



North Carolina School Social Workers' Association

Winter 2009

Message from the President



Anne Loy
President NCSSWA

Greetings. This year has been a great one for the Association. Your Board is working hard. At our last Board meeting in January, we reviewed the evaluations from the fall conference at Atlantic Beach. There were many positive remarks and Ann Marie and her small committee deserve all the credit for the well planned program.

We have begun to plan the 2009 fall conference and we are excited to announce that our conference will take us back to the beautiful Pinehurst Resort. A few years ago, we held a spring meeting there. The accommodations are just wonderful! Our dates are looking like the end of October and we have negotiated great rates—so mark your

calendars for October 28-30th. Ann Marie and her planning committee would welcome your thoughts or suggestions on workshops or other ideas for the conference. We only received evaluation forms from about half of the conference attendees. We really do use them for future planning and development. You can reach her at annmarie.mcbride@bcsemail.org if you would like to share some ideas for the 2009 fall conference. If you happen to live near Pinehurst, please consider helping the Planning Committee as they make final arrangements for the conference.

Your Regional Chairs are making plans for spring conferences across the

state. Check the Regional updates for specifics. Topics like human trafficking, truancy collaborative programs, immigration issues, behavioral mental health resources, and domestic violence are only a few of the issues being addressed at regional meetings.

Legislatively, there is a lot going on in Raleigh. March 18th is Lobby Day. Go to NASW website and review the plans for that day. We need to stay abreast of the work of NASW as they push the Social Work Title Protection Bill. Jack Register, our Board liaison to NASW, continues to work on the Workforce Study Bill. We were able to share our concerns about our profession as NASW put together this

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50 Edgecombe County Students Headed to Johns Hopkins for Field Trip



I am pleased to announce I have received a **Target Field Trip Grant**. I will be taking fifty 5th - 8th grade students to Johns Hopkins University to hear

Dr. Ben Carson's Think Big Presentation. He is a professor and director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Institute and best-selling author of *Gifted Hands*, *The Big Picture* and *Think Big*. He rose from a tough life (he should have been one of our statistics, dropout, gang member, etc.) to one of amazing accomplishments and interna-

tional renown. He learned that he had potential, he learned how to unleash it, and he did. He shares motivation insight with kids and corporate executives alike. Think **B i g s t a n d s f o r :**

- Talent
- Honesty
- Insight
- Nice
- Knowledge
- Books
- In-depth
- Knowledge
- God



I think this will be a great opportunity for students who don't have any dreams and believe they will never amount to anything. Many of my students have never been out of Edgecombe County, so it will also be a learning experience to travel to Baltimore. I am very excited about this grant!



Submitted by,
Carol Cobb, MSW, LCSW
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2009 Dates to Remember

SSWAA Summer Summit	July 13, 2009- Washington D.C.
Southeast Regional Meeting	March 11, 2009—11:00am, Leland, NC
Northwest Regional Meeting	March 26, 2009—8:30am- Yadkinville, NC
2009 NCSWA Fall Conference	October 28-30, 2009—Pinehurst, NC

(Wonder which region you are in? Look on page 6 for NCSSWA Regions)

study bill.

There are social justice bills dealing with corporal punishment and bullying that are going back for another round in the Legislative arena. The Healthy Youth Act that focuses on teaching sexuality education in North Carolina is coming before the legislature. We, the Board of the NCSSWA, signed on a letter of endorsement that we support providing abstinence-based, scientifically-accurate comprehensive sex education to students in N.C. We agreed that we believe young people deserve information that will help them make lifelong responsible decisions. We agreed

that young people need and deserve a healthy living curriculum that includes information about abstinence as well as the effectiveness of birth control and condoms in preventing unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

The Department of Public Instruction is undergoing changes and we will try our best to stay visible and vocal. Teresa Smith, our state consultant, continues to support our profession at the state level. Changes may come and change is often uncomfortable, but stay informed and remember to highlight your work and your purpose. That being

said, remember that School Social Worker's Week is coming-- March 2nd through March 6th. The Governor's Office may not distribute the Proclamation as it once did, but we still need to proclaim our profession and our worth. Celebrate yourselves and your co-workers for the job well done on behalf of our children, across the state. We are special people whose work is tireless and often thankless, but remember that you make a difference in someone's life—every day. Thank you for all you do. Remember to take care of yourself and your loved ones as you work to make others' lives better. -Anne

