



# North Carolina School Social Workers' Association

Spring 2009

## Message from the President



Anne Loy  
President NCSSWA

Greetings. Like many of you, I am counting the days until the end of the 2008-2009 school year. Just a few more weeks of classes and making it through the End of Grade Testing rituals and we'll be home free! It has been a fast and furious year. The last few months have been especially troubling. Many of us have dealt with the fear and uncertainty regarding our jobs with the State budget crunch. In February, the Association sent well over 50 letters to various legislative committees, the State School Board, and Governor Perdue to emphasize the need to retain school social work positions and provide the needed funding in the budget to support our profession. We are still in a state of not knowing

the full affect of the budget deficits and what next year will bring. We must continue to be advocates for ourselves, as well as our families and students in need. It is my hope that the summer will provide us time to get rested, renewed, and rejuvenated.

Speaking of personal rejuvenation, you must mark your calendar for the 2009 fall conference and plan to join us in Pinehurst from October 28-30<sup>th</sup>. Ann Marie McBride, our vice-president, has pulled together an outstanding program that is sure to provide you with some of the best professional development available. Our breakout sessions will cover topics of human trafficking, substance abuse and addiction, Autism and

Asperger's Syndrome, female gangs, domestic violence and its influence on children, and homelessness. Our opening speaker is a nationally known presenter whose focus is depression in the Black community. Terrie Williams will join us on Thursday morning and talk about "Black Pain." Our closing keynote will focus on the Native American culture as we take the journey with two students to find their first grade teacher, Mrs. Locklear. Both of these sessions sound amazing. You don't want to miss a minute! In addition to the conference, itself, being fantastic, remember, we are at the Pinehurst Resort and it is gorgeous! We have negotiated exceptional room

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# NCSSWA 2009 Fall Conference

October 28-30, 2009 \* Pinehurst Resort \* Pinehurst, NC  
([www.pinehurst.com](http://www.pinehurst.com))

See page 4  
for  
registration  
form!



We need volunteers to help work on the conference.  
If you happen to be near Pinehurst...all the better!  
Please consider joining us as we work on this being the best conference ever!

Contact: Ann Marie McBride : [AnnMarie.Mcbride@bcsemail.org](mailto:AnnMarie.Mcbride@bcsemail.org)

## President's message continued...

Rates of \$ 99.00 for a double room and we are offering a discount for the conference fee if you register early! The Board and the Planning Committee are fully aware that most of us will be attending without the financial support of our school districts, so we have worked hard to make it worth every minute and every dime spent. Go ahead and make plans to join us in October.

Katrina and I attended the March 5<sup>th</sup> State School Board meeting. We took the opportunity to speak with Dr. Atkinson about our concerns regarding the proposed cuts in school social work. She encouraged us to continue to contact our legislators to express our concerns, educate the members to our purpose

in schools, and advocate for our members.

March 18<sup>th</sup> was Legislative Day in Raleigh and we had representation at the state level, contacting legislators and sharing information about school social workers and our roles in our schools.

Several of our members attended the SSWAA National Conference in Philadelphia in March. Ann Marie and Katrina Nesmith, the President-Elect, reported that they heard excellent presentations on Response to Intervention (RTI) and evidence-based practice of school social workers. They networked with other state associations and learned new ideas for NCSSWA.

Please take time to talk to

your co-workers and emphasize the importance of belonging to your professional organizations. Election for new officers is coming in the fall. Consider taking a more active role in NCSSWA and run for one of the Executive Board positions. All of the offices are open except President and Katrina Nesmith will be serving in that role for the next two-year term. Feel free to contact any of the current Board members with any questions about offices or responsibilities of the Board. The growth and future of our Association rests with all of us.

**Ann Loy**  
President NCSSWA

# Fall Conference Planning: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

**Q: How do you choose a venue?**

**A:** Our association has grown over the past several years, and in many ways that growth dictates which venues will be able to accommodate our group. We need ballroom space for at least 300 for a luncheon, as well as 5-6 breakout rooms. When we have established a list of possible venues in the designated region of the state, we accept proposals from all the facilities on the list. From there, we try to negotiate the best room rates, best dates, and least expensive meeting room and food/beverage charges. This often means visiting the facility for a tour and working with the salesperson to ensure that our group would be comfortable in their facility. The facility that makes the best offer generally gets our business.



