



NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

by Estelle F. Charles / Conrad S. Semler

*A FAREWELL TO BEVERLY UNGER

. . . A person who has contributed her time, effort, energy and special talents to the promulgation of the Society's goal - peer status in the mental health field. She has labored unceasingly in the position of founder and President of Nassau Chapter, as Social Action chairperson, speaker, etc., etc.

We dedicate this issue to you Beverly and wish you happiness, success and serenity in your new life.

*Good Luck, Bev! And if they knew you in Salt Spring Island as we know you in the Society, they'd sense an extra tingle in that fine, unpolluted air, which some sharp citizen would soon identify as the anticipation of impending action.

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We would like to welcome our new chapter mates . . . POUGHKEEPSIE-MID-HUDSON. Please write us regarding your activities. (See chapter development committee news)

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HAPPY SUMMER

The editors of SCSWP Newsletter wish to take this opportunity to wish all a happy, healthy and fruitful summer. This is our last issue until the fall; however

*We thank Mitzi Merkin of the Nassau Chapter for this idea as well as for her phrases!

we have four reminders:

A. This is the season when we must watch the legislature in regard to pertinent bills affecting us as professional social work psychotherapists. For instance Bill A6046 - sponsored by the Joint Council for Mental Health Services. We believe this bill has questionable definitions of psychoanalyst and psychotherapist which seems much too narrow in scope. Please get a copy of this bill, review it, discuss it and decide.

B. The Society still functions all summer on both state and local levels. Your help is needed - please call your local chapter to help!

C. We need feedback, questions, complaints in the form of letters to the editor. We are working in a vacuum; please tell us you hear us!

D. Please Metropolitan and Suffolk Chapters where are you - we haven't heard from you - please tell us what you are doing for our next issue.

Until the fall,

chapter news

Metropolitan Chapter

Education Committee

by Estelle F. Charles

We are proud to announce the formation of an Educational Literary Supplement.

Focus will be on experiential and educational news.

Please submit materials (with a self-addressed stamped envelope) to:

Alan Shanel
35 West 9th Street
New York, New York 10001

Also . . . watch for our announcements on mini and regular workshops during fall and winter 1977-78.

Nassau Chapter

by *Mitzi Mirkin*

As stated in the editorial, Beverly Unger, our Founder, Past-President, and Chief Prodder for the upgrading of the profession, is leaving us for the Good Life in British Columbia. We don't have to say that our loss is Salt Spring Island's gain, because the direction of the Nassau Chapter has been so firmly established by Beverly's determined and inspirational example that her presence will always be with us! We all want the best for Bev and Bob, and if the quest for the best carries them thousands of miles from home base, so be it. Best of luck to all the Ungers, and remember, Bev, don't let all that clean-aired Canadian quietude lull you into calm acceptance of the world around you. Shake things up a little bit, just to keep your hand in!

Now, to look back on and forward to some interesting programming under the direction of Eleanore Botney . . .

Our January Behavior Therapy meeting with Dr. Howard Kassinove, Associate Professor of Psychology at Hofstra University, was both stimulating and informative. Dr. Kassinove has found Behavior Therapy effective with adults suffering from anxiety phobias or obsessive-compulsive symptoms. Behavior Modification has also been successfully used to teach social skills and to help people with weight problems. Dr. Kassinove stressed that it is, however, not effective with character disorders or schizophrenics. The evening's agenda included a demonstration using audience volunteers to role-play and show the differences between aggression and assertion.

As this is being written, we have three big events planned for the near future . . .

On Friday evening, April 29, Dr. Gertrude and Mr. Rubin Blanck of the Institute for the Study of Psychotherapy, will speak on "Treatment of Borderline Conditions from an Ego Psychology Approach."

On Saturday evening, May 14, we're going to be purely social and sentimental with a farewell covered-dish supper for Beverly Unger. Gloria Sandler and her super-cooperative spouse have volunteered their lovely home in Roslyn for the occasion. Rima Ogrin, who is reputed to be a plu-perfect party-planner, is running the show (with a little bit of help from all comers). Between sipping and chomping and a whole eveningful of compatible chatting, we expect to give Beverly a sendoff she won't be likely to forget.

