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Incoming President: Dr. Hyacinth McKee

We are proud to announce that Hyacinth McKee, DBH, LCSW is the new LACSW President for the 2015-17 cycle. Dr. McKee's perspective of clinical social work seen through the lens of the Doctorate of Behavioral Health (DBH), as well as her long clinical history in educational social work and private practice, make her uniquely qualified to lead LACSW. Her doctoral level training in the field of integrated health, brings a sophisticated and highly updated awareness of the emerging ways clinical social workers are interacting and leading in an unpredictable healthcare environment. This is crucial for building connections with potential members who are found in more varied settings than ever. Social workers are a growing and expanding presence as they are becoming embedded directly in medical practices, medical school and allied health care training environments, in addition to the classic agency and private practice settings. Wherever clinical social work is practiced, LACSW is your specialized advocacy organization. Dr. McKee's established presence on our board has already revealed her perceptiveness, organization and initiative, making her the logical and fortunate choice to move LACSW forward into the next generation.

I would like to take this moment to express my own gratitude for the opportunity to have served as President for the last two years. We have positioned LACSW to have a voice in the emerging digital ethics standards which the licensing board is creating, and have made available ongoing digital ethics and HIPAA training at discounted rates – see the membership section of the newsletter. We have asked for and received a stakeholder's place at the table to provide collaboration and feedback as the LABSWE reviews social work practice rules; have had an active voice regarding changes in the CEU rules and will be paying close attention to digital ethics and ongoing issues with the statute of limitations. We maintain an active presence in the interorganizational group actively reviewing proposed legislation in order to negotiate change prior to presentation in the legislature, which decreases the chance of adverse legislation affecting social work practice while increasing practice protection. We have continued to collaborate with other organizations such as the licensing board and NASW in order to keep clinical social work perspective at the forefront, participated in selection of licensing board members, tracked managed care changes for you and provided interesting, relevant continuing education.

Please renew your membership if you have not yet done so, as your individual dues enable us to continue paying our lobbyist. We are an all volunteer board and thank you very much for your support.

Connie Konikoff, Msw, Lcsw
Past President, 2013-15

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Legislative Committee Report:

Deborah Fernandez, LCSW
Committee Chair

There have been 8 major issues we have been following so far this session. Status of those bills is as follows:

HB 381 Passed and signed by the Governor. We testified against this bill. It now exempts from licensure "providers furnishing Behavioral Health services" to Drug Courts. This was sought by judges who said that these services were not able to be provided to persons appearing in drug courts by licensed MH professionals.

HB 385 Passed and sent to the Governor. This changes the Children's Code regarding mandatory reporters. We opposed this bill. It exempts mental health and social services practitioners as mandatory reporters when they are engaged by an attorney to assist in the rendition of legal services to a minor.

SB 8 Pending Senate Judiciary Comm. We opposed this bill. It would criminalize substance abuse by pregnant women.

SB 54 Passed the House. We supported this bill. It would prohibit suspension or expulsion from school any student K - 3rd grades.

HB 270 Passed and signed by the Governor. We supported this bill. It increased timely filing of Medicaid bills. It is a pro-provider bill.

SB 124 Pending Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Comm. We reviewed this bill and were assured that it would not require us to charge tax on our services.

Act 625 Of 2012. We are researching this and have agreed not to advance any legislation on this in 2015 at the request of LABSWE. We will attempt to participate in the LABSWE board meeting and with the Rules Comm. to try to agree to some compromise regarding the statute of limitations. We believe there must be some end date for LABSWE to act on a complaint against a social worker. There are such limits for other MH professionals.

Art therapists were able to pass another study resolution and they will bring a bill again next year attempting to get licensure.

Education Committee:

Lisa Strauss, LCSW
Committee Chair

The Strengths Based Assessments seminar given by Wendy Hornung, MS received stellar evaluations. If you didn't attend and would like another opportunity, contact Ms. Hornung at her website: www.wendyhornung.com for other training opportunities.

We are currently planning speakers for the Fall and Spring of next year and investigating online training options. If you have immediate ideas about topics you would like to see LACSW present for workshops, please speak up!

