with the new letters "SCSWP" for the use of the whole State Society.

Our membership is growing and we are planning a more concerted membership drive in the Fall.

At our last program meeting, Dr. Michael Beck, Ph.D., presented "Resistance Therapy" to Suffolk Chapter members. A discussion of the various techniques used by Dr. Beck followed. The meeting was well attended and reflected the continuing interest of Suffolk members in new psychotherapeutic techniques. After election of new officers, the Suffolk Chapter will be planning a number of clinical seminars in the Fall of 1976.

WESTCHESTER-ROCKLAND CHAPTER

by Martin Pollens

On Saturday, May 8, 1976, the Westchester-Rockland Chapter, SCSWP, sponsored an All-Day Symposium: How to Select an Institute for Postgraduate Training, moderated by Marty Pollens, CSM, President of the Chapter. Attended by over 45 clinical colleagues, the program featured the following chapter members and/or guests affiliated with the major institutes in Westchester County and New York City:

- June Goldberg, CSM - National Institute of the Psychotherapies
- Stanley Seidman, CSM - National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysts
- Geraldine Costa, CSM - Long Island Institute for Mental Health
- Bob Schavrien, CSM - Nathan Ackerman Institute for Family Therapy
- Barbara Freedman, CSM - Center for Family Learning, New Rochelle
- Vera Fuchsman, CSM - White Institute and Center for Family Learning
- Claire Wenning, Ed.D. - New York Society of Freudian Psychologists
- Vito Guarnaccia, Ph.D. - New York Institute for Multi-Modal Therapy
- Carole Pearl, M.A. - New York Society for Multi-Modal Therapy
- Linda Fleischmann, CSM - Westchester Institute for the Study of Psychoanalysts and Psychotherapy
- Susan Lamb, CSM - Institute for the Study of Psychotherapy

In the Fall of 1976 the Westchester-Rockland Chapter will be sponsoring a series of 4 mini-courses in the clinical area. These courses will consist of 4-5 sessions each and will be presented by experts in given areas of clinical expertise. For further information, contact Geraldine T. Costa, 500 Weaver Street, Larchmont, New York, 914-834-3717. Brochures will be distributed prior to the Summer.

-----by the Editors Estelle F. Charles and Conrad S. Semler
 Note: PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE ...

All Chapter correspondence to this Newsletter must be submitted in typewritten form. It provides less stress and strain to us as well as the typist. MANY, MANY, MANY THANKS.

COMITTEE REPORTS

BY-LAWS

by Rose Duc-Thanh

The Committee has devoted five Sundays working diligently toward achieving our goals already stated in the last Newsletter. The main focus has been to strengthen the foundation of our Society and the unification of our forces in order to together effectively tackle the vital tasks ahead.

A great deal of feedback, ideas, opinions have been channelled to our Committee through various Chapters and direct communication with Committee members. It is rewarding to note that the revision of these By-Laws has been done through due democratic process. We wish to express our sincere thanks again to those members who have provided us with so much support and cooperation.

Our last meeting took place on May 22, 1976. Any touch up to be done will be done during the Summer with final product to be submitted to the membership for approval in September 1976.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

by Estelle F. Charles

On March 29, 1976 I was invited by Robert E. Jones, a graduate student at Fordham University, School of Social Work, to address the student-body on the position of licensing as promulgated by our Society. I gave a historical summary of our position (legislative and educational), starting with 1971 up to the present time. The Society was one of six organizations presenting views on the licensing question.

SOCIAL ACTION

by Beverly Unger

I'm sure you've been wondering what's been happening on the Legislative front. We've been champing at the bit to let you know, but unfortunately, the legislators move in tortoise-like ways, and, like students readying themselves for final exams, dawdle through the winter months and rev up in May! So, here it is:

As we are doing this report on May 5th, the information contained herein is current. At the May 22nd State meeting Jim Ryan updated the information.

On March 18th Assemblyman Landes, Chairman of the Higher Education Committee, held hearings for Social Work Licensing. I testified for us and I'm pleased to say that our presentation for licensing Clinical Social Work Psychotherapy was well received.

However, from the point of view of licensing the profession, I would estimate that the hearing was a fiasco. It became obvious that Landes was most reluctant to accept the principle of licensing because of the multitude of exempt groups, the inability of the profession to define what would be criminal action by those purporting to be Social Workers, and by the inclusion of several categories within the field that don't pertain to Mental Health in any whatsoever.

