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Terry L. Brown, MSW, MA

Lifetime Achievement Award
Jean McFadden, LMSW, ACSW

Public Citizen Award
Betty Tableman, BA, MPA

BUILDING ON STRENGTHS
A meeting of the profession

Please turn to pages 8-15 for detailed information on the award winners, the conference itinerary, and workshop descriptions.

Registration will be online this year at www.nasw-michigan.org or call 800.292.7871.
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Please Note: As we transition from 4 to 11 regions, we will be seeking board members to fill open seats. If you are not represented, please check our Web site at www.nasw-michigan.org to locate contact information for the Board member nearest you.

Connections
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March 2008 was a significant month for NASW-Michigan and social work advocacy. March was Professional Social Work Month in Michigan and the Nation. During this time, the Chapter was able to highlight the Social Work Reinvestment Initiative (SWRI), increase NASW advocacy training through our LEAD event and begin a grassroots advocacy effort to prevent a mental health treatment program from closing in a small community.

In late February, the office received a phone call from a citizen who was concerned about the potential closing of a mental health treatment program. The proposed closure would result in the loss of vital services to a community that lacks the resources to adequately fill the gaps in services that would be created by such a closure. Further, we discovered, it would result in the displacement of mental health social work therapists. The Chapter is now working with community leaders to develop a model of advocacy for preserving critical services that are vulnerable during Michigan’s tough economic times.

Over the past several years, the Chapter office has been collaborating with groups that have shared missions and with local and state political leaders who understand social work values and ethics. We have also built relationships with newspapers and the Public News Service (PNS). We have implemented innovative technology tools such as Capwiz, PNS and Affiniscape, which allows us to release immediate blast emails and legislative alerts within a short period of time. Given all of these tools, we are able to launch an advocacy initiative quickly, and with intensity, in a variety of situations. Our knowledge of how to assist you in connecting with your political friends and city councils is growing and we hope to meet with you in your regions to talk about ways to strengthen advocacy efforts within your communities. Unfortunately, change within large systems does not happen quickly but the good news is that all communication, collaboration, and networking lead to highlighting our profession and showcasing the power of social work. There is no other profession that has the ability to affect such a variety of institutions - schools, hospitals, communities, families, government and individuals - with the same intensity that occurs with social work. We have the knowledge, training and ambition to change policy and through our advocacy we change lives, we change institutions, we change communities and systems.

The power of social work is realized when multiple voices from diverse environments come together. Advocate with us to make Michigan the human service delivery state we aspire to become. If you know of social workers who are not members of NASW-Michigan, ask them to join...we are working to advance your profession and the more voices we have, the stronger our professional association will be. If you are interested in becoming involved with our advocacy efforts, please contact the Chapter office at office@nasw-michigan.org or call us at 800.292.7871.
Budgets begin

The Senate and House have introduced their budget bills for FY 08 – 09, which must be passed by September 30. Unlike last year, most of the projected budget “holes” will be covered this year (at least at this point) by slightly higher-than-projected revenues.

The Medicaid portion of the budget proposal would total $8.5 billion. This represents a 4.3% increase in Medicaid spending over the 2008 fiscal year. The governor’s recommendation sets aside $15 million for the Single Point of Entry program, and includes a $450 million increase in long-term care spending.

The proposed Corrections budget, for the first time in more than a decade, is smaller than the previous year. It is $5.7 million less than the current-year budget. Senator Cropsey, chair of Appropriations subcommittee on Corrections, warned the Governor that no reductions should be made to this budget that were not already supported by agreements or statutory changes.

A new policy that will bridge both the Community Health and the Corrections budgets is mental health courts. These courts would help find alternatives to incarceration for individuals who are mentally ill and break the law. The remaining $2.3 million would be allocated to the Community Health budget for treatment of individuals remanded to the pilot programs.

Cobo Hall

A three-bill package has been introduced to renovate the aging Cobo Hall amid fears that the International Auto Show may leave Detroit. Within the bonding and debt payments of the first Cobo Hall renovation in the mid-80s is at least $18 million per year in substance abuse treatment funding for all 83 counties in Michigan. It will be important for groups interested in substance abuse treatment funding to watch the new Cobo Hall payment plan for its effect on PA 2 dollars, which refers to the law that established the substance abuse treatment payments to counties. HBs 5690, 5691 and 5692, introduced by Representatives Morris Hood (D–Detroit), Paul Condino (D–Southfield) and Ed Gaffney (R–Grosse Pointe Farms), are before the House Regulatory Reform Committee, chaired by Representative Barb Farrah (D–Southgate).

More hearings are planned for the legislation, and Chapter lobbyists will continue to monitor the bills for their effect on future availability of substance abuse treatment funding.

Activity on anti-bullying legislation

On March 26th, Chapter members are invited to participate in an “Anti-Bullying” lobbying day. Participants will be meeting with Michigan state senators to encourage the passing of Matt’s Safe School Law (House Bills 4162 and 4091, sponsored by Representatives Pam Byrnes (D – Dexter) and Aldo Vagnozzi (Farmington Hills), respectively). The event will be held at the State Capitol Building from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To participate, contact Sean Kosofsky at (313) 537-7000 ext. 105 or at sean@tri.org by March 25th, at 7:00 p.m. or register at http://ga1.org/trianglefoundation/events/safeschools08/details.tcl.