**Q: How do you decide where in the state the fall conference will be each year?**

**A:** Many factors are used when deciding on a venue. For many years, we have been moving the conference from the mountains, to the beach, and then to the central part of the state. While this rotation offers some convenience (every third year) to members on the Eastern and Western sides of the state, it can sometimes make planning difficult. Local Planning Committees are critical in assisting the Vice President in finding local speakers, collecting donations from local businesses, and offering to assist with tasks needed during the conference. Some advantages of choosing one centrally located venue and booking several years in advance include closer proximity to the majority of members and potential speakers, bargaining leverage with the facility for a multi-year contract, and less wasted time on scouting for new venues each year. The board is looking at the possibility of a multi-year contract in the central part of the state.

**Q: Why don't we have a coffee break between sessions on Thursday afternoon?**

**A:** Right now, our conference is extremely reasonably priced. You receive 12 continuing education contact hours for less than \$10 each (not including the NCSSWA membership fee). When you add tax and 20% gratuity, that "cookie and cup of coffee" just cost \$10, minimum! This cost would have to be added to the conference fee. While we can provide a hospitality suite with food brought in from outside the facility, we are not allowed to serve our food in public areas, including meeting rooms. Hotels make their money on food and beverage. We work very hard to keep our cost down so that we can keep **your cost down**. We don't want money to become a barrier preventing you from attending the only state conference devoted to School Social Work.



**Q: How can I get involved in the conference planning?**

**A: Let me count the ways:**

**Heard a good speaker?** Get contact information such as name, email, phone number, organization and areas of expertise and send to them to us.

**Volunteer** to help with registration or with facilitating breakout sessions (introducing speakers and collecting evaluation forms.)

**Collect** donations for the silent auction and door prizes.

**Fill out** your evaluation forms at the conference (yes, we really do read each and every one and we do our best to use the feedback to improve each year.)

**Consider joining the board!** Each board member contributes to the success of the fall conference. If you are interested, contact anyone on the board to find out about different board members' roles and responsibilities. See form on page ...

The Vice President, Ann-Marie McBride, is the coordinator for the fall conference. If you have questions, or would like to participate in the planning process, please contact her by email: [annmarie.mcbride@bcsemail.org](mailto:annmarie.mcbride@bcsemail.org)



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# North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Update

## Division of K-12 Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology

### North Carolina School Social Workers Association's Executive Board Meeting May 1, 2009

#### ***Update: School Social Worker Evaluation Process***

On December 4, 2008, the SBE approved the newly developed *North Carolina Professional School Social Work Standards*. Like the standards for the administrators and teachers, these professional standards will be used to develop the new school social worker evaluation instrument and process. Currently, there is not a new school social worker evaluation instrument aligned to the new school social work standards. The new school social worker evaluation instrument will follow the development process of the new school executive and teacher evaluation instruments. In the interim, district personnel administrators should determine the best process to evaluate school social workers.

#### ***North Carolina Professional School Social Work Standards Case Studies/Scenarios***

A work committee consisting of representatives from local schools and districts, institutions of higher education, professional organizations, are developing case studies/scenarios to support training on the *North Carolina Professional School Social Work Standards*.

#### ***State Board Approved the Revision to the Eligibility Requirements for Provisional Licenses in School Social Work***

On Thursday, April 2, 2009, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved the proposed revision to the eligibility requirements for provisional licensing in school social work. Provisional licenses are issued only at the request of the employing LEA. The effective date for the new eligibility requirements is July 1, 2009. To be eligible for a provisional license, the individual must be assigned in the license area. The new eligibility requirements for the school social work area are completion of a bachelor's, master's, specialist, or doctoral degree in social work.