On Friday evening, June 3, at 8:30 P.M., at the Activities Center of the Nassau County Medical Center in East Meadow, we are presenting a program on the various institutes and post-graduate training available to social workers in the New York area. Harry Grabarz is arranging for representatives from the major institutes and post-doctoral programs to discuss curriculum, requirements and other pertinent facts, and to answer your questions. Since this will still be a future event when you read this, if you'd like information, a phone call to Mitzi Mirkin, (516) 333-1385, will bring you a meeting notice, plus a detailed map and directions to the Medical Center.

Queens Chapter

by Cecile Dunn

Chaper elections will be held in May. The slate presented by the Nominating Committee is as follows:

President	-	Bob Galardi
Vice President	-	Pat Landy
Recording Secretary	-	Celia Levine
Corresponding Secretary	-	Joe Juliana
Treasurer	-	Haruko Brown

At our last meeting Khanu Chandnani presented a fascinating paper on Psychotherapy with the Transexual.

At our meeting, May 15, we are having a workshop on private practice, to which all are invited. It will be held at the Queens Children's Hospital, Commonwealth Boulevard, Bellerose, New York, at 11:00 A.M.

We have a new Membership Chairperson, Gemma F. Colangelo and intend to follow up on names of interested persons in a drive for more members.

Staten Island Chapter

by Sam Sterk

Since our last report, the Staten Island Chapter has had many new developments of which we are proud. The following are some of the activities that have occurred:

1. The Staten Island Information and Referral Group consisting of seven members under the leadership of Ms. Theda Salkind has moved ahead in its plans to ready itself for action by making plans to take out a phone, and have a brochure printed. We are discussing very exciting ways in which to reach out to the public at large as well as other professions to make ourselves known and to attract referrals. Each member of the group is expected to devote one evening or some weekend time to doing public speaking and/or public relations work. This core group consists of very talented practitioners with advanced training and years of experience. With the aid and creative skills of Ms. Theda Salkind, we look forward to having many future referrals. Upon the official opening of the referral service in early September, we will be sponsoring a gala party to which you will all be invited.

2. As a part of the Staten Island Chapter development, a study group headed by Mr. Richard Mingoia has been formed. The group meets every four to six weeks and discusses concepts, theory, techniques and literature related to our practice of Clinical Social Work Psychotherapists. This mutual exchange fosters learning and growth which is part of what we are all about and is open to members of our chapter. Congratulations to Richard Mingoia for his idea and leadership in this group.

3. We are now in the midst of discussing programming and educational offerings for the fall and spring of next year. We plan to continue offering workshops as we have been doing as well as planning mini courses on various aspects of psychotherapy. Some of the suggested topics have been as follows: Starting a Private Practice; Parenting workshop; Object relations Theory and its clinical applications; Use of transference and countertransference in Clinical work; ongoing case seminar supervision; and the supervisor's supervision. We will be letting you know more about the plans for these programs and would appreciate your feedback around your interests in these programs.

4. The Staten Island Chapter has moved towards greater visibility in the community. We believe in making ourselves known to the larger community so that our clinical skills, expertise and image as psychotherapists can gain recognition by the public. We have two major goals in view of this and they are to attract new members and to thereby increase our power base both on the state and national levels. In doing this we are attempting to change the long standing negative stereotype of social workers as welfare investigators to an image of the social workers as a psychotherapist and psychoanalyst. To achieve these ends we are offering clinical workshops and attracting mass media attention to every meeting and seminar that we sponsor.

On March 26, 1977, we sponsored a Family Therapy Workshop with Lynn Hoffman, C.S.W. We had a fabulous response of over 150 participants from all over the metropolitan area, New Jersey and Connecticut. We had newspaper coverage by the Staten Island Advance first section Sunday News. A great deal of thanks for the success of this program must be extended to the members who worked so hard on it. Miriam Sterk, Rosemarie Gaeta, Theda Salkind, Joyce DiPenaventura and Arthur Stein.