If you cannot attend this event, please write or call your state senators to urge their support for HBs 4091 and 4162.

Early Intervention Bill Passes Senate

SB 1039 (Senator Nancy Cassis, R-Nov) would amend the School Code to permit intermediate school districts to develop and make available to their school districts and public school academies an early intervention model program for children in kindergarten through third grade. The program would be designed to inform teachers and other staff how to monitor individual pupil learning and how to provide support and learning strategies as soon as possible to avoid inappropriate referrals for special education services.

Under the legislation, which would codify current provisions in the State School Aid Act, the model program would have to be research-based and include a support team available to the classroom teacher. As originally introduced, the composition of the potential support team did not include school social workers. The Chapter, along with the MASSW, requested that school social workers be explicitly named in the legislation, and Senator Cassis graciously made this change in the legislation.
Legislation to disinherit abusers moves to House floor

House Bill 5727, sponsored by Representative Mark Meadows (D-East Lansing), seeks to prohibit perpetrators of abuse or neglect from inheriting from the estates of their victims. The bill was reported from the House Committee on Senior Health, Security and Retirement earlier this week.

HPV vaccine bills move forward

HBs 5171 and 5322, sponsored by Representatives Mark Meadows (D–East Lansing) and Brenda Clack (D–Flint), require the Department of Community Health to prepare information about the HPV virus and the immunization, along with its risks. Schools would be required to pass this information along to girls entering the 6th, 9th and 12th grades. HB 5171 awaits final voting in the House and HB 5322 has passed the House and is in the Senate Health Policy committee. The Chapter supports the bills.

~Capitol Services, Inc.

Meet us in Alpena!

Ethics CEs
Available in Region 3

April 18, 2008


NASW-Michigan is pleased to present a two-part learning opportunity for NASW members and other professionals on Friday, April 18, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Alpena.

The morning will feature Brent Chartier, MSA, Program Coordinator of the Health Professional Recovery Program (HPRP) in Michigan. The HPRP is identified in the Michigan Public Health Code as the monitoring service for licensed or registered health care professionals impaired by a substance use or mental health disorder. Social Work is a stressful profession and we need self-care strategies to avoid harmful use of substances! Learn how to identify and intervene with impaired professionals, your obligations to colleagues under the NASW Code of Ethics and the steps involved in the HPRP care monitoring process.

The afternoon will feature Elizabeth Harbeck Voshel, Clinical Assistant Professor of Social Work and Director of Field Instruction for the University of Michigan, presenting a discussion on practice related situations of an ethical nature. She will encourage participants to explore the complexity of ethical dilemmas and discover how individual bias may influence decision-making, discuss case examples in a small group format, and balance ethical practice with applicable licensing laws.

Workshop details are still being finalized so please check the Chapter Web site for more details and online registration at www.nasw-michigan.org

Register at www.nasw-michigan.org
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<td>This group will meet for a brown-bag lunch meeting at 12:00 noon on the 4th Monday of each month. Catholic Charities of the Upper Peninsula, 347 Rock Street, Marquette, 49855. For further info please call: Judy Krause at 906.227.9119 or her cell at 906.362.1436.</td>
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<td>Region Two social workers are invited for an informal planning session on the 4th Wednesday of the month at noon at Pete’s Place (located at The Good Will Inn, Traverse City). Join us for a brown bag lunch. For more information, call Jill Kimball 231.929.0300 ext. 105.</td>
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<td>This group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month, 5-7 pm at various locations. Please RSVP by the second Monday of each month, seating may be limited. To find out the next meeting location, contact Debbie Oliva at <a href="mailto:debo@vitalcare.org">debo@vitalcare.org</a> or 877.842.7243 x 2416 or Judy Thompson at <a href="mailto:turtle@i2k.com">turtle@i2k.com</a> or 989.358.9393.</td>
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<td>This group meets the third Thursday of every odd numbered month for professional networking and camaraderie. The location has changed to the Italian Oven in Mt. Pleasant. For more information, please contact Heidi Zwyghuizen 989.772.5938.</td>
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<td>This group will be meeting on the second Friday from 7-9 pm. at Gilda’s Club, 3517 Rochester Road (3rd block N. of 13 Mile), Royal Oak, MI. This month, Joe Perry, LMSW, director of program development will present and give a tour of Gilda’s Club. Light Refreshments will be provided. Bring your own drink; snacks provided. Questions? Call Viola 248.288.3391 or 248.840.6012 (cell phone).</td>
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**Oakland County Area: Private Practice Group • April 21**

Our April topic will be “Diagnosis, Treatment, and the Therapist’s Role in Working with Opioid Dependence,” presented by Dr. Agnes Wrobel, MD. We will meet from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for a one-hour presentation. Application for 1 CE clock hour has been submitted to the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative. Please go to empowerment-pro.net for complete details and location. Confirmation of attendance by April 18, 2008, is necessary to ensure ample seating is provided. Contact BJ Patchett, LMSW, at 248.336.2133 or send email confirmation to BJ at practicepro@ameritech.net.