In a follow-up meeting with him on April 24th in his Great Neck office, a Nassau contingent of Joy Rich, Stan Foodim and I attending, he further commented that the Bill needs to be changed if it is to be passed at all. He believes that educational requirements alone for licensing are unconstitutional. That we must include the right for anyone to take the examination. He suggests we sharpen up the definition of psychotherapy so that the definition of our activity is clear enough for the State to criminally enforce it for the public protection. He also suggested that we include continuing education as a stipulation for maintenance of licensing, and build in a PSRO for private practice. He said he would enter-tain a revision of our Certification Law this year but that in no way would he go with licensing the Social Work Profession. He is looking to the development of a generic bill to license all those who deal in mental health healing.

Jim Ryan has been in contact with Senator Wertz, who would like to go with the bill as it stands now (since he introduced it). Our lobbyist is not totally optimistic under the circumstances. The Licensing Bill will be discussed next week by the Senate Higher Education Committee. In the meantime, our Chapters and State Executive Board have sent telegrams to Senator Gioffredda, Chairman, as well as to the members of the Committee in their areas.

Telegrams were also sent to Senator Dunne and Senator Flynn of the Insurance Committee. A Westchester delegation has checked through very carefully on the Third-Party-Payment Bill where there seems to be political buck-passing as to who is for the bill and who is stopping the movement.

NASW tells us that Dunne is in favor, but Jim Ryan reports that, in speaking to Dunne's people, there seems to be a lack of enthusiasm for the bill. We are suggesting an amendment to reimburse only those Certified Social Workers who have had at least four years Post-Graduate experience. At this point, NASW is suggesting payment to those with one thousand hours experience.

(That's as much as I put in on this non-paying job in a month!)

Jim is contacting Ken Skinner, the NASW State Council President, to present a more coordinated front. Assemblyman Landes assured us personally that he would work to pass the Third-Party-Payment Bill this year. He was instrumental in getting it passed in the Assembly last year, when it got stuck in the Senate Committee. We'll let you know when you can be of help to get it moving this year.

In the meantime, Jim is working to amend the Certification Law to define Clinical Social Work Psychotherapy and coordinate this for identification with the Insurance Committee's Third-Party-Payment Bill.

from the **editors** -- ESTELLE F. CHARLES & CONRAD S. SEMLER

We find it appalling that the majority of the membership of the Society of Clinical Social Work Psychotherapists is not actively involved. This is manifested in poor attendance, lack of concrete support and overall apathy.

In the last issue of this Newsletter we appealed for greater active participation by the membership in order to realize our goal of recognition as peer members in the Mental Health profession.

We are overwhelmed by the lack of response!

However, this does not deter us from wishing all of you a happy and relaxed Summer.

Lst you think that this sentiment is completely altruistic - we want to go on record as hoping that this wish will provide the energy to enable you to apply yourselves with renewed vigor and determination to the fulfillment of the goals of the Society of Clinical Social Work Psychotherapists.

Note: Any comments, suggestions, letters, complaints, etc. can be addressed to us at 350 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3308, New York, N. Y. 10001, (212) 564-9166.

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Write: Dr. Wilfred Quaytman, Clinic Director, Long Island Consultation Center, 97-29 64th Road, Forest Hills, New York 11374.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICES

"New York Conference on Borderline Disorders" sponsored by the Advanced Institute for Analytic Psychotherapy at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel, 106 Central Park South, New York City, Saturday, November 20, 1976, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Papers by Harold F. Searles, Peter L. Giovacchini, James F. Masterson and other prominent psychoanalysts. Kurt Adler, moderator.

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Summer International Human Relations Conferences. The Institute for Human Relations Laboratory Training, Box 233, Kensington Station, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218 (telephone: 212-941-1917) will sponsor a series of two week Human Relations Conferences in Greece during Summer 1976. The Conferences are open to the public and are designated to improve and enhance the human relations skills required of individuals in most occupations.

The Long Island Institute for Mental Health, affiliated with the Long Island Consultation Center, Forest Hills, is now accepting applications for the September 1976 semester. The part-time, three-year program is offered to professional MSWs and psychologists. The goal of the program is to train those highly qualified persons who aspire to professional careers in the field of psychotherapy. For brochure or information, call (212) 896-3400, or write to: Harriet Distler, Administrative Assistant, Long Island Institute for Mental Health, 97-29 64th Road, Forest Hills, New York 11374.



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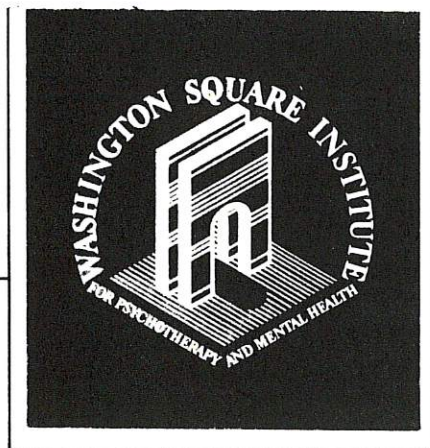
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