Submitted by,  
Teresa A. Smith, MBA, M.A., NCC, NCSC  
K-12 Student Support Services Consultant

**It is**

time to start thinking about nominations for next years NCSSWA Board Officers. We will be holding elections at our Fall Conference in Pinehurst Oct. 28th -30th. We need nominations for the following offices: President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian Fill out the form below to nominate yourself or a colleague. **Be sure and let your colleague know you have nominated them.**



## Nomination Form

NCSSWA Board Office

Name of School Social Worker: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in holding the office of \_\_\_\_\_

Experience as School Social Worker \_\_\_\_\_

I think \_\_\_\_\_ would be a good candidate for the position of \_\_\_\_\_.

What characteristics/skills do you or nominee possess to fulfill the duties of this elected office?

Person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send completed application to Shari E. Coveney**

102 Doar Rd. Chapel Hill, NC 27514 or email to [shari\\_coveney@abss.k12.nc.us](mailto:shari_coveney@abss.k12.nc.us)

# Committee Reports

## Legislative Committee Report

### Description of Activities since January 2009:

1) NCSSWA has been busy with legislative activity since the Governor's budget was released. Efforts were made by Anne Loy, Danielle Woodall, Jack Register, and myself to get information to school social workers across the state about the importance of contacting their representatives to ensure that cuts were not made to school social work positions and Child and Family Support Teams. Draft letters were sent along with contact information for members of the Senate and House of Representatives to encourage others to make contact and advocate for these positions to remain.

2) Attached is information

from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Economic stimulus funds). All of these documents can be accessed at -- <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html#apps>. These are Fact Sheets and Guidance for Title I, ESEA; IDEA, Part B; IDEA, Part C; Voc Rehab; Independent Living; and the State Stabilization Fund. For the State Stabilization Fund, the application is also posted at the same site.

Please forward this information to school social work supervisors and LEAs so that they can use this information in talking to their school districts about preserving school social work positions....and

possibly hiring new SSWs.

3) Thanks to Myrna Mandlawiz, SSWAA lobbyist, U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and U.S. Congressman Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) for their work in the National School Social Work Resolution. Thanks also to [Rep Miller, Brad](#) [NC-13] for signing on as a co-sponsor! A copy is attached.

4) Listed below is information provided by the Covenant with NC's Children in March that is relevant to school social work.

The Governor is proposing a \$17.4 million cut to the \$172.4 million base budget for the Department of Juvenile Justice.

### Program Cuts and Expansions in Juvenile Justice

#### CUTS

1. Truth-in-budgeting reforms - As with other departments, the Governor is proposing to eliminate the appropriation for unfilled positions. \$4,990,560 in FY10 and FY11.

2. Eliminate seven central office positions, including three facility investigators. \$426,955 in FY10 and FY11.

3. 7% cuts in pass through funding for the Boys and Girls Clubs, Project Challenge, and Juvenile Crime Prevention

Councils. \$1,656,400 in FY10 and FY11.

4. Eliminate the Support Our Students Program. \$5,911,297 in FY10 and FY11.

5. Close the Alamance Multi-Purpose Home. \$600,000 in FY10 and FY11.

6. Cut funding for the One-on-One Program and the Juvenile Assessment Center by 7%. \$126,763 in FY10 and FY11.

7. Eckerd Wilderness Camps -

Close one camp serving 45 youth, stop serving out-of-state youth, and shorten the stay for some youth. The Governor recommends transferring the 45 youth from the closed camp to one of the other six. \$1,435,000 in FY10 and FY11.

8. Close Camp Woodson Wilderness Camp. \$1,050,000 in FY10 and FY11.

9. Eliminate 19 Youth Development Center positions. \$948,994 in FY10 and FY11.

## Program Cuts and Expansions in Juvenile Justice cont...

### EXPANSIONS

1. Gang Prevention and Intervention Pilot Program. This program will focus on preventing gang involvement and intervening with youth already involved in a gang. The program will only serve the greater Charlotte area

and the Eastern NC counties of Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson, and Halifax. \$6,000,000 non-recurring allocation in FY10.