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<td>Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Region 10 will sponsor a discussion about the licensing exam for social workers. We will discuss exam preparation strategies and exam topics. Location: 203 Marshall Building on Eastern Michigan University’s main campus. For any questions, please contact Claudette Braxton, NASW-MI Region 10 Board Representative, at <a href="mailto:claudette.braxton@emich.edu">claudette.braxton@emich.edu</a> or call 734.487.4484.</td>
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<td>This group has created an informal licensure study session for all social workers interested in preparing for licensure exams in the Social Work Department at the University of Detroit’s Briggs/Liberal Arts Building (McNichols campus) in Room 214 and will be announcing a new date and time soon. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Johnson at 313.862.7554.</td>
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Regional Opportunity

NASW-Michigan is co-sponsoring a CE Program in the Thumb in conjunction with St. Clair County Community Mental Health.

Angry & Resistant Children & Adolescents:
Strategies to Nurture Motivation, Self-Discipline and Resilience
by Dr. Robert Brooks

May 29, 2008
8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Thomas Edison Inn, Port Huron, MI

$60 non-members
$50 for NASW members
Special discount available to NASW-Michigan members!

6.5 CEs approved by the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative, www.socialworkcec.com

For more information or to register, call St. Clair County Community Mental Health at 810.985.8900.

This workshop is a cooperative venture between NASW-Michigan and St. Clair County Community Mental Health.
Chapter Awards

Announcing 2008 NASW-Michigan Award Winners
Cont’d from front page

The Annual Conference Awards subcommittee recently chose the NASW-MI 2008 Award winners. Awardees will be honored at the NASW-MI Annual Conference at a celebration party in their honor, slated for Thursday, May 15 at the MSU Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Please join us to honor these outstanding social workers and public citizens.

Lisa Putnam Award for Excellence in Child Welfare

Faye Askew-King, LMSW, ACSW, of Ypsilanti, is being recognized for her exemplary work supporting homeless children and families in Washtenaw County. Ms. Askew-King has served as Program and Services Director of SOS Community Services since 1993 and has worked more than 20 years with at-risk populations. Currently, she leads approximately 25 staff members and 150 interns and volunteers and oversees three service delivery areas.

Ms. Askew-King’s focus on quality improvement and innovative programming has helped move many homeless families beyond crisis housing into permanent residences. Her innovations include developing a Consumer Advisory Board, the Sunny Days Enrichment Program (offering educational and psycho-social development for homeless adolescents), and Leadership Training modules for homeless parenting women. She has forged linkages with many community systems to provide an array of services for vulnerable children. Throughout her career, Ms. Askew-King has mentored many social workers and interns, modeling empathy and devotion to consumer well-being. Her nominators state “she exemplifies the energy, devotion, creativity and effectiveness of the ideal social worker.”

Public Citizen Award

Betty Tableman, BA, MPA, of Lansing, is nominated for her outstanding career and leadership in establishing quality programs in Michigan for infants and their families. One of her most prominent legacies is establishing an innovative clinical infant mental health program within Michigan’s community mental health system, which, in the past 25 years, has led to the creation of 35 programs serving more than 1200 infants and their families annually.

Ms. Tableman has continued beyond her retirement to represent families that do not have a voice at the policy-making table. Her qualities of hard work, a sharp intellect, ability to adapt and persistence that marked her career continue to influence public policy through her service on several boards and public policy initiatives. A recipient of numerous awards and honors, an award was established in her name through the Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health. Colleagues continue to benefit from her scholarly research and publications as well as her consultation and policy skills.

Stabenow Political Leadership Award

Terry L. Brown, MSW, MA, of Pigeon, began his professional career as a school social worker, was a co-founder of the Huron County Child Abuse and Neglect Council, Coordinator of Programs for At-Risk Children and later became principal of a center based special education facility. In 2006, he was elected State Representative for the 84th District and serves as a stellar example of community organizing in action.

As state representative, Terry hit the ground running. He has been involved in advocating fair funding formulas for school districts, championing environmental issues, assisting in bringing wind power to Michigan’s thumb area, and promoting the use of ethanol. He also participated as a human subject in a toxicity study to demonstrate how pesticides and fertilizers have infiltrated the bodies of Huron and Tuscola County citizens and is now pushing for safer farming practices. Terry is known for reaching “across the aisle” to put people’s needs above partisan politics.

Social Worker of the Year

Elvia Krajewski-Jaime, DSW, LMSW, of Brighton, is honored for her many contributions to the advancement of the social work profession and her contributions to the elderly and impoverished families. She has been a tireless advocate in educating Latino, Arab, and African American elders in addressing their healthcare needs, improving the cultural competence of professionals working with these groups, and co-founding the Organization of Latino Social Workers (OLASW) in Michigan.