On May 21, 1977, our Chapter will sponsor a workshop with Dr. Richard Rabkin, M.D., F.A.P.A. who will present the topic Strategic Psychotherapy: Symptom Relief in Ten Sessions. Dr. Rabkin is assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at N.Y.U. Medical School. He is an advisory editor to Family Process magazine and author of several books and numerous articles. Dr. Rabkin is an innovator of techniques for short term psychotherapy. We are looking forward to a large attendance and newspaper coverage of this event.

Future clinical workshops are being planned on Staten Island at a low cost to participants so as to fulfill two needs . . . that of training and advanced education to the allied mental health profession at a low cost and as a means of attracting members and making ourselves visible.

While speaking to our national lobbyist, Ken Adams, recently about the tremendous power and influence that the AMA has over mental health legislation and PSRO, it became clear to me that we must concentrate our efforts in the direction of expanding our membership and thereby our power base if we want to accomplish our goals of obtaining third party payments in New York State at this time and being included in future National Health Insurance. We must mount massive campaigns through letter writing on various legislative issues to our local state and national officials as well as developing programming on these three levels to make the members of our profession as well as the public at large aware of our stands. Our profession and its survival is at stake.

STATEN ISLAND SUNDAY ADVANCE, March 27, 1971



Lynn Hoffman, standing, director of family therapy at the Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, speaks at yesterday's family therapy seminar sponsored by the Staten Island Chapter of the New York Society of Clinical Social Workers at the Staten Island YMCA headquarters, West Brighton.

We on Staten Island wish you a happy and cool summer ahead.

Seminar mulls family therapy

By MICHAEL AZZARA JR.

Lynn Hoffman, a leading proponent of "family therapy", a relatively new form of psychotherapy, conducted a seminar yesterday afternoon at the YMCA building in West Brighton.

Mrs. Hoffman is Director of Family Therapy at the Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, where she resides. She also co-authored the book "Techniques of Family Therapy."

The seminar was sponsored by the Staten Island Chapter of the New York State Society of Clinical Social Work Psychotherapists. It was conducted mainly for social workers and students in the field.

Family therapy, according to Mrs. Hoffman, "views the problems of a disturbed individual as a signal of trouble within his or her family." A person may develop an acute problem as a result of some larger family problem, as a means of distracting the family's attention from the larger problem. The individual usually does this subconsciously.

For instance, a child who misbehaves becomes the focal point of a married couple's concern. According to Mrs. Hoffman, the child may be doing this to "mask over" problems and tensions the

parents may have with each other by diverting their attention to him or her.

If the family is treated, and the child begins to act normally again, the tensions and problems that his behavior had masked over then comes to the surface. The parents must confront their differences rather than neglecting them in favor of worrying over the "problem-child."

Mrs. Hoffman and Sam Sterk, president of the Staten Island chapter of the society, pointed out that this type of therapy is extremely important in a "family-oriented borough" like Staten Island, where many problems are "inter-generational," or even "multi-generational."

"The virtue of working with a family unit," said Mrs. Hoffman, is that you can catch many things before they develop into real problems."

Although the Staten Island branch of the organization did not get under way until last September, the New York State society was formed in 1969. The purposes of the society, according to Sterk, are:

¶ To maintain high standards for the practice of clinical social work psychotherapy.

¶ To help pass legislation for reim-

bursements from health insurance companies, like the state and federal Medicare and Medicaid programs.

¶ To promote training and further education for clinical social workers.

¶ To promote the private practice of clinical social work.

¶ To help change the image of the social or welfare worker of the 1930's to today's more sophisticated, professional and educated view. In connection with this, Sterk explained that clinical social workers must obtain a degree from a recognized educational institution, in addition to obtaining state certification.

Sterk also said that the state society hires lobbyists in both Albany and Washington D.C. to help campaign for health insurance legislation to bring payment parity for clinical social work and other forms of health-related functions.

