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from the **editors** - ESTELLE F. CHARLES & CONRAD S. SEMLER and

It's Saturday morning 10 A.M.
- it's an early hour . . .

As we go to press we wonder
what relevant topics should be
touched upon?

I. Employment -
Unemployment? . . .

DISMAL

A virtual see-saw. One day a
person is considered a social
work supervisor earning the
commensurate salary ... the next
day the title changes, the money
decreases but the functions of
the position remain the same ...
feelings of anger abound - ex-
ploited again ...

Any other examples?

II. Elections ...
Undecided

Is our apathy unique? ...
Comments please!

III. Our Society - dynamic,
uncertain but still exploring ...
feel good about this ---. Volunteerism
(Volunteerism is not a dirty word for
our Society's work.)

IV. Money --- Scarce ... there-
fore we must charge for commercial
notices. Commercial, meaning
soliciting students, participants
or clients, etc. for business.

V. Private Practice ...
Occupational Hazard
Feelings of Isolation ... your
thoughts please.

IV. The Economy -
manifestations - shortage of
qualified, motivated staff personnel
... Social Ills - Deteriorating
communities losing political power
... Consequences - increase in
crime - (another bike stolen!!!)
Alcoholism - Drugs - Dirty Streets -
less policemen - less firemen - less
jobs - less services to citizens and
not enough emphasis on quality of
life ...



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letters to the editors

Maybe Saturday morning isn't the best time to meet.

Dear Editors:

I was as distressed to read your comments re. apparent apathy and lack of response from the membership, as you were to have written them.

Membership is a source of great pride for me, and I am a very recent Fellow, affiliated with the Westchester-Rockland Chapter.

For the present, about all I can do (and have done) is to write our legislators re. the Third Party reimbursement issue.

For the past four years, I have been coping with a neurological problem, and my time and energy is limited. I work full time and there are some personal things which must be done. If and when I do feel better, then you may be sure I shall become more active. Meanwhile, it's a struggle!

Elizabeth Le Blond

Dear Editors,

I just got the Newsletter and wanted to drop you a line to tell you that I think it is just great! It is interesting, easy to read and I think the members will have the same reaction.

Congratulations.

Helen Goldberg
Former Editor

Dear Editors,

Good things often come in attractive packages, and in the case of the June 1976 Newsletter it was certainly true.

My compliments on the attractive appearance and easy readability of the issue. I was grateful for the large lettering, sharp blacks, soft beiges, attractive headings and page decorations.

We see too little effort expended in that direction in our professional journals and newsletters.

Helen Hurewitz, A.C.S.W.

President's Corner

Much is happening in the Society on the local, state and national level. Information is now pouring in and we're so busy doing that it is often difficult to communicate it all to our members. We will be changing the format of our newsletter and hopefully increase the number of issues in order to keep you well informed.

On the national level our advocates, Dickstein, et al, continue to seek co-sponsors for Senator Inouye's, S-3470, which will establish Clinical Social Workers as independent providers under Medicare. Our summer mailing requested your help in this by writing to Senators Buckley and Javits. If you didn't write to them---do! (and send me copies, Please).

Additionally, they are facilitating an inter-organizational P.S.R.O. national committee and are stressing the importance of our inclusion in the national PSR Council to assure that we have a voice in establishing policy.

During the summer Dickstein, et al were able to secure Congresswoman Spellman's support of their Freedom of Information Act suit which resulted in a ruling in our favor - that the Civil Service Commission must provide us with benefit and rate proposals of the five largest insurance carriers in the federal health benefits program. The victory is not complete as the carriers are sure to appeal. But we're on our way!

We are pleased that this firm, the only group which truly represents the interests of Clinical Social Workers in Washington, is achieving results!