2. Additional Juvenile Court Counselors - This item will open up 12 new court counselor positions with two new supervisors. It is a one-time allocation of \$1.5 million

from the stimulus package. I don't really know what's the point of hiring 14 new people when the state will have no money to pay for them the next year. Sorry, it's the end of the week and I'm starting to editorialize. (note from Rob) .

### EDUCATION

The Governor has proposed cutting **\$297 million** out of the \$8.245 billion base budget for the Public Education budget. This is the State Board of Education and the DPI budget all in one.

### Public Education Cuts and Expansions

#### STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND CUTS

1. Truth-in-budgeting Reform - This cut basically eliminates the allocation for all unfilled staff positions at DPI. \$23,310,334 in FY10 and FY11.

2. LEA Central Office Salary Cuts - This item cuts salaries for LEA central office staff by 5%. \$6,460,262 in FY10 and FY11.

3. LEA Flexibility Reduction - This is an interesting one, especially given the dollar amount: \$144,000,000 in FY10 and FY11. The Governor is telling the state Board of Education to administer this cut based on Average Daily Membership. In the budget, it states that this item won't impact classroom services, but I'm not sure how that works.

4. Reduce School Resource Officer Allotment - Each high school has a School Resource

Officer to work with at-risk students. This item would adjust their salaries to the 08-09 levels. \$1,202,256 in FY10 and FY11.

5. School Technology - This item is a 40% reduction in the \$10 million annual appropriation for school technology funds, so \$4 million will be cut in FY10 and FY11. The Governor states that money from the stimulus package dedicated to educational technology will mitigate this cut, but does not specify an amount.

6. More at Four - This item eliminates 202 slots that are currently unallocated. This is a recurring cut so these slots will not come back. \$1,010,000 in FY10 and FY11.

7. Instructional Materials and Supplies - This item decreases the inflationary adjustment of materials and

supplies. \$2,565,064 in FY10 and \$5,207,207 in FY11.

8. Eliminate approximately 300 clerical and custodial positions. \$10,305,072 in FY10 and FY11.

9. Eliminate the **Improving Student Accountability allotment** category. I'm not exactly sure what this does, but it's a big hunk of money - \$38,339,798 in FY10 and FY11. The Governor states that the stimulus package "may" offset this cut.

10. The Collaborative Project - This cuts DPI funds for the Collaborative Project by 10% or \$483,373 in FY10 and FY11.

11. Testing - The Governor directs the State Board of Education to eliminate \$2 million in FY10 and FY11 in unnecessary testing, so long as they aren't required for graduation or by No Child Left Behind.

## Public Education Cuts and Expansions cont...

### PUBLIC EDUCATION EXPANSION

1. Diagnostic Assessment and Accountability - This is money to pay for a new Standard Course of Study for all content areas and grade levels to be developed by the State Board of Education. It's a one-time (FY10) allocation of \$4,703,917.

2. Comprehensive School Reform - this allocation will

pay for 23 new slots to help struggling schools and districts improve student achievement and will be a recurring allocation of \$3,023,546.

3. NC Virtual Public Schools - This is a recurring allocation of \$2 million.

4. Dropout Prevention Grants - This money will be distributed across the state to entities that are selected

by the Dropout Prevention Committee. \$6,693,060 in FY10 and FY11.

5. Learn and Earn Early College High Schools - This program allows High School students to get college credit before graduation. This will expand the program to 12 new sites. \$3,601,265 in FY10 and FY11..

### Other Bills of interest to School Social Workers (information obtained from the Covenant)

**H88** - Healthy Youth Act (Sex Ed) - The House Appropriations Subcommittee approved the bill in April after the House Health Committee moved it.

**H548 / S526** - School Violence Prevention Act (bullying bill)

**H218 / S737** - Parental and Student Educational Involvement Act (Due process for long-term suspensions and expulsions).

**H443** - Parental Involvement in School Discipline (corporal punishment) - Now that the school boards are okay with the compromise bill, the bill passed easily out of the House Education Committee. It'll be heard next in the House Judiciary I Committee.