A 20+ year faculty member of Eastern Michigan University, Dr. Krajewski-Jaime has been heavily involved in the Latino and Arab communities in Southwest Detroit, working to unite
Chapter Awards and Wednesday, May 14 Presentation

university resources with community agencies to improve services to families. As director of the Center for Community Building and Civic Engagement at EMU, Elvia’s fundamental research principle is to leave a community stronger than before, building both partnerships and capacity. In all her endeavors, she is not afraid to take risks and even unpopular stands in order to address hot topics that require her leadership.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Emily Jean McFadden, LMSW, ACSW,** of Holland, is being recognized for her outstanding 35+ year career advocating for the rights of children and training and mentoring social workers. Her development of training programs for foster parents and social workers, most notably the Michigan model for Kinship Care, has led to improved services to children and families. She is recognized both nationally and internationally as a leading expert in foster care most recently presenting in Argentina and New Zealand.

Ms. McFadden, a past-president of NASW-MI, will soon be retiring from her current position on the faculty of Grand Valley State University School of Social Work. Her many career accomplishments in training hundreds of child welfare workers, authoring numerous publications, and involvement in establishing the only macro practice social work license in the U.S. serve as an exemplary model for all social workers. Her deep commitment to the profession is demonstrated in her willingness to act as a volunteer therapist for battered women and her service on the State Board of Social Work where she currently serves as Chair of the Continuing Education Committee.

**Student Leadership in Diversity Award – Two awardees in 2008**

**Emily C. Proctor, BSW, MSW candidate,** from Lansing, MI and Michigan State University, Hartford intern, with primary interest in gerontology. Ms. Proctor will be using the Diversity Award scholarship to fund a research project with American Indian Elders in Michigan. The project will hold three focus discussion groups of elders related to past discrimination on Native people and will assist elders in processing their feelings, provide hope for the future, lead to greater understanding for professionals working with this population, and share research findings through future publications.

**Lori Wasson, BA, MSW candidate,** from Ypsilanti, MI and Eastern Michigan University is employed as Site Director at Washtenaw County Head Start. Ms. Wasson’s Diversity Award scholarship will be used to encourage positive attitudes toward aging. The **Hand and Heart Project** will pair four Foster Grandparents with four Head Start families for a two year period, to establish a sustainable support network for families, gain an appreciation for the experiences and knowledge of grandparents, and engage in a joint cookbook project as a concrete example of their multi-generational experience.

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**Organization for Latino American Social Workers (OLASW) Presentation**

**J. Ricardo Guzman, MSW, MPH**
CEO of Community Health & Social Services Center, Inc. (CHASS), Detroit

will present cutting-edge information on

**Immigration & Healthcare: Political Barriers**

6:30 - 8:30 hors d’oeuvres & presentation

2 CEs pending approval

Check status by visiting the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative Web page at [www.socialworkcec.com](http://www.socialworkcec.com)

8:30 - 10:00 afterglow with cash bar

Visit the NASW-Michigan Web site to register at [www.nasw-michigan.org](http://www.nasw-michigan.org)
Dr. Humphreys is the founding Director of the Nancy A. Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work (NAHIPSW), University of Connecticut School of Social Work. NAHIPSW is the latest in a long series of Dr. Humphreys’ efforts and leadership in the growing role of social workers in politics. Dr. Humphreys believes that social workers should seek elected partisan political office and that political social work practice is a legitimate specialization in the profession.

Currently, she teaches and directs the Policy Practice concentration at the school as well as courses on political social work practice, macro foundation practice, the social environment and women’s issues.

As featured keynote speaker, Dr. Humphreys is sure to deliver a rousing and fiery address to inspire all social workers to effect REAL change wherever they may practice.

1:45 – 3:15 Session Block B
(See pages 12-13 for descriptions)

3:30 – 6:00 Thursday Afternoon Plenary – Awards Celebration followed by Plenary Address

Recognition of Social Workers Selected for NASW-Michigan Awards – Join us
to be inspired by stories of exemplary Michigan social workers! (Awardee info on pages 8-9.)

Afternoon Plenary Address

(1.5 CEs)

Future of the Profession – Leadership from a Community-Based Perspective – Robert (Bob) Sheehan, LMSW, Director, Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Community Mental Health.

And Using Theater to Understand Mental Illness, Addiction & Recovery – Ruth Andrews, MA.

6:00 – 8:00
Celebration Party for Conference Participants and Awardees & Friends

• Featuring Musical Entertainment!
• Cash bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres–free to conference participants & awardees

FRIDAY, May 16 (7 or 8 CEs)

Friday Early Bird Session - 7 a.m.–8 a.m. session – EB 1 – Relaxation & Stress Management - Candace Rudzinski, LMSW. The Relaxation & Stress Management workshop is designed as a launching point for participants to learn, understand, self-reflect, change and experience the many ways to take control of stressful times in their busy work lives. (1 CE)

8:30 – 10 Session Block C
(See pages 12-13 for descriptions)

10:30 – 12:00 Session Block D
(See pages 12-13 for descriptions)

(3 hour intensives will take place within C & D session with staggered break-times)

12:00 Friday Luncheon Plenary – The State Budget – Why Should you care?