An addendum to The National Registry of Health Care Providers in Clinical Social Work is planned for December 1976. If you are not in the Registry you should be! Insurance firms are ordering copies so that they will know who is eligible for reimbursement. Deadline for inclusion in the addendum is November 15, 1976. Applications may be secured from Chapter Presidents or write directly to the National Registry at 1025 Dove Run Road, Lexington, Kentucky 40502.

On the state level we were disheartened by the failure of Governor Carey to sign the third party payment bill - especially since many of us committed uncountable hours and much energy to assure its passage and his signature. However, we have survived the blow and have redoubled our commitment to secure such a law. We have hired a P. R. firm to help ---. More about that in Beverly Unger's report and in our next newsletter.

We need to focus, too, on education and we need your help. Our plan is to have a Clinical Social Work conference in the Spring and we need help in setting it up. If you, too, have a commitment to professional growth and can give us some time please call me so we can proceed.

We have a new Chapter! Sam Sterk did a beautiful job (with the help of Marty Pollens) in setting up the Staten Island Chapter, in recruiting new members and in getting newspaper coverage (including photos!). If you live or work in State Island and want to join what promises to be an exciting group call Sam at 356-3835.

There's something else you can do for you ... and for all of us. (It was suggested in the Wisconsin Society's Newsletter and it's a great idea!). Check out your personal health insurance policy. If it doesn't cover care provided by Clinical Social Workers why not write them defining your qualifications etc. and complaining that you are paying them but are not paid by them!

We're always looking for help on committees both on a state and a local level. Do your share and volunteer.

NANCY PALAZZOLO
PRESIDENT

chapter news

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER

by Conrad S Semler

Our committees are in the process of formulating structures, goals and direction for the coming year - this report is vague at this time due to the fact that we are just initiating the processes. Naturally, we appoint all volunteers . . . you, you and you!

Education Committee: The Education Committee for the Metropolitan Chapter has met. We are now in the process of formulating an educational program which will interest our membership. We will be offering workshops, seminars and interest groups on relevant clinical and professional issues.

Chairperson of the Committee is Alan Shanel.

Members of the Committee are Estelle F. Charles, Helen Goldberg, Shiela Jordan and Virginia Seplowin.

Referral Committee:

By: Barbara Pichler

I called a meeting on October 5, 1976 to organize our work for this year. Attending were Irene Harvey, Susan Dowell, Helene Bass, Millie Klingman, and myself. Although only a few could make this time, there are some twelve people who have expressed interest in active work with the committee. We threw a lot of ideas around, and this report is a combination of our ideas and a few more that have come up since then. Please, between now and the next meeting, bat around these ideas, in your head, with your friends, etc.

Susan Dowell and I are co-chairing this committee for the present as Sarita Stein had to resign.

About forty therapists have signed up this year giving us a budget of about \$500.00 after operating expenses are paid. This is not very much, so one idea was that after we have provided some referral for our panelists, we may have to ask them for an added fee for initial expenses. Another idea was to ask the Society for initial help.

The main focus must be on publicizing and getting ourselves known to the community. One idea was to hire a C.O. person who knows how to publicize a new organization and who might be able to do some of the foot work. Several of us are looking into C.O. contacts we have - maybe also contact old professors for consultation - consider setting up the project as a placement for a student. We also want to look into the possibilities of some public realtions help. I have located a P.R. firm that gives free consultation to non-profit organizations and now have to look into what they could do for us. Millie is looking into her contacts with the media i.e. talk shows, etc. We also have to research the possibilities of getting "public service announcements" which are free. Any other ideas? Do you have any contacts you can utilize?

Another task is to identify the population we want to reach. Ideas: 1 - Students, especially Social Work students. 2 - O.P.D.'s or Mental Hygiene Clinics who because of staff cutbacks, need to refer out. 3 - Business, in general, the kind sophisticated enough to go into therapy but not so knowledgeable to have own personal connections to private practitioners; groups that don't have insurance coverage for therapy.

Please think of all personal in's you have with different companies, agencies, etc. It seems quite definite that referrals get made on the basis of personal connections and knowledge.