Scouts fly kites

Cub Scout Pack 105, which meets in PS 41, New Dorp, conducted a "kite derby" at Miller Field yesterday afternoon. Three scouts received the Arrow of Light, the highest cub scouting award. They are Frank D'Amico, Philip Mangiatia, and Nicky Thomas. The pack plans to attend the circus at Wagner College on Friday.

Westchester - Rockland Chapter

by Martin Pollens

COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, May 15, 1977, from 11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. at New York Hospital, Westchester Division, Bloomingdale Road, White Plains

"Third Party Insurance Payments for Health Care By Clinical Social Work Psychotherapists--its future and yours--"

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Panel Members will include:

State Senator John Flynn, co-sponsor of our 1976 Third Party Payments Bill

(panel members continue on the next page)

Congressman Bruce Caputo, who previously in the New York State Assembly supported licensing and third party payments bills

State Senator Manfred Ohrenstein, Senate Minority Leader

James Clyne, Deputy Superintendent, New York State Insurance Department

Martin S. Pollens, President of the Westchester Chapter of the New York State Society of Clinical Social Work Psychotherapists

Abbie Blair, Vice-President of the Westchester Chapter, panel moderator

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Symposium organizers: Dr. Carlton Rosensweig and Gloria Aronson, co-chairpersons, Social Action Committee.

With Members of the Chapter:

Vera Fuchsman, has been appointed Chief Social Worker at the Phelps Memorial Hospital Tappan Zee Mental Health Clinic.

Marge Zeidman, co-chairperson of the Chapter's Information and Referral Service, and co-director of WISH, Women-in-Self-Help, Westchester, has been featured in articles that have appeared in the New York Times and the Westchester-Gannett chain newspapers. The lead-in paragraph of the Westchester newspaper article reads: "Four and a half months of talking to women on the other end of a hotline has given WISH some insight into the needs of Westchester women."

The New York University Graduate School of Social Work Alumni News listed the following Chapter members: Mary Kaufman Milner, Gloria Mitchell Mazzia, Eloise Kates Julius.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE CHAPTER ASSUME POSTS IN JUNE:

President	- Geraldine Costa
Vice-President, Coordination	- Alan Siskind
Vice-President, Membership	- Ronald Gaudia
Vice-President, Community Development	- Abbie Blair
Vice Presidents, Information and Referral	- Susan Solomon, Marjorie Zeidman
Corresponding Secretary	- Phyllis Gordon
Recording Secretary	- Ruthe Feilbert-Willis
Treasurer	- John Curley

Board Members:

Public Relations	- Barbara Freedman, Helene Fagin, Elizabeth LeBlond
Social Legislation	- Gloria Aronson, Robert Butter, Carl Rosensweig
Program Development	- Robert Schavrian
At-Large	- Vera Fuchsman, Sylvia Golomb, Helen Haber, Selma Petker, Claire Wenning
Editor, Newsletter	- Mary Woods

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INNOVATIVE SEPARATION PROJECT GETS UNDER WAY APRIL 26

The Westchester Chapter of the New York State Society of Clinical Social Work Psychotherapists will present a series of seven workshops for recently separated persons. Lectures will be followed by small discussion groups.

TIME: 7:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M.
 PLACE: St. Agnes Hospital
 Nurses Residence Auditorium
 North Street
 White Plains, New York
 DATES: Seven Tuesday Evenings
 April 26th - June 7th
 FEE: \$50.00

(It is not possible to register for selected sessions. Registration is for entire series.)

SESSIONS

- I. EMOTIONAL IMPACT OF SEPARATION.
- II. CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP WITH EX-SPOUSE.
- III. IMPACT OF SEPARATION ON FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
- IV. CHANGES IN PARENTS' RELATIONSHIPS TO THEIR CHILDREN.
- V. ON BEING SINGLE AGAIN
Part 1: Loneliness and the Development of new relationships.
- VI. ON BEING SINGLE AGAIN
Part 2: Sex and Dating.
- VII. ANOTHER SEPARATION:
ASSESSMENT AND WINDING-UP.