Liaison Reports

NASW Liaison

In the Trenches: Advocacy & Legislative Update 2.13.09

Jack Register, MSW, LCSW, Director of Advocacy & Legislation, NASW-NC

NASW-NC is suspending registration fees for Lobby Day

Lobby Day is **March 18, 2009**. In response to the downturn in the economy and to allow more members to participate in the efforts of Lobby Day, NASW-NC will be suspending our registration fees for all members. We **will continue to offer CE hours** for any participant. Please register early! **The registration flyer is on our website www.naswnc.org**. Contact Kathryn Schley, Advocacy & Policy Associate, at naswncintern3@naswnc.org or by phone 919-828-9650 with questions or to register.

Blair Barton-Percival named NASW-NC Legislative Chair

A Canadian by birth, Blair Barton-Percival received his Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. Blair then moved west to study at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he earned the Master of Social Work degree with a practice area of Aging in Families and Society and a Certificate in Gerontology with a practice method of Community Organizing. Blair has enjoyed living in North Carolina since the fall of 2000 and currently serves as the Assistant Director for the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging (PTCOG AAA). In addition to his post at the AAA, Blair remains involved in numerous professional endeavors: he is an active member of the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers; the UNCG Gerontology Program Advisory Committee; and the Delta Gamma Chapter of Sigma Phi Omega, a national academic honor and professional society in gerontology.

NASW-NC joins *Together NC* Coalition

Together NC is a broad and diverse collection of non-profit organization's, service providers, and professional associations who have come together to promote wise choices for shared prosperity for all North Carolinians. Now, more than ever, in the face of a severe economic recession, we must speak with one voice about the need to maintain and build upon the public investments that support the fabric of our community. To this end, we call upon our state leaders to make decisions informed by the following set of shared principles:

- Build upon our sound public investments
- Think big, think forward
- Only a balanced approach will work
- Revenue solutions must be adequate, stable, and fair.

The **launch date for the coalition is February 24, 2009**. Look for more information!

Liaison Reports cont.

2009 Long Legislative Session Begins

The session has begun and NASW-NC is working to represent Social Workers in NC! It is projected to be a difficult budgetary year with a projected **\$3 Billion Budget shortfall**, according to estimates. NASW-NC will be monitoring the creation of the budget and will strongly advocate for securing the most essential services for the citizens of NC. We will also be advocating for jobs for Social Workers in all practice venues.

Legislative Committees have not been named in the House as of this writing. However, the Senate has started naming committee members. To monitor committee assignments go to:

<http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/Committees/Committees.asp>

Legislative Calendars detailing when bills can be heard and what committees are available online can also be found at www.ncleg.net.

Legislation Introduced

SB 8 Funds for CAP/MR-DD Slots (Sen. Boseman)

The National Association of Social Workers-North Carolina Chapter supports Senate Bill 8, which will provide a state/federal match for additional CAP/MR-DD Slots. Without these funds these slots will be unavailable to the Developmental Disabled North Carolinians in need.

SB9 Amend Peeping Tom Law (Sen. Boseman)

The National Association of Social Workers-North Carolina Chapter supports Senate Bill 9, which will prohibit private detectives/investigators from secretly spying into an occupied room. The National Association of Social Workers-North Carolina Chapter is a supporter of protecting individuals privacy.

SB 12 Ban Mobile Phone Use While Driving (Sen. Dannelly)

The National Association of Social Workers-North Carolina Chapter supports Senate Bill 12, which would ban mobile phone use while driving. The National Association of Social Workers-North Carolina Chapter supports legislation that promotes the safety and well-being of all Carolinians.

SB 33 Child Welfare Education Collaborative Funds (Sen. Snow) & HB 90 House Companion Bill (Rep. Haire & Lucas)

These bills are on the NASW-NC's legislative agenda and are co-lobbied by NASW-NC and the NC Association of County Directors of Social Services. This bill would request \$900,000 in recurring funds for the continuation of the program at the schools added to the Collaborative in 2008. Those schools are: University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Fayetteville State University, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and Western Carolina University.