Also at issue is how we define ourselves - how we can distinguish ourselves as different and preferable to other services or individuals. Ideas: -we give superior service for moderate cost. Most other moderate fee services use students and trainees for the low fee patients. -We're non-profit, a service of a professional organization. -Because of our unique training and because of our panelists who have been trained in a variety of post-graduate institutes, we offer a number of modalities of treatment.

Should we offer consultations of panel discussions as a way of bringing in business?

Any other ideas?

Another piece of work needs to be done on the brochure. -update our name, -rework cover; better color, more "professional" look, somehow get "psychotherapy" on the front or think of a name for the service, because as it stands now, there are too many large words running into each other.

Next meeting: November 2, 1976 -- 9:00 P.M.
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So, I hope to see you all at this next meeting with your brainstorms! If you cannot make it, please call me (850-6041) or Susan Dowell (office 369-2170 home WA 3-7800) and give us your ideas over the phone.

NASSAU CHAPTER

by Mitzi Mirkin

After several changes in our chapter's roster, the current list of officers is as follows: President, Florence Dutko; Vice-Presidents, Eleanore Botney and Riesha Levy; Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Paul Waller; Treasurer, Dorothy Schnaittacher; Membership, Gloria Sandler; Education, Sara Rosenzweig; Social Action, Beverly Unger and Stanley Foodim; P.S.R.O. John Verbeeck; Comprehensive Health Planning Council, Peggy Isbell; Members-at-Large, Joan Gordon and Ann Bicknese.

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We are so sorry to be losing member and officer, Bessie Brill who is moving to the Washington area. We will not only miss Bessie's service to the organization, but the sense of humor we could always depend upon to lighten any heavy situation. Good luck to Bessie and her husband, Leon!

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Our big news this new season is that we are offering two courses. The first one, under the aegis of the Columbia University Psychoanalytic Clinic, will be a 2-session seminar on the "Depressive Personality," given by Dr. Max Cohen. Aetiology will be discussed and treatment techniques will be fully explored. The course will be given at Hofstra University Student Center in Hempstead, on November 13th and November 20th from 9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. The fee for members will be \$55.00, for non-members, \$65.00.

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Our second offering will be a 2-day seminar on Sex Therapy, given by Paul Heber, a Fellow of the Society. The course will be based on Masters and Johnsons type of Sex Therapy concepts and treatment, and will cover Developmental Sexuality, the Impotent Male, Disorders of Ejaculation, the Non-Orgasmic Female, Vaginismus and other related topics. Also presented at Hofstra University, the seminar will take place on December 4th and December 12th from 10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. and 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M., at a cost of \$50.00 to members, \$60.00 to non-members. Anyone wishing a brochure for either of the above courses may call Mitzi Mirkin at (516) 333-1385.

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Mr. Heber is also presenting a program (which will be past history when you read this) on "The Problems of Sexual Functioning and Their Treatment" to our general membership on Friday, October 15th. Open to the public for a small fee, the meeting is expected to be well attended.

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On the Nassau-Suffolk Referral Service front, we have compiled lists over the summer of clergymen in both counties, as well as school guidance departments, unions, drug agencies and other likely prospects for our services. This is for our next mailing of approximately 1,800 Directories, which should be imminent.

QUEENS CHAPTER

by Cecile Dunn

The Queens Chapter is holding its monthly meetings at Queens Childrens Psychiatric Center. At our first Fall Meeting we reviewed the summer activities of the Referral Committee and made plans for publicizing the referral service and improving its operation.

We have a new chairman of the Education and Program Committee - Ira Frankel. In response to requests by some of our new members we are planning a workshop to explore the pros and cons of attending institutes, and a discussion about some of the available institutes.

The Membership Committee is following up on those who have not renewed membership. We will also be having a drive to recruit new members.

For information about the Queens Chapter please call Cecile Dunn, President (212) 224-9155.