Also, please remember that you can utilize a 15% ongoing discount for the digital ethics educational services of Roy Huggins, LPC, who is a nationally acclaimed digital ethics educator, a clinician, and a trained computer expert. Your code is sent in the cover letter associated with this newsletter in order to assure that only paid LACSW members can use the discount code. Or, you may email us for it: Lacsw2@hotmail.com.

Thank you for your continued LACSW support. It is through your educational program tuition and your membership dues that we are able to pay for the lobbyist who exercises our agenda of advocating and protecting clinical social work at the legislative level.

If you have not yet renewed, please do so at www.Lacsw.org or see the paper option attached to this newsletter.

Membership Committee:

Terry Judice, Lcsw
Committee Chair

If you have not yet renewed, please remember to renew using either the application provided in this newsletter or online at

www.LACSW.org. Your membership comes with a member-controlled webpage on the LACSW site as well as greatly reduced tuition at approved CEU offerings. Your dues are used primarily to pay for the lobbyist, and as such are not tax deductible but they do protect your right to practice autonomously, and do secure an independent clinical voice to protect your right to practice – quite a value for \$195 and even less if you are a student or retired! By funding LACSW, you make sure that we can intervene at the legislative level to protect actively your scope of practice and the ethical practice of social work.

You also have the new benefit of a 15% discount at www.personcenteredtech.com on technology events! Your code is in the cover letter associated with this newsletter or you can email us for it at Lacsw2@hotmail.com. This is to assure that only paid LACSW members can utilize the discount.

CEU Committee:

George “Skip” Morlier, Lcsw
Committee Chair

LACSW is available to approve your CEU offerings. Applications for CEU approval are on the website: www.lacsw.org. We are authorized by the LABSWE to approve CEU programs.

Media Committee:

Committee Chair
Open

As a member, please use the LACSW Facebook page to post your thoughts and resources, as well as info about any relevant workshops you would like to see advertised. It is a monitored page but anything appropriate will be accepted.

Please note that in order to be listed in the LACSW directory online, you need to create your own directory profile because you are in control of what information is shared about you and your practice. Simply go to www.lacsw.org, click on “Membership Information”, then click on “create new account” even though you are already a member, so that your account is reflected online. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Whitaker, our website manager at [garyLwhitaker@yahoo.com](mailto:garylwhitaker@yahoo.com) for further instructions.

Managed Care Committee:

Leesa Sitter, Lcsw, Dcsw
Committee Chair

United we stand! Congress just repealed the Sustainable Growth Rate (SRG) and the President (April, 2015) signed it into law, H.R.2, The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA). This repeals the 21% cut to Medicare claims payments which was due to go into effect. The new legislation removes much of the instability that has plagued the Medicare payment system and our practices. As we know, we must stay diligent and follow legislation closely as this significantly affects the viability of our providing services and to the clients' access to services. We also know that what happens in the Medicare arena affects other insurance and managed care plan rates, and our services, so our diligence is vital. It is hoped MACRA will help with the transition to a new Medicare payment system. Since Congress repealed the SGR formula, services that occurred on or after April 1, 2015 will be paid at the same rate as services furnished before April 1, 2015. We will keep you abreast as we learn more. We thank you for your efforts to stand united through your LACSW membership dues, letters and emails legislatively and working together to maintain the services we provide and advocate for our clients.

Treasurer:

Myra Hidalgo, LCSW

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Cash Basis

La. Assoc. of Clinical Social Workers
Balance Sheet
 As of May 7, 2015

	May 7, 15
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Cash & Cash Equivalent	
PayPal	1,493.97
Certificate of Deposit	5,153.88
Checking	17,089.17
Total Cash & Cash Equivalent	23,716.82
Total Checking/Savings	23,716.82
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	730.00
Total Other Current Assets	730.00
Total Current Assets	24,446.82
TOTAL ASSETS	24,446.82
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	17,886.56
Total Equity	17,886.56
Prior Period Adjustment - A/R	585.00
Retained Earnings	12,618.36
Net Income	-6,643.10
Total Equity	24,446.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	24,446.82