HB 88 Healthy Youth Act (Reps. England, Fisher, Adams, & Wilkins)

This bill is on the NASW-NC's legislative agenda for NASW-NC. It would create a two-track system of sexuality education for grades 7-9. One would be an abstinence only curriculum and the other would be a comprehensive curriculum with an abstinence focus. There would also be a parent choice in which to track their children would have.

Liaison Reports cont.

Advocacy Reminders

- If you are interested in **finding legislation** go to www.ncleg.net and go to Bill Look up by Text or by Bill Number.
- If you are interested in finding **who represents you** go to www.ncleg.net and go to Who Represents Me.
- The main legislative number is 919-733-4111. Use this to find a phone number, where your legislator's office is located, and general information regarding the legislative buildings.

Let us know if your contact information changes! We need you to help us make a difference! Contact Melissa Reaser, MSW, Director of Membership Services at the chapter naswncmembership@naswnc.org or by phone 919-828-9650.

Advocacy Events

- **HKonJ** is Saturday February 14, 2009. Meet at Chavis Park in Raleigh and March to Jones Street & Legislative Building. www.hkonj.com
- **NASW-NC Lobby Day** is March 18, 2009 at the legislature. www.naswnc.org
- **Equality NC Lobby Day** is March 24, 2009 at the Legislature. www.equalitync.org
- **Women's Advocacy Day** is April 1, 2009 at the Legislature. www.ncwu.org
- **HIV/AIDS Lobby Day** is April 7, 2009 at the Legislature. www.ncaan.org

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BSW Program Liaison

I can report that 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

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*Happy
Social Workers
Month!*

Regional Reports

The Southeast Region of the

NCSSWA

invites you to join us on

March 11, 2009 at 11am

to tour Strategic Behavioral Healthcare's

newest

facility in Leland.

Strategic Behavioral Center is a 72 bed
Psychiatric Treatment Facility specifically

designed for child and adolescent ser-
vices. We will tour the campus and be-

come familiar with the referral process &
admission application. Following the tour,

we will meet for lunch (location TBA). To
help us plan for space, please RSVP by

March 6th to

sbrinson@nhcs.k12.nc.us

NCSSWA membership will be offered at a
special discounted rate of \$20. We hope to
see you there!

Strategic Behavioral Center

2050 Mercantile Drive

Leland, NC 28451

(910)371-2500

Detailed directions are given at
www.strategicbh.com

Regional Representative

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Northwest Region

*Yadkin County School Social Workers will
be hosting a*

Northwest Regional Meeting

Lunch and Learn

Thursday, March 26, 2008 at the

Yadkinville Fire Department

729 N. State Street, Yadkinville, 27055.

*Our time together will be divided into
two sessions.*

Session I; will be spent in a brief busi-
ness meeting; (new memberships at a
reduced rate); please encourage your co-
workers to attend, networking and small
group discussions about any topics con-
cerning our practice.

Session II; will be our attendance at a
lunch and learn (**same location**) also
being planned by our school social work-
ers for community professionals. Guest
speaker

Jill C. Battersby (specialist in Applied
Behavior Analysis) will speak from
12noon-1: 30p.m.

Agenda

8:30 -9:00a.m. Arrival
9:00 -11:15a.m. Business, networking
group work
11:15-12:00noon Pick up lunch
& return for session
12:00-1:30p.m. Lunch and Learn

For questions and information contact:

Regional Representative

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Committee Reports

Southwest Region

Gaston county School Social Workers will host our Spring Regional Meeting on Friday March 13, 2009 at the Gaston county Police Department. There will be \$25.00 per person and will include breakfast, lunch, and continuing education credits. What a DEAL!!! Potential topics include County Crisis Teams, Respiratory Consultant Services and how they impact student attendance and grades, Student Mediation, Immigration Issues, and Student Resiliency. More details will be shared at a later date.

Regional Representatives

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Joyce Smith

Raleigh Region

The Raleigh Region Spring Workshop was held Friday, Feb 27, 2009 at the United Church of Chapel Hill in Chapel Hill. We had 85 signed up to attend and 73 people that actually attended. The two presenters were excellent and well received, **Sabrina Garcia** with the Chapel Hill Police Department speaking on the "Shaping of Violence Upon Children" and **Will Dudenhausen** with the Orange County Dispute Settlement Center speaking on "Resolving Conflict through Collaboration with the schools".