Mitchell Bean, Director, House Fiscal Agency. A basic introduction to the State Budget process, how it works, how decisions get made and why social workers need to care. It’s a matter of life and death for your clients and our profession. (1 CEs)

1:30 – 3:00 Session Block E
(See pages 12-13 for descriptions)

3:30 – 5:00 Session Block F
(See pages 12-13 for descriptions)

Pre-Register online by May 5 at www.nasw-michigan.org or call 800.292.7871
Thursday, May 15
Plenary 8:15-10:00 (1.5 CEUs)

P-1 Thursday Morning Keynote – Nancy Humphreys, PhD, MSW
Getting Social Workers involved in Public Policy

A-2 A Model of Macro-Supervision: Translating the NASW Code of Ethics and Michigan licensing requirements - Ethics Track

Laura F. Davis, PhD, LMSW, ACSW and Marjorie Ziefert, LMSW, ACSW

A-3 Social Workers Running for Public Office – Administration, Policy and Community Organizing Track

Nancy Humphreys, PhD, MSW. A follow-up to Dr. Humphreys’ keynote, this session is for social workers who may be interested in learning how to run for public office to influence policy at the local, state and federal levels. Reviews how to get started, generating funds and elements of a successful campaign.

A-4 Addressing Women’s Use of Force in Intimate Heterosexual Relationships: An Overview - Health Care/Domestic Violence Track

Lisa Young Larance, MSW. Women who have used force in their intimate relationships are often court ordered to “batterers’ intervention” programs, placing practitioners in the awkward position of responding to court decrees without an appropriate framework. This session introduces participants to the complexity of this issue, making distinctions between women’s and men’s violence, and recommending appropriate intervention strategies.

A-5 Mental Health Prevention for Youth and Young Adults - Children, Youth and Families Track

Dr. Marilyn Wedenoja, PhD, MSW, Elizabeth Spring, MS, BSW, BSN, Jeff Capobianco, MA, LLP, Richard D. Pasquarella, LMSW. This innovative project in Washtenaw County, “Michigan Prevents Promodal Progression” (M3P), has a mission to reduce the incidence of psychotic disorders through early detection, community education, and prevention services based on evidence-based practices. This replication of programs found successful in Maine and internationally offers new hope for the future of mental health services.

A-6 Wired Kids: Information on Adolescent Technology Use for Social Workers - School Social Work Track

Erica Shifflet-Gibson, MSW, Brian K. Ahmedani, MSW, Victoria Fitton, MSW, Rena D. Harold, PhD, MSW. For today’s youth, technology is an integral part of their lives. This research based workshop will provide an understanding of how middle-schoolers use technology in their daily lives. Possible strengths and dangers will be discussed as well as alternatives for social workers to connect with adolescents in practice.

A-7 Culturally Relevant Practice with Anishinaabe (American Indians): Making a Difference Through Knowledge, Inclusiveness, and Collaboration with Tribal Nations - Diverse or Special Populations Track

Dr. Suzanne Cross, PhD, MSW, Emily C. Proctor, BSW, MSW Candidate, Ashley Harding, BS. Practice with American Indian clients can be significantly enhanced through an increase in accurate knowledge of social policies and cultural aspects, educational training opportunities and genuine collaboration with Tribal Nations to provide culturally relevant services. Recommendations will be shared to assist in improving the service delivery system for this population.

A-8 Addiction Has Many Faces; Introduction to Pathological Gambling - Addictions & Self-Care Track

- James Loree, LMSW, Michael Burke, JD. Pathological gambling is a unique as well as a co-occurring addictive disorder with mental health and substance abuse disorders. Life-altering consequences continue to create chaos.
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and destruction for those who do not know how to stop gambling. This session introduces the professional to the nature, danger, and treatment strategies regarding pathological gambling.

Lunch Sessions 12:00-1:30

Thursday Luncheon Plenaries
Choose from two sessions –

P-2 Yvette Colon, PhD, MSW – Pain Management: The Social Worker’s Role in Assessment, Intervention and Advocacy.

Pain affects more than 100 million U.S. residents and most social workers will work with patients and families whose lives have been touched by pain. This introductory course will review the biopsychosocial components of comprehensive pain assessment and management. Special attention will be placed on interventions for patients and families, barriers and misconceptions, and cultural, ethical and medical issues. (Counts toward Michigan licensing requirement for 1 Pain Management CE.)

P-3 Guadalupe Lara, LMSW, ACSW. Beyond Fear: Standing Up for Immigrants.

Services for immigrants are a controversial issue for social workers leading to confusion about differences between legal residents, naturalized and undocumented citizens. Specific examples of how social workers can address this issue in their agencies and communities are provided. (1 CE)

Session B Choices

1:45-3:15

B-1 Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with Elders – Aging Track

Tanya Blackmer, LMSW, ACSW. A review of the cognitive-behavioral approach by Aaron Beck as applied to older clients in helping them identify their problems and change automatic negative thought patterns and behaviors and moods. Effective in addressing mood states such as depression, sadness, irritability, anxiety, guilt, anger, jealousy and hopelessness.