DISCUSSION LEADERS

ROBERT BUTTER, M.S.W., C.S.W.
 BARBARA FEEDMAN, M.S.W., C.S.W.
 MARY KAUFMAN MILNER, M.S.W., C.S.W.
 ROBERT SCHAVRIEN, M.S.W., C.S.W.
 ALAN SISKIND, D.S.W., C.S.W.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chapter Development

Martin Pollens

The Chapter Development Committee is very pleased to report that there have been an increasing number of colleagues who are keenly interested in developing Chapters of the Society in their respective areas.

ANOTHER CHAPTER IS BORN:

The State Society is pleased to announce that the Poughkeepsie-Mid-Hudson Chapter has been formally voted into the organization. The New York State Society is now composed of 7 Chapters. Of all the members of the National Federation of Societies of Clinical Social Work, our State organization is the only group that has member-Chapters. We are looking forward to our new association with the Mid-Hudson group.

Evelyn Hill has been most instrumental in developing the Mid-Hudson Chapter. Prospective members should contact her at:

91 Cardinal Drive
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601
914-462-7346

THE ITHACA CHAPTER-TO-BE HAS LABOR PAINS:

The first organizational meeting of the prospective Ithaca Chapter was attended by eight dedicated colleagues who came out on a cold snowy, bleak day. A follow-up meeting will be held in warmer weather. Please contact Joan Lovejoy, 41 Maple Drive, Lansing, New York 14882, 607-565-9594 or 607-533-7336.

ROCKLAND PLANS TO GO INDEPENDENT:

At long last, Lois Carey and Paul Heber are working in the direction of a separate and autonomous Rockland Chapter. Colleagues will no longer need to cross the Tappan Zee bridge in order to attend meetings of the Westchester-Rockland Chapter.

Please contact either:

Paul Heber
212-752-3097
914-634-2382 or

Lois Carey
201-445-7015
914-356-4523

for information regarding the next meeting of the newly developing Rockland Chapter.

by the individual chapters on their activities.

We urge you to communicate with us, through your chapter representative on the Public Relations Committee, any ideas or information you think may be helpful in publicizing our Society's activities, aims and goals.

Public Relations Committee members are:

Sam Sterk (Staten Island) (212) 390-1466, (212) 356-3835
 Barbara Freedman (Westchester-Rockland) (914) 631-2022, (914) 598-5708
 Ronald MacAnaney (Suffolk) (516) 567-5927
 Rima Ogrin (Nassau) (516) 623-4460
 Kathy Fried (Metropolitan) (212) 787-3435
 Bob Galardi (Queens) (212) 756-7100
 Rosa Duc-Thanh, Chairperson, (212) 353-5897, (212) IN-3-5715

The Public Relations Committee has done an excellent job and I personally want to thank them and compliment them on their efforts.

Social Action Committee

Bev Unger

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS--SECOND REPRESENTATIVE HIRED!

The State Board has decided to hire a second person, Phillip Tulimieri Esquire, to represent us specifically on the issue of Third Party Payments. He is gathering together the statistics to puncture the Blue Cross argument that including Social Workers would escalate costs to \$15,000,000. We have the facts of the National Institute of Health studies and the experience of the states of California and Colorado that the percentage of usage is much less than Blue Cross guesses, and that the cost is therefore so low that it would not even necessitate policy increases. He's also gathering data of insurance companies who do reimburse for social workers services at this time. If any of you have been reimbursed recently by any companies that formerly had refused payment, please send a note to him c/o Mr. James Ryan, Esquire, 308 State Street, Albany, New York 12210. He will be working together with Jim, who will continue to be our liaison with the Legislature itself. The State has taken this step because Governor Carey quoted the Departments of Insurance, Budget and Mental Hygiene and the Blue Cross figures as reasons for his veto last June.

Phil Tulimieri's background is strong in education, having served as a member of Senator Pisano's (Westchester Education Committee) staff and as former counsel to the State Consumer Protection Board.