. 4 CEU's were given to those who attended. Seven people joined NCSSWA that day during the one time \$20.00 membership fee offered.

Regional Representative

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Fall Conference Planning Committee

The 2008 Fall Conference went well, with 227 registrants in attendance. After expenses, the conference brought in approximately \$12,000, just slightly above the net for the 2007 conference. Merchandise was well chosen and had extremely strong sales. Evaluations were overwhelmingly positive, with Terry Phoenix's "LGBTQA", Rachel Galanter's "Getting Families to Want to Work with You", Danielle Woodall's "New School Social Worker Orientation", and "Hot Topics" by Lynne Berry, Lisa Burriss, and Gary Shaffer receiving exceptionally high scores. The committee has been hard at work securing a venue for Conference 2009. A deal has been struck with Pinehurst for October 27th-30th 2009. Some suggestions for topics for the conference are: Autism, Bipolar in Children, Women and Poverty. The committee recognizes the need to book venues a few years in advance, and is currently accepting proposal for the 2010 conference in Asheville.

Committee Chair:

Ann-Marie McBride

Committee Members

Lisa Hooks, Jenny Pilcher, Sarah Brinson, Sue Sweney, Lisa Burriss

Membership Committee

250 people attended our 2008 Fall Conference in Atlantic beach. There are currently **227 NCSSWA** members.

Regional spring meetings may be offering a one day chance to become a member for \$20.00 with dues being renewed at this year's Fall Conference in Pinehurst.

With 950 school social workers across North Carolina - please urge your co-workers who are not members to become members. Thank you!

Committee Chair

Elizabeth Munson
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NCSSWA 2009 Fall conference

October 28-30, 2009

Pinehurst Resort

Pinehurst, NC

(www.pinehurst.com)



This will be an opportunity for professional development that you do not want to miss! We wanted you to have these dates so you can plan them into your fall calendar.

The Planning Committee is taking suggestions. If you have any ideas for specific speakers (especially for those who are local to this area) or have heard someone who you thought was great--contact Ann Marie McBride, Vice president, with details.

The Planning Committee is also ready for volunteers to help with the work of 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!

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Regional Reps...

Join now!



Attend a NCSSWA
 Regional Meeting this
 Spring and you can join
 NCSSWA for only \$20.00
 with renewal date in
 October at the 2009 Fall
 Conference.

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 REPS

Western

- Buncombe
- Cherokee
- Clay
- Graham
- Haywood
- Henderson
- Jackson
- Macon
- Madison
- McDowell
- Mitchell
- Polk
- Rutherford
- Swain
- Transylvania
- Yancey

Northwest

- Alexander
- Alleghany
- Ashe
- Avery
- Burke
- Caldwell
- Catawba
- Davidson
- Davie
- Forsyth
- Iredell
- Stokes
- Surry
- Watauga
- Wilkes
- Yadkin

Southwest

- Anson
- Cabarrus
- Cleveland
- Gaston
- Hoke
- Lincoln
- Mecklenburg
- Montgomery
- Moore
- Richmond
- Rowan
- Scotland
- Stanley
- Union

Raleigh

- Alamance**
- Caswell
 - Chatham
 - Durham
 - Franklin
 - Granville
 - Guilford
 - Harnett
 - Johnston
 - Lee
 - Nash
 - Person
 - Randolph
 - Rockingham
 - Vance
 - Wake
 - Warren
 - Wilson

Northeast

- Beaufort
- Bertie
- Camden
- Currituck
- Dare
- Edgecomb
- Gates
- Halifax
- Hertford
- Hyde
- Martin
- Northampton
- Pasquatank
- Perquimans
- Pitt
- Tyrell
- Washington

Southeast

- Bladen
- Brunswick
- Carteret
- Columbus
- Craven
- Cumberland
- Duplin
- Greene
- Jones
- Lenoir
- New Hanover
- Onslow
- Pamlico
- Pender
- Robeson
- Sampson
- Wayne



TO DO LIST

1. Save date for Fall Conference
2. Sign up for Spring Meeting
3. Join NCSSWA
4. Register for Lobby Day
5. Submit info for next newsletter