**H539** - Merge Smart Start / More at Four (NOTE - this is not a Cove-

nant agenda bill, but it is extremely important to the future of early childhood care in the state). This bill has been referred to the Education Committee. After significant push back from local DPIs and others, bill sponsors are working to accommodate stakeholders and advocates. UPDATE: In its budget, the Senate proposed a nearly incomprehensible transfer of More at Four to DCD.

**H656 / S666** - MH Proceedings / No Restraint - This bill would prevent the shackling of youth during MH hearings. It's been referred to the House Judiciary II Committee and the Senate Judiciary I Committee.

**H658 / S603** - Funds for JCPC - This bill would allocate an additional \$500,000 to JCPCs across the state. The bill has been referred to the Appropriations Com-

mittee. (JCPC funding will not be determined by this bill; it will be worked out in the overall budget process).

**S 732.** Est. Study Comm./ Early Childhood Programs. (Preston). The bill proposes a study commission to (1) assess the feasibility and desirability of consolidating NCPC and More at Four, (2) consider any needed adjustments and the necessary reprioritization of funds to realize the maximum benefit to the State's children and families and to (3) review any other matters the commission deems relevant. Senate Rules. **Status:** no action. (Courtesy of Roz Savitt, NC Child Care Coalition)



**Other Bills of interest to School Social Workers cont...**

**H783** - Study Comm. / Youth Aging Out of Foster Care (Adams, M. Alexander, Earle, Wiley). This bill passed out of the Juvenile Justice Committee last week and will move the House Rules Committee.

**H 818.** Child Care Subsidy Funds. (Insko, Bordsen, M.

Alexander, Earle). Appropriates \$11 million to reduce the waiting list. The bill is a recommendation from the Joint Legislative Study Commission on Children and Youth. **Status:** House Appropriations. No action. (Courtesy of Roz Savitt, NC Child Care Coalition).

**H1414** Youth Accountability Act (Bordsen). This bill would raise the age of juvenile jurisdiction from 16 to 18, so that we don't automatically prosecute 16 and 17 year-olds as adults (we're one of two states in the country that still does this). Bill hasn't been referred to a committee yet.

**Committee Reports cont.**

**BSW Program Liaison**  
 Licensure inquiries are coming in; we still struggle with RALC representatives choosing to work with licensure candidates with social work degrees instead of referring them to an approved program and with school systems choosing to hire people into school social work jobs who don't have the BSW program.

**BSW Liaison**  
 Linda R. Williams  
 williams@social.chass.ncsu.edu

**Membership Committee**  
 As of today there are 267 NCSSWA members. Several regions held membership specials at their Spring workshop and over 25 new members were added as a result. These new memberships will be good until the Fall Conference.

<u>Region</u>	<u>#</u>
Western	20
SouthEast	44
SouthWest	40
Northeast	24
NorthWest	25
Raleigh	114

**Committee Chair**  
 Elizabeth Munson  
 emunson@rock.k12.c.us

**Fall Conference Planning Committee**

Two local SSW's agreed to co-chair the local committee and have received feedback from several local SSW's who are willing to serve on the committee. We have secured a Keynote speaker (Terrie Williams of the Stay Strong Foundation) and a closing session presentation is being formulated. The Wednesday plenary session will be a networking session with questions posted on each table and time to discuss, then move on to the next topic. We would like to find a sponsor for this session that will assist in providing business card holder albums so that each SSW can exchange and organize their business cards in this session. The topics for the breakout sessions include: human trafficking, bipolar in children, homeless students, domestic violence and children, a truancy panel, family dynamics of addictions, and female gangs.

**Committee Chair:**  
 Ann-Marie McBride

**Committee Members**  
 Lisa Hooks, Jenny Pilcher, Sarah Brinson, Sue Sweney, Lisa Burris



# NCSSWA 2009 School Social Worker of the Year

Nominate someone !

Below is the nomination form...remember they must be a member or NCSSWA.

## NCSSWA

### SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Name of School Social Worker: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why you would like to nominate this person for North Carolina School Social Worker of the Year and what distinguishes this nominee as individual deserving recognition of this honor? What unique skills and / or leadership roles does this individual offer to the profession of School Social Work in North Carolina?