B-2 Ethical Dilemmas: Exploration, Consultation & Developing practice strategies – Ethics Track

Lead Facilitators will be NASW-MI Chapter Ethics Committee chair and members – Elizabeth Harbeck Yosher, MSW, LMSW, ACSW, Ellen Crane, JD, LMSW, ACSW, Le Anne Silver, PhD, ACSW, Nan Hunt, LMSW and Jon Wurdock, LMSW, ACSW, SSW joined by others. Participants will be invited to choose a roundtable discussion (at pre-registration) which reflects their practice area interests and will come prepared with a current case and participate in facilitated peer consultation and discussion identifying potential resolutions utilizing a conceptual framework.

B-3 Embracing Conflicts: Beyond Fear – Administration, Policy and Community Organizing Track

Guadalupe Lara, LMSW, ACSW. Provides skill building for managing workplace conflicts from a strengths perspective, promoting ways to embrace the uncomfortable situations in order to grow as an organization and as a person. Social workers are in an ideal position to take leadership in mediating conflicts often caused by introduction of new staff or by non-compliant customers.

B-4 Silent Voices and Invisible Walls: Exploring End of Life Care with Lesbians and Gay Men – Health Care/Domestic Violence Track

Yvette Colon, PhD, MSW. Challenges faced by lesbians and gay men at the end of their lives, including significant legal restrictions, societal attitudes, discrimination and health system barriers, can negatively affect their dying experiences. Interventions to assist lesbians and gay men with end of life care planning will be reviewed.

B-6 Fostering Resilience in Children exposed to Violence – School Social Work Track

Merrill L. Poliner, MSW, MBA. There is a body of research which, in confirmation of social worker experience, indicates that children exposed to violence and other traumas are more likely to exhibit negative effects in development, behavior, emotional and physical health. This session will describe an evidence-based intervention which increases protective factors within this population.

B-7 A Qualitative Investigation of Hispanic Women’s Reasons for Disclosure of Sexual Assault – Diverse or Special Populations Track

Melissa Villareal, LMSW. The purpose of this presentation is to share the results of a qualitative study conducted with Latina women on what led them to disclose their incident(s) of sexual assault(s) using a narrative analysis.
Seven self-selected Latina women who had discussed at least one incident of sexual assault were interviewed.

**B-8 How the Martyr Client Heals the Therapist: A Control-mastery Countertransference Workshop - Addictions & Self-Care Track**

Jo Nol, PhD, LCSW. Martyr clients invite exploitation and invoke exasperation in the most patient of therapists. Drawing on Control-Mastery Theory and using clinical vignettes a framework is presented for developing an effective treatment strategy and managing the inevitable and disturbing countertransference reactions therapists develop. Participants will learn to heal themselves while helping their clients.

**Afternoon Plenary (1.5 CE) 3:30 - 6:00 pm**

**Recognition of Social Workers Selected for Awards**

**Future of the Profession: Leadership in Community Based Practice** - Robert Sheehan, Director, Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Community Mental Health

**And**

**Using Theater to Understand Mental Illness, Addiction & Recovery** - Ruth Andrews, MA

**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Celebration Party for Conference Participants and Awardees**

**Friday, May 16**

**Friday Early Bird Session - 7 a.m. – 8 a.m. session**

- EB 1 – Relaxation & Stress Management (1 CE)

  Candace Rudzinski, LMSW. The Relaxation & Stress Management workshop is designed as a launching point for participants to learn, understand, self-reflect, change and experience the many ways to take control of stressful times in their busy work lives.

**Session C Choices 8:30-10:00 am**

**C-1 Difficult End of Life Conversations: Social Workers as Guides - Aging Track**

Debra Matteon, MSW, Susan Little, MSW. Offers specific clinical interventions in facilitating difficult end-of-life and after-death conversations. These discussions will be presented for use in one's own clinical practice as well as in educating others. Participants will leave with “how to ideas” that support and comfort.

**C-2 Two-part, 3 hr. session. Ethically and Practically Speaking: Managing Your Malpractice Risk as a Social Worker – Ethics Track**

Ann A. Abbott, Ph.D., LCSW (NJ), LSW (PA), NASW Assurance Services. This workshop describes the most significant malpractice risks for social workers today and methods of mitigating and reducing risk. Covers confidentiality, duty to warn, informed consent, record-keeping, supervision and malpractice insurance relating all concepts to the Code of Ethics.

**C-3 Grassroots Organizing - Getting (L-G-B-T) Together to Win - Administration, Policy and Community Organizing Track**

André A. Wilson, MS. When tunnel-vision suggests “the pie” is limited, advocates for policy change are often pushed to incrementalism. Recent successful Michigan-based grassroots mobilizing campaigns focused instead on paradigm shifts, winning transgender-inclusive healthcare and preserving “Domestic Partner” insurance eligibility for LGBT employees. Discussion will explore a key strategy: “making change where we are.”