With all this increased activity, we hope you will feel good about your membership dollars going to protect you and your profession! We hope you can also see the need for each of us to try to bring new membership dollars into the fold and into the fight.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CERTIFICATION LAW

The wording of a proposed amendment to the Certification Law, which will be submitted to the New York State Legislature later on this session, was decided upon at a State level meeting with Chapter Social Action Chairmen, our Lobbyist, Jim Ryan, and Phil Tulimieri, our Lobbyist-Representative to the Departments in Albany and to the Insurance Companies.

We do not have room here to reproduce the whole amendment, but we feel it is important for you to read Section 7731, which defines our profession:

Section 7731.

(1) Definition of the practice of the profession of clinical social work psychotherapy. The practice of the profession of clinical social work psychotherapy is defined as utilization of purposeful and disciplined methods to assist individuals and families in restoring, maintaining or improving their emotional and mental health. The methods which may be utilized in the professional practice of clinical social work psychotherapy shall include all appropriate psychotherapeutic treatment techniques.

(2) For purposes of this section, "psychotherapy" is defined as evaluating, diagnosing, treating and modifying persistent conscious or unconscious patterns or acute disturbances of behavior, cognition, motivation, feeling and emotion directed to the improvements of mental health.

DISAPPOINTING REPLY FROM LOCAL 1199

We were very disappointed in the reply we received from Local 1199, which had organized social workers in the mental health agencies and hospitals. The letter indicates that they cannot add social work psychotherapists to their roster of mental health professionals who are reimbursed because of the large deficit under which they are operating. We have followed this up with a letter to Judy Berek, the union's legislative representative, who had implied her interest in advocating our cause. We are not asking the union to spend more money; we are just asking that funds be spread more equitably. There are only a certain number of people in 1199 who would be using the services of therapists, and they should have a freedom of choice.

bulletin board

Jobs Available

Nancy Pallazolla

We have been notified by National Federation that several positions are available within the Carter Administration for which many of our members would qualify. These are:

Office of Management and Budget - Assistant Director

Domestic Council - Associate Director, with functional responsibility for social programs and health

State Department - Agency for International Development

Department of Defense - Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs

Department of Justice - LEAA, Assistant Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Department of Health, Education and Welfare - more than twenty (20) positions available

If anyone is interest in any of the above, send your resume to:

Mr. Matthew B. Coffey, Director
Talent Inventory Program
Carter-Mondale Transition Planning Group
Post Office Box 2600
Washington, D. C. 20013

Also send a copy of your resume and a letter advising of you submission to National Federation's Administrative Secretary:

Mrs. Ruth Marcus
111-50 75th Road, Apt. A 26
Forest Hills, New York 11375

This will enable Crayton Rowe, President to do a follow-up letter on your behalf.

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National Registry Of Health Care Providers In Clinical Social Work

REGISTRY NEWS

MEMBERSHIP

Response to the *National Registry* continues to be excellent. Advertisements, appearing in five major professional/clinical journals, initiated our fall advertising campaign, with the result that we have responded to several hundred individual requests for applications, in addition to the many inquiries generated weekly from word-of-mouth publicity about the *Registry*.

The *Registry* may, however, be overlooking its most potent advertising and recruitment resource--YOU! Therefore, we're making a special request that you approach at least two of your peers who are not members of the *Registry*, to impress them with the importance of joining. Your *Registry* is becoming even more necessary now in defining the qualified Clinical Social Worker, in view of President-elect Carter's commitment to a National Health Insurance Program. We are enclosing two informational flyers to assist you with this recruitment mission.

INSURANCE NEGOTIATIONS

The *National Registry's* Executive Director and a Board representative met with staff of Aetna Insurance Company of America, Federal Employee's Health Benefits Program Division, at Aetna's home offices in Hartford, Connecticut, in September. We are pleased to report a successful meeting.

Aetna, along with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, underwrites the FEHB program which provides clinical social work coverage for several million federal employees and their dependents in this country. Aetna is interested in using your National Registry of Health Care Providers in Clinical Social Work in determining clinical social workers vendorship eligibility under their FEHB program. We are now in the process of finalizing these negotiations.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield, joint underwriter of FEHB, has evidenced similar interest in your *Registry*. The Board has initiated negotiations with BC/BS. Additionally, ground has been broken with CHAMPUS (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services) for the purpose of advocating the *Registry* with that agency.