STATEN ISLAND CHAPTER

We are happy to announce that Staten Island is in the process of forming its own Chapter. We were able to receive publicity in the Staten Island section of the Daily News which is printed below.

• SUNDAY NEWS, SEPTEMBER 12, 1976

Social Workers Strive For Updated Image

By MARY ENGELS

Today's social worker is not the typical investigator in terms of welfare work as in days of old. Such is the cry of a pair of clinical social worker psychotherapists from Staten Island, Miriam and Sam Sterk, who feel their profession is being maligned. Consequently, they are out to change the image.

"We are utilized but not recognized," said Sam Sterk, who in addition to his own practice, works at St. Vincent's outpatient clinic for psychiatric services.

"The role of the social worker today encompasses many fields," he said. "We are the vendors of clinical services but if one wishes to become a practitioner capable of independent practice, he is not thoroughly recognized.

"Yet," he added, "the clinical social worker does the majority of the therapeutic interventions in hospitals, clinics and community service organizations."

Face Great Opposition

Sterk said that clinical social workers who have been interested in doing private practice always have faced a great deal of opposition.

"It is utterly discouraging that such workers are not allowed to collect third-party insurance payments in New York State," he said. "If individuals come to us, they do not get reimbursed for a visit as they would if they had gone to a psychologist or psychiatrist.

"We have state certification the same as they do so we certainly feel qualified. The reality is we don't have the organization, and that is what we hope to change."

The Sterks believe that only through

Husband and wife team, Sam and Miriam Sterk (←), discuss changing role of social worker in society. In addition to private practice (✓) Sam works at St. Vincent's Hospital's outpatient clinic for psychiatric services.



News photos by James Romano



legislation and educating the public to the social worker's role will the situation change.

This week the couple will start forming a Staten Island Chapter of the New York State Society of Clinical Social Work Psychotherapists, Inc.

"Other boroughs have formed chapters and we feel it is time for Staten Island members to take the initiative," Sterk said.

Functions of the Society

the first meeting will be held Saturday, Sept. 18, at 1 p.m. at the couple's home, 571 Carlton Blvd., Arden Heights.

The statewide society originally was formed to help promote and pass legislation to enable social workers in private practice to have the same benefits as those in other mental health professions.

Its second function was to develop referral systems; third, to offer clinical

workshops and speakers suitable to their professional needs, and fourth, to establish a common meeting place for people with similar interests, who share common goals such as the private practice of psychotherapy and clinical enhancement.

Sterk explained that the society encourages independent practice and has even offered workshops on how to get started in such an endeavor. "We can do all this on Staten Island," he said, "but we need the help of other social workers."

He and his wife consider themselves fortunate to be sharing the same occupation. They met while both were students at Buffalo State University.

"We find when we do marital counseling, couples seem to prefer working with couples like ourselves. It helps to ease tensions."

WESTCHESTER-ROCKLAND CHAPTERby Martin Pollens

The Westchester-Rockland Chapter is sponsoring a stimulating series of Mini-Courses this Fall. The courses in Sex Therapy, Family Therapy, Action Techniques, and Gestalt Therapy will begin on October 2nd at New York Hospital-Westchester division, Bloomingdale Road, White Plains, New York. The specific workshops and leaders are listed below:

Workshop 1: Introductory Sessions in the Gestalt Approach
Harriett S. Rappeport, MSW, Leader

Workshop 2: Action Techniques
Robert Schavrien, CSW, Leader

Workshop 3: Treatment Techniques in Sexual Therapy
Paul Heber, CSW, Leader

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On September 28, 1976 Barbara Freedman led a divorce workshop at Bergdorf Goodman's in White Plains.

In late June Bob Schavrien led a Body-Language workshop at Bergdorf's in White Plains.

Ruthe Feilbert will participate in a program entitled, "Innovations in Developing Human Power to Help Emotionally Disabled Children", at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children to be held in San Francisco, California in November.