Person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send completed Nomination Form to Katrina Nesmith, MSW**  
117 Tom Wilkinson Road Durham, NC 27712 by September 15, 2009 or via email to  
[Katrina.Nesmith@dpsnc.net](mailto:Katrina.Nesmith@dpsnc.net)

**NCSSWA 2009 School Social Worker of the Year**

If you have been nominated or have nominated someone...here is the application that needs to be completed and submitted by October 1, 2009.

**North Carolina School Social Worker's Association**

**APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Newspaper Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Education:**

College/University	Degree	Graduation Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**Employment History:**

Employer	Job Title	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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*NCSSWA School Social Worker of the Year application continued...*

*Please indicate any additional social work credentials besides certifications from Department of Public Instruction (LCSW, NASW Certification, Specialist, etc.)*

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**Awards/ Honors: (please list all within the last five years)**

Title

Date Received

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**Professional Organizations:**

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**Respond to the following questions on a separate sheet. All responses should be typed double space. Each question is evaluated on a 1-5 scale.**

1. Why did you decide to become a School Social Worker?
2. What has been most challenging in your career as a School Social Worker?
3. What is one of the most memorable events during your career as a School Social Worker?
4. What are some unique contributions that you have made to School Social Work in your school district, community -such as task force, committees, etc..

*Please send completed application to Katrina Nesmith, MSW  
117 Tom Wilkinson Road, Durham, NC 27712 by **October 1, 2009**  
Or email to Katrina Nesmith, MSW at [Katrina.Nesmith@dpsnc.net](mailto:Katrina.Nesmith@dpsnc.net)*

# Regional Reports

## Southeast Region

The Southeast Regional Spring meeting was held Wednesday, March 11, at the Strategic Behavioral Center in Leland. The center is a 72 bed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) specifically designed for child/adolescent services. Our meeting started with a brief tour of the campus. We then met with the center's staff to learn more about the admission process and their treatment program. The day included a networking lunch, the opportunity to share ideas and problem solve. Thanks so much to the 30 School Social Workers (from 4 different counties) in attendance. If you are interested in learning more about Strategic Behavioral Center and the services they offer please visit [www.strategicbh.com](http://www.strategicbh.com).

### **Regional Representatives**

Lisa Burris  
[lisa2014@earthlink.net](mailto:lisa2014@earthlink.net)  
Sara Brinson  
[sbrinson@nhcs.k12.nc.us](mailto:sbrinson@nhcs.k12.nc.us)

## Southwest Region

Gaston County School Social Workers hosted the Spring Regional Conference March 13, 2009 at the Gaston County Police Department. Topics presented at the conference included Gangs, Human Trafficking, Truancy Partnership Program, County Crisis Team, and Mediation/Conflict Resolution. This conference was well attended and we had the honor of enrolling 5 new members to NCSSWA.

### **Regional Representatives**

Sara Morrell  
[sara.morrell@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:sara.morrell@cms.k12.nc.us)  
Joyce Smith  
[jrsmith@gaston.k12.nc.us](mailto:jrsmith@gaston.k12.nc.us)

## Western Region

Through the hard work of Vice President Ann-Marie McBride, we were lucky enough to secure Cheri Britton of "Boom Thinking" for our spring regional meeting. The result was the Western region's best-attended meeting to date. The meeting had 27 attendees, thirteen of whom signed up to be members! Attendees left with a spring in their step and a feeling of revitalization. What a great treat to help School Social Workers stay focused and positive as the school years ends.

Cheri agreed to speak at the meeting pro-bono in exchange for consideration as a speaker for the 2010 NCSSWA conference in Asheville, and for recommendations to other groups and associations. Cheri Britton is a speaker who captivates the audience immediately, and keeps them engaged using her unique mix of humor and honesty. The evaluations ranked the meeting and the speaker as excellent. I encourage everyone to learn more about Cheri Britton and "Boom Thinking" at her website: [www.boomthinking.com](http://www.boomthinking.com)

### **Regional Representatives**

Emily Walters  
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Karen Klutz  
[karperry@msn.com](mailto:karperry@msn.com)



# Regional Reports

## Raleigh Region

The Raleigh Region Spring Conference was held Friday, February 27, 2009 at the United Church of Chapel Hill located at 1321 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in Chapel Hill.