ADVOCACY

The president of the National Federation of the Societies for Clinical Social Work reports that the *National Registry* is being used extensively by the Federation's Washington-based advocacy program. This program--which focuses solely on legislation relative to Clinical Social Work--utilizes your *Registry* as "the source" to identify the Clinical Social Worker for every major federal agency (i.e. CHAMPUS, HEW, FEHB).

The *National Registry* is being actively presented to the insurance industry--federal and private--as well as to all other relevant interest groups, ranging from unions to national organizations.

Advocates of the *Registry* find that three differentiating features of the Registry prove to be impressive assets in carrying out the complex educational task of interpreting the qualified clinical social worker. They are: (1) The requirement for a core clinical social work educational sequence, (2) Requirement of completion of a two year graduate social work program, and (3) the *Registry's* status as an independent listing which does not require membership in any association or organization.

BOARD MEMBER

Betty Jean Synar of Dallas, Texas, has been elected to the Board for a one year term, replacing Jeanne Pollock of Philadelphia. Ms. Synar is Chief Psychiatric Social Worker of the Dallas Child Guidance Clinic.

APPLICATIONS

To obtain application forms and more detailed information, please call 606/269-2403 or write the National Registry of Health Care Providers in Clinical Social Work, 1025 Dove Run Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502.

Office Space

I have a two-room suite in a medical building in Eastern Nassau County that is available on a part-time basis. It is beautifully furnished, air-conditioned, and conveniently located to the North and South Shores and Western Suffolk. It is right off the highway. Facilities are adequate for individual psychotherapy, psychoanalysis, and family and group counseling. Parking is excellent.

If you are interested in sharing this office, please contact Eleanore Botney at 516-731-4608.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICES

SEMINAR IN PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC APPLICATION OF BIOFEEDBACK AND HYPNOSIS

Participants will learn hypnotic induction and auto-hypnotic techniques in conjunction with training in the use of biofeedback which involves learning to use muscle brain wave, temperature and galvanic skin response instruments. Application can help patients suffering from phobic reaction, psychosomatic disorders, anxiety reactions and reduce the need for medication.

Leaders are Eugene Barron, MSW, Ed.D., a practicing psychotherapist and Director of Social Service, Metropolitan Hospital Center and Adam Crane, a pioneer developer of the use of biofeedback for tension management. Begins May 16th, eight (8) consecutive Mondays 8:15 P.M. - 10:15 P.M., at 1147 First Avenue (63rd Street), New York, New York. Limited to fourteen (14) professionals. Cost \$95.00, forwarded to Dr. Eugene Barron, 16 East 98th Street, New York, New York 10029 (831-2089 evenings). Full refund, if after introduction, one wished to withdraw.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE
METROPOLITAN CHAPTER
of the
SOCIETY OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK PSYCHOTHERAPISTS, INC.

. . . is proud to announce . . .

a followup to our last
successful workshop

a dynamic workshop

in

Countertransference and transference processes
(Reactions and how they affect the
therapeutic relationship)

Leaders:

Alan Shanel, CSW, Chairperson
Sheila Jordan, CSW
Estelle F. Charles, CSW

Aspects:

Experiential
Theoretical
Clinical
(An opportunity will be afforded to present and integrate
your own clinical material)

Specifics:

date: time:

May 21, 1977
Registration and Coffee - 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Morning Workshop:- 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Lunch break - 12 noon - 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon Workshop:- 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

place:

Barbizon Plaza - Central Park South and Sixth Avenue
Room: Park Suite East

fee:

\$6.00 members - \$10.00 non-members

registration:

Advance registration is a must. Checks must be received no later
than Monday, May 16, 1977. Please send checks, made out to the
Society of Clinical Social Work Psychotherapists, Inc., to:

Alan Shanel
35 West 9th Street
New York, New York 10011

Questions:

Please call either one of us:

Alan Shanel 673-0965
Sheila Jordan 982-8851
Estelle F. Charles 595-8771

SWAN SONG REPORT

Dear Everyone,

For those of you who were unable to attend the April meeting to hear the news first-hand, this is my last hello. My years as legislative chairperson have been exciting, frustrating, fruitful. Though to many of you who may wonder what has been accomplished (as I, too, have pondered in dark moments) I want to say in retrospect, we have come a long way, baby.