The Information and Referral Service of the Chapter under the direction of Sue Solomon and Marge Zeidman has reorganized. The Family Follies program, sponsored by the Referral Service, will be presented to the Mamaroneck school system. Sue and Marge hope that other school systems will eventually ask to be included in this program.

COMITTEE REPORTS

BY-LAWSby Rose Duc-Thanh

It is hoped the By-Laws Committee will finish its task in time to submit the proposed new By-Laws for approval for the next general membership meeting which will be held on JANUARY 8, 1977..

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENTby Martin Pollens

ALBANY: Finally, we are moving in the direction of forming an Albany Chapter. Please contact: Robert J. McPadden, CSW
Social Service Unit
Albany Veteran's Administration Hospital
Holland Avenue
Albany, New York

if you are interested in helping to organize a chapter in this most vital area of the state.

ROCKLAND: There has long been a need for a separate and autonomous Rockland Chapter. Marty Pollens is currently working along with Jane Schwartz (914-359-7173 or 359-7400, extension 2724) in this direction. A meeting in November is being contemplated. It has been difficult for Rockland professionals to attend meetings in Westchester. We hope that a separate Rockland organization will encourage greater participation in this area.

STATEN ISLAND: On September 18, 1976, the Staten Island Chapter of the Society was formed. Sam Sterk and Mimi Sterk were selected by the 15 clinical social work psychotherapists present to act as provisional co-Presidents of the Chapter. Sam and Mimi were interviewed by Mary Engels of the New York Daily News regarding the formation of the Chapter. The half-page spread, including photographs, appeared in the Staten Island edition of the News on Sunday, September 12, 1976. (See Chapter News) Sam reports that there has been a great deal of interest regarding the Chapter. Society members who live or work on Staten Island are welcome to join this newest addition to the Society family. Please contact Sam or Mimi at 571 Carlton Boulevard, Staten Island, 212-356-3835.

Staten Island is the "last frontier" of the New York Metropolitan Area; close to 1,400 persons move to Staten Island every month. Clinical social workers have an important role in making area residents aware of important services that are available.

Any colleagues residing in other areas not currently organized into a chapter are invited to call Marty Pollens at 914-631-3714, 222 Martling Avenue, Tarrytown, New York 10591 to discuss initial organizational efforts.

SOCIAL ACTIONby Beverly Unger

Big news! After the disheartening governor's veto, your State Board decided it was time to go for broke to put the case of clinical social work psychotherapy before the public. We have engaged Norman Liss, of Liss Public Relations, for six months. He will attempt to reach all interested social workers to join our cause and to contribute funds to pay for the costly fight against the Insurance Lobby. At the same time, his goal will also be to bring us to the notice of the news media.

The Board has designated Rosa Duc-Thanh as the person through whom to channel any information you may have that could help Mr. Liss to promote our cause. Rosa's number is (212) IN 3-5715.

In line with this, there was a meeting of all State Chapter Social Action Chairpersons with Jim Ryan, who came down from Albany to plan strategy with us. Attending were Sue Rufer of Manhattan, Carl Rosenzweig of Westchester-Rockland, Antonio Perez of Queens and Beverly Unger of Nassau and the State Board. We have decided to meet with the Insurance Commission and the Department of Mental Hygiene, both departments having advised Governor Carey to veto the Third Party Payments Bill. We need to get our facts and figures together to combat Blue Cross-Blue Shield's statement that reimbursing social workers will mean added cost of sixteen million dollars. We know that New York City Union Labor Life Insurance Co.'s study showed no rise in costs after offering mental health coverage to its subscribers. If any of you have any further knowledge of studies that would help us to present accurate figures, please send them to Beverly Unger, 535 Cambridge Avenue, Westbury, New York 11590.