**C-4 Domestic Violence Mediation - Health Care/Domestic Violence Track**

Anne Smiley, MA. The domestic violence screening protocol developed in Michigan to determine the appropriateness of mediation for divorcing couples will be presented. Participants will learn the rationale behind the questioning sequence as well as experience a shortened version of the protocol, to ensure appropriate client referrals for mediation.

**C-5 Two-part, 3 hr session - Home Visiting with Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers - Children, Youth and Families Track**

Carla Barron, LMSW, Nichole Paradis, LMSW. Basic principles of home visiting will be discussed as it is used within infant mental health practice and literature. A case presentation and video will also be used to address the power of the relationship that is developed between a home visitor, a young mom and a young baby.

**C-6 Two-part, 3 hr session - Taming Your Fear: Mock Trial to Improve Your Court Testimony - School Social Work Track**

Ken Lewis, PhD, Barry Bien, JD, LLB. This hands-on workshop involves participation in a mock trial as expert witnesses with cross-examination by a team of skilled, court practiced, presenters. Attendees must have read the pre-trial handout in advance. The goal is to accentuate pre-existing positive testimony skills and correct weak areas. The purpose: to learn techniques of expert testimony.

**C-7 Two part, 3 hr session - Spiritually Sensitive Practice—an Islamic Perspective - Diverse or Special Populations Track**

Tahira Khaled, LMSW, ACSW, Cheryl El-Amin, LMSW, ACSW, Doctoral Candidate. Sensitive practice begins with religious/spiritual self-awareness and a willingness to explore dissimilar client worldviews. Islam
C-8 Compassion fatigue - Addictions & Self-Care Track

John Nielsen, PhD, MSW. Compassion Fatigue is an occupational hazard and a potentially inescapable effect of providing services to clients who have experienced trauma. Unrecognized and uncared for, it can lead to a loss of hope in social workers and potential harm to clients. We will cover signs, symptoms, and what to do about it.

Session D Choices
10:30 - 12:00

D-1 Wraparound programs for Rural Older Adults: An Innovative, Collaborative Community Approach - Aging Track

Marc Cameron, M.A., Julie Dowling, MSW, Becky Flint, BSW, Niecia G. Anjorin, BSW.

A Wraparound Model that is successfully used for children and families is modified to provide a strategy to help adults with dementia. Staff of pilot initiatives will describe (a) differences from case management, (b) challenges of working with family caregivers, (c) skills helping families use natural supports, and (d) outcomes of this innovative effort.

D-2 Second part of 3 hr session – Ethically and Practically Speaking - Ethics Track

Linda Cherrey Reeser, PhD, LMSW will discuss ethical issues such as a model of ethical decision-making, dual relationships and self-determination.

D-3 Crash Course in Grant Writing - Administration, Policy and Community Organizing Track

Mara Stein, MSW. Learn the key elements and skills needed for successful grant writing.

D-4 Social Workers’ Attitudes Toward Persons w/HIV/AIDS - Health Care/Domestic Violence Track

Leona Mickles-Burns, PhD, MSW. HIV/AIDS related stigma and the factors that influence social workers’ attitudes toward persons with HIV/AIDS will be reviewed, as well as a definition of stigma and the socio-cultural factors associated with HIV/AIDS related stigma in particular.

D-5 Second part of 3 hr session - Home visiting with Infants -

D-6 Second part of 3 hr session – Taming Your Fear: Mock Trial

D-7 Second part of 3 hr session – Spiritually Sensitive Practice – Islamic Perspective.

D-8 Practicing Safely: Preventing Client Violence Against Social Workers - Addictions & Self-Care Track

Susan Weinger, PhD. This session will address reducing the risk of client violence, including trusting one’s intuition, assessment of the potential for violence and de-escalation techniques. Analysis of case scenarios for risk factors and suggestion of preventative measures and a video demonstrating “how not to” and “how to” de-escalate.

Friday Luncheon Plenary (1 CE) 12:00-1:30

The State Budget – Why Should You Care?

Mitchell Bean, Director, House Fiscal Agency. A basic understanding of the State Budget, where does the money come from, where does it go and where can you make an impact on legislator’s decisions.

Session E Choices
1:30-3:00 pm

E-1 Developing Working Relationships with Attorneys - Aging Track

Doug Chalgian, JD, and Jill Clouser, LBSW. This session will focus on how and when social workers and attorneys can utilize each other’s expertise to address complex issues. They will talk about how their practices mesh, and how the field of elder law may be a model for other areas of the law.

E-2 Ethics for Field Practicum Instructors – Ethics Track

Peggy Brunhofer, PhD, MSW. Addresses the ethical responsibilities and range of ethical issues in field instruction including the supervisory role, confidentiality, professional boundaries and gate-keeping. Case examples and references to Code of Ethics included.