From an unknown quantity in Albany we have grown to position, thanks to Jim Ryan, while every legislative chairman on the hill having to do with education and mental health, Medicaid and insurance, knows who we are. We are on the threshold of emerging from place of step-child of the mental health profession. Our amendment to the certified social work law has been introduced this session, so that we may clearly be differentiated from check certifiers and researchers and community organizers. We have added the distinguishing word "psychotherapist" to our organizational title to further gain clarity with the public and the rest of the profession. We have added both a public relations component to our wheel, and a special "nudge", hired to interpret our statistics and us to the Albany departments who wish they could forget we exist; - like to the Insurance Commission that we want to convince we deserve third party payment parity with other mental health practitioners, and the Department of Mental Health, that only last year recommended to the Governor that he veto third party payments to us, and the Department of the Budget that keeps crossing out social case work lines so nurses and psychiatrists can fill our jobs, etcetera, etcetera.

We have seen new by-laws passed, to facilitate the growth of our group into a potent force, while maintaining standards to allow us to affiliate with the dignity befitting our profession. I am proud to have been bestowed with the honor of having the first diplomate certificate.

I have been so pleased through the years that so many of you have responded to calls for action and volunteered your precious time to keep your cause and ours.

It has been wonderful knowing and working together with you. Change is never simple nor even in pace. I believe we have been through the hardest phase - differentiation and separation already. Object constancy is near hand. I have enjoyed being part of what is making it all happen. I hope more of you will come forward to experience what I have experienced with our Society. It is only through involvement that one achieves fulfillment and joy.

Thank you all for all the pleasure and happiness you have brought to me.

With fondness,

Bev Unger

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Here we go again! It's May and the legislature is moving full speed ahead to complete processing thousands of bills. From now through mid-June we too must move swiftly and deftly to see that our third party payment bill gets out of committee, passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. Your elected officers are doing all they can but it isn't enough! You must act.

First, immediately write to Assemblymen Irwin Landes (who sponsored the bill) and Leonard Silverman (who is Chairman of the Insurance Committee) at Assembly Chamber, State Capital, Albany. Speak in support of the bill - A. 7571 which would allow freedom of choice of psychotherapists to already insured individuals, etc. Also write to Senator John Flynn who sponsored the bill in the Senate. The bill number in the Senate is S. 5172. The immediate flow of letters will get the bill out of committee.

The next step is to use your influence with any group that can be construed to be concerned about the public good...For example, consumer groups, civic groups, unions ... the object being their written support of this bill. We feel it is essential to have their support in order to convince the Legislature and later Governor Carey of the merits of the bill. Please act now....we need the efforts of every single reader of this newsletter.

Our national legislation needs your help, too. Our bill which would have us reimbursed under Medicaid - Medicare, #4330 has been introduced. Letters to Senators Javits and Moynihan as well

as to your Representative in the House is needed now!

Many exciting and challenging things are happening on both the state and national level other than legislation. You will be receiving a National Federation Newsletter in June. It will include reports of individual state Societies and Federation Committee reports as well as the activities of our national advocacy firm. (For those of you who were unable to attend our April meeting and talk directly with Ken Adams of that firmrest assured.... those who were there were convinced that our interests are ably protected and espoused in Washington.)

More news of the state activities will be included in this Newsletter and in the renewal notices which will be sent in June. Our current priority is third party reimbursement and all our energy must be focused in that direction. Do not waste that energy on concerns regarding the licensing efforts of other groups. The Higher Education Committee is not reporting any of these bills out during this session. Several such bills have already been killed.

To repeat..... please do your share to see that your future is protected. Write your letters now and get other groups to join us in this battle!

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