The West Central Illinois Professional Counselors Association (WCIPCA) stopped meeting in person in Macomb, Illinois in February, 2020 due to the COVID 19 pandemic. A large group meeting with a Zoom option was held in July, 2020 and beginning in August, all meetings have been conducted virtually. Leadership for WCIPCA includes Vivian Coeur who serves as President; Ellie Sivill who serves as Treasurer; and Susan Denecke who serves as Secretary since September, 2020. WCIPCA has a paid membership of 16 professionals but memberships are still coming in. WCIPCA members who also belong to ICA include Julie Auger, Vivian Coeur, Alissa Fisk (pending). Kim Laird and Ellie Sivill. Our mailing list roster includes 43 names and some non-members also belong to ICA.

WCIPCA’s intention is to provide presentations of various interests to WCIPCA members and the Macomb area on a regular basis. The topics and speakers are chosen by individuals representing different types of counseling within WCIPCA such as private practice, retirees, the 2 University counseling agencies, the hospital, and the community mental health center.

WCIPCA meets on a monthly basis except in January, June, and July in a typical year. The monthly meetings include a brief business meeting followed by a professional guest speaker. With ICA’s assistance, WCIPCA members receive 1 CEU each month. Since the June report, we have gone to a virtual format in Zoom which is not recorded and is a live interactive event. Our 6-hour seminar that was canceled in March was rescheduled to July 28, 2020. It was co-sponsored by the Foundation. We have resumed the monthly meetings and will continue via Zoom for the foreseeable future.

**Presenters:**

*July 28, 2020: Addressing Modern Sexuality in Therapy, by David J. Ley, Ph.D.*

*August 5, 2020: How Experiences in Telehealth Have Changed Our Profession by Ellie Sivill, LCPC*

*September 2, 2020: Beyond Elisabeth Kubler-Ross: Additional Perspectives on Grief Therapy by Miriam Mindemen, MA, LCPC and Susan Denecke, MSW, LCSW*

*October 7, 2020: Complete Compassion by Cara Cerullo, LCSW, CADC and Christie Reynolds, LCPC*

*November 4, 2020 (to be delivered): How Social Media is Affecting Your Client’s Brain by Nicole Zook, LCPC, NCMHC*

The members of WCIPCA are a diverse professional group from Macomb, Western Illinois University and the surrounding communities. We strive to meet the needs for professional networking across all work settings. We encourage all of our members to educate themselves on the latest research in their professions as well as strive to provide presentations on topics they express interest in. Our membership represents a wealth of experience and contribution in the field.

Vivian J. Coeur, M.S.Ed., LCPC

President, WCIPCA, 10/23/20