- Cost of the facility was \$80.00
- Food was \$186.00
- Copies made for speakers was \$123.00
- Speakers cost \$300.00
- Cost of the conference was \$10.00; \$15.00 for Non-Members; \$5.00 for students.
- Profit on workshop was \$106.00 after expenses
- 73 school social workers attended.
- The two presenters were excellent and well received, Sabrina Garcia with the Chapel Hill Police Department spoke on the "Shaping of Violence Upon Children" and Will Dudenhausen with the Orange County Dispute Settlement Center spoke on "Resolving Conflict through Collaboration with the schools".
- .4 CEUs were awarded
- Seven school social workers joined NCSSWA that day during the one time \$20.00 membership fee offered.

An evaluation was submitted by attendees and will be reviewed to determine topics interest for future meetings.

### **Regional Representatives**

Elizabeth Munson  
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Susan Sweney  
sksweney@wcpss.net

## Northeastern Region

The Northeast region meeting and luncheon occurred February 20, 2009.

### **Issues discussed:**

- NCSSWA membership
- Regional NCSSWA recognition ideas
- Handout re: updates from Jack Register (updated information is available on the NCSSWA website)
- School Social Workers Week, which was March 1-7, 2009: Happy belated School Social Workers Week : )

**Bonna Meadows** (System of Care Coordinator, AMHC) discussed the updates happening within the agency. She distributed information and brochures including Teen Drug Abuse, Touch Talk, Bullying, and Good Touch, Bad Touch.

**Rebecca Martin** (NBPTS Counselor, Perquimans County Schools Parent Coordinator/Alternative Education Counselor) shared funny antics, stories, and encouraged us to take care of our own health and well-being.

### **Regional Representative**

Latonia Johnson  
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## PBS Video

*A Must See for School Administrators*

### "Schools Cope with Rising Numbers of Homeless Students."

PBS (TV not Positive Behavioral Support) has produced this show which highlights the Howe Elementary School faculty and staff in Green Bay, WI with the school social worker playing a prominent role. Check it out—it's only 8 minutes.

This may be a good video to share with school administrators. It highlights the SSW role with homeless kids and families and the collaboration with teachers.

The link...

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/video/module.html?mod=0&pkg=31032009&seg=3>

### 2009 Dates to Remember

<b>SSWAA Summer Summit</b>	<b>July 13, 2009- Washington D.C.</b>
<b>NCSSWA Board Meeting</b>	<b>August 1, 2009– Burlington, NC</b>
<b>2009 NCSWA Fall Conference</b>	<b>Oct. 28-30, 2009—Pinehurst, NC</b>

### JOIN NCSSWA TODAY

Know someone in your school district that is not a member of the NCSSWA?

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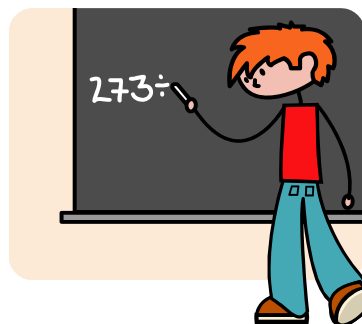
- Receiving valuable information through the quarterly newsletter
- Fall Conference offering CEUs
- Regional Spring Workshops offering CEUs
- Professional development opportunities
- Updates on current legislative actions which affect children in North Carolina as well as the school social work profession
- A voice in the development of policies and procedures
- Voting privileges
- Networking with other school social workers

Regular membership \$35.00

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 Macon  
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 Polk  
 Rutherford  
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 Yancey

## Northwest

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 Ashe  
 Avery  
 Burke  
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 Catawba  
 Davidson  
 Davie  
 Forsyth  
 Iredell  
 Stokes  
 Surry  
 Watauga  
 Wilkes  
 Yadkin

## Southwest

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 Hoke  
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