E-3 The Role of Social Workers in Public Defense - Administration, Policy and Community Organizing Track

Michelle Weemhoff, MSW, Bill Long, JD, LMSW, R. Diana Bare, JD. Michigan has one of the worst public defense systems in the nation. As a result, those who cannot afford to hire an attorney receive second rate justice. NASW-MI is supporting the Campaign for Justice (CFJ), in seeking to create an equitable public defense system in Michigan.

E-4 Working with Batterers: What Every Social Worker Should Know -

Jeffrie Cape, LMSW, ACSW. A review of the latest research and recommended treatment interventions for working with batterers, including assessment, systemic barriers and case examples.

E-5 Recruiting and Retaining Child Welfare Workers: Lessons

is the fastest growing and least understood non-Christian religion in the United States. Interactive presentations will include an overview and discussion regarding the integration of spirituality and religion in practice and Muslim client’s perspectives.
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**E-6 Collaborative solutions to Barriers of school social work - School Social Work Track**

**Mark Giesler, PhD, MSW, John Palladino, PhD.** IDEA identified school social workers as qualified individuals for the provision of services for students with disabilities. As such, they are called to collaborate with families and school personnel. Based on the presenters' study of Michigan school social workers, this interactive workshop considers barriers and solutions to the collaboration process.

**E-7 Social Work Practice With Military Families - Diverse or Special Populations Track**

**Harrison Y. Smith, PhD.** Social work practice under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is discussed for those who desire to become knowledgeable and skilled in working with active duty U.S. military personnel and their families. Focus will be on military veterans whose identified biopsychosocial needs are associated with prior service-connected disabilities.

**E-8 The Health Professional Recovery Program: Protecting the Public, Saving Lives, Saving Careers - Addictions & Self-Care Track**

**Brent Charter, MSA.** HPRP is identified in the Michigan Public Health Code as the monitoring service for licensed or registered health care professionals impaired by a substance use or mental health disorder. Learn how to identify and intervene with impaired professionals and the steps involved in the HPRP care monitoring process.

**Session F Choices 3:30 - 5:00**

**F-1 Senior Debt Collection – Abuses and Relief – Aging Track**

**Valerie L. Rice, JD, MSW.** Rising costs and creeping inflation force seniors to use plastic to make ends meet. Due to limited income, this safety net shrinks and gives way, causing seniors to fall into the hands of their creditors. Discover how to assist senior clients when they’re inundated with creditor calls and garnishment notices.

**F-2 – NOT AN ETHICS SESSION - Improving Communications Professionally and Personally Using the Imago Relationship Dialogue Process**

**Jesse Johnson, MA, CIRT and Melva Thomas Johnson, LMSW, CIRT.** The Dialogue Process has proven to be an effective tool that greatly enhances communications between people personally and professionally. Participants will be introduced to the process through presentations, demonstrations, role-play, interactive discussions, and practice.

**F-3 The Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative – Administration, Policy and Community Organizing Track**

**Sandy Hoffough.** The MPRI will cause sweeping changes for many public service systems as prisoners are released to their communities. This workshop will describe the current status of the Initiative and programs that are underway to serve this population.

**F-4 Engaging the Difficult Client: Going beyond the “Cookie Cutter” Approach - Health Care/Domestic Violence Track**

**Kimberly L. Hillery, LMSW, ACSW, SAP, CAAC.** Participants will explore strategies to engage the ambivalent client in the treatment process and will gain skills in co-creating a therapeutic climate conducive to client engagement.

**F-5 Early Results from the Statewide Evaluation of Michigan’s Infant Mental Health Model - Children, Youth and Families Track**

**Joan M. Abbey, LMSW, Fran Jozefowicz, MSN, Jeanie Conner, BSW, MSW.** Candidate. This interactive workshop is about the Evaluation of Michigan’s Infant Mental Health Model. Evaluating this model of home-based services for infants/toddlers with regulatory disorders/developmental delays and/or whose primary caregiver has mental disorders will determine if the model is a best-practice program for preventing child abuse/neglect.

**F-6 Rights of Minors to Confidential Health Care – School Social Work Track**

**Denise Chrysler, JD.** This session reviews the ability to consent to health care, extent of a minor’s right to confidentiality concerning health care and mandatory reporting laws.

**F-7 The Ins And Out Of Coming Out For Transgender People - Diverse or Special Populations Track**

**Sandra Samons, MSW, PhD, Jolene Gillies, MSW, PhD candidate.** This workshop offers guidelines to help maximize the chances of success when you are assisting a transgender client in making decisions about if, when, to whom, and how to come out to others. Some ways to help if things go badly will also be identified and discussed.

**F-8 Research with Adult Daughters of Alcoholics: Uniqueness in their Stories - Addictions & Self-Care Track**

**Amy Hayes, MSW, Kelly Snyder, MSW, Sarah Blasius, MSW.** Research supports that adult children of alcoholics have a greater likelihood of becoming or marrying alcoholics. This presentation is designed for social work professionals to enhance their understanding of using qualitative methodology in conducting social work research on alcoholism and its impact on the family system.
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