LACSW Longings *Lessons...Love...Laughs*

Pioneers on Our Professional Paths-Muriel Pumphrey, DSW

by Laury A. Bourgeois, LCSW-BACS

Getting ready to offer a variety of ethics workshops through the end of the year and focusing on ethics during LCSW Supervision; led me to take another look at on-line information. I'd already pulled up one article by Frederic G. Reamer, to share with my supervisees. I'd also planned to write something here about our social work ethics and how to maneuver the minefields that exist when you are working with other professionals who may not have guidelines to follow that are as well defined as ours. Instead, I mined a social work treasure that carried me back to my own undergraduate education; and the woman who got me on the road to becoming a professional social worker: Muriel Elizabeth (Warren) Pumphrey, DSW (1910-2000).

Even though my 1976 undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) was a BA in Sociology; you would have found "*With an Emphasis in Social Work*" attached to my diploma. I'd already known that Dr. Pumphrey was instrumental in establishing the social work program at UMSL. She'd joined the faculty in 1971, and was asked to teach Sociology the year before I enrolled. In 1976, she was asked to help establish a new department and to get it accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). She was successful in receiving the accreditation for the department shortly before she retired in 1980. I've always been grateful to Dr. Pumphrey for the excellent professional grounding I received through coursework, field work, a summer work-study experience in the Buchanan County "welfare department" before graduation, and her personal mentoring. Little did I know; I was in the presence of a pioneer in ethics for social workers.

Dr. Pumphrey was a champion for the inclusion of ethics in social work education. According to Frederic G. Reamer's *Evolution of Social Work Ethics: In 1959 Muriel Pumphrey published her landmark work: *The Teaching of Values and Ethics in Social Work Education* for the Council on Social Work Education. As I began looking further, I found many other books and publications. However, the real find was in the Washington University Archives that house the Muriel and Ralph Pumphrey Papers 1934-1993. The works are endless and would take ages to completely review. The collection holds a total of 9 series'. I skimmed the titles in Series 1: Muriel Pumphrey Publications, Papers and Projects and discovered 10 mentions of ethics in 32 folders.*

ETHICAL ENGAGEMENT
Professional Boundaries Research Report-
General Social Care Council (G&CC)

ETHICAL ENGAGEMENT
is a process whereby the ethical issues that underpin professional boundary dilemmas are regularly discussed and addressed

- The best way to help professionals avoid transgressions of boundaries is to provide them with opportunities for regular ethical exercise...an ethical physical fitness, like muscle, if ethical faculties are not regularly used and appropriately stressed, they atrophy.
- Regular engagement with ethical issues is required if professionals are to develop that kind of fitness.

My Ethical Engagement Quotient-Assess
your history with ethical engagement by indicating presence of ethical engagement activities during the various timeline events below: (Yes-10pts/No-0pts)

Event	Yes	No
1. Undergraduate Studies		
2. Work Experience		
3. Graduate Studies		
4. Work Experience		
5. Supervisory Focus		
6. Supervision Available		
7. On-Going Ethics Trainings		
8. Ethics Required Licensing		
9. Ethical Training Vignettes		
10. Ethics Role Plays		
TOTAL SCORE:		

Describe **three things** you can implement in your professional social work life that will foster and/or increase on-going *Ethical Engagement* in your career.

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I wish I could tell you that I'd had deep ethical discussions with Dr. Pumphrey. Instead, I'm wishing I had not been as young in my life and new as a social worker that I didn't see that I was in the presence of greatness and learn more.

If I could sit with Dr. Pumphrey today; I'd first thank her. I'm sure we'd talk about Mary Richmond who first raised issues of social work values and ethics, and then I'd ask for pointers on my upcoming workshops. I can still hear her voice and her unique laugh. I see her smile and how she'd roll around her office in her chair sharing materials. Maybe that ethics aura was rubbing off!

So today, in honor and memory of Dr. Muriel Pumphrey, I share the notion of Ethical Engagement with you. Take a moment. See where you are. And, don't forget:

You never know when you're in the presence of greatness.

What can you do to become MORE Ethically Engaged?

LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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(Last, First, Middle Initial or Nickname) – Please Print

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	New or Renewal	Dues	Check #	Amount
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____ LCSW Membership	_____	\$ 195.00	_____	_____
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