To help us in our action, we are asking all of you to have any of your clients/patients who have had their insurance reimbursement turned down to write to the Insurance Department, Albany, New York 12210, to the attention of Mr. James Klein, Deputy Commissioner, with copies to the Governor, to their legislators in the Senate and Assembly and to Beverly Unger. We believe the Legislature and all Departments to be far more sympathetic to public pressure than to our professional pressure, which they discount as vested interest. The State Board discussed this fully and decided that it would be ethically and therapeutically sound to present this to appropriate patients. We ask your involvement as this could be most important in reaching our goal.

We are also going to appear at the Public Service Commission's hearing on November 16th of Blue Cross-Blue Shield's request to raise premiums 25%. Crayton Rowe will present our statement opposing this increase based on Blue Cross's refusal to reimburse for social work psychotherapy as a denial of their policy holders' rights of freedom choice.

On the Licensing front...Since Irwin Landes, the Chairman of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, has told us that he is not in favor of licensing, we will go the route he suggests--certification to differentiate clinical social work psychotherapy from certified social work. Jim Ryan is drafting a bill. He is also getting in touch with NASW's Ken Skinner to get their cooperation. We are certain that, if we can get the certification law which Landes says he will help pass, we will be that much closer to Third Party reimbursement for social work psychotherapy.

One other big issue: The New York State Office of Classification and Compensation has approached the Department of Mental Hygiene to downgrade psychiatric social work positions, which would take away supervisory personnel and destroy most of the entire career ladder steps. The only professional clinical social work position available within all State Department of Mental Hygiene facilities would be "Psychiatric Social Worker I," known as Grade 17, where anyone just out of graduate school is eligible. We believe this is another way of lowering professional services and eliminating clinical social work jobs. We are sending letters to the Department of Mental Hygiene to indicate our objection to this downgrading. Word has it that the Department of Mental Health is also objecting. Jim Ryan has been instructed to discuss this entire matter with the Department of Mental Hygiene.

In another area, all chapters are setting up Telephone Squads, so that you may be informed quickly of any action that may be necessary.

As you may gather, all this is going to take a lot of money. Please ask all of your interested compatriots at work to contribute to our war chest as a sustaining member. If you want to make any further contributions yourself, please send extra monies to Bob Triana, 1065 Park Avenue, Suite 10A, New York, New York 10028.

Erratum

Our 1975-76 Directory contained several errors for which we apologize.

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Legislative Action Beverly Unger

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Omitted from Tioga County, (page 50)

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Errors:

- Page 12: Correct 2nd phone listing of Florence Lieberman to 914-472-1560
20: Correct spelling of Sam's name to Sterk, his zip code is 10312
and phone number is 356-3835.
27: Helen Jurewitz is really Helen Hurewitz.
45: Muriel Kornfield is actually Muriel Kornfeld.



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bulletin board

URGENT - CRISIS INTERVENTION NEEDED!

Over 60 recent MSW's facing a desperate employment picture have organized a self-help cooperative. This new organization, called The Social Workers' Cooperative, is comprised of graduates from all Metropolitan area schools of social work. Members help each other and themselves by actively searching for employment opportunities, sharing information about job openings, and matching applicants with job specifications. The Social Workers' Cooperative is:

- a pool of energetic go-getters
- an association of social workers dedicated to the profession
- a group of qualified MSW's, many with clinical training

In addition to being a centralized employment resource, the Cooperative also functions in the following ways:

- developing jobs in both traditional and non-traditional settings
- locating temporary or part-time social work employment
- initiating pilot projects
- exploring new methods of social service delivery

Crisis intervention is urgently needed! If you know of a job, call the Cooperative at (212) 673-9484 between 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., or write Mr. Larry Lee at 475 FDR Drive, New York, New York 10002.

CLIP THIS ARTICLE TO LET US KNOW WHEN YOU
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RACISM AND PSYCHOTHERAPY

RACISM AND THE DELIVERY OF PSYCHOTHERAPY AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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DECEMBER 11, 1976

New York University, Loeb Center
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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

MORNING, Dec. 11, 1976

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00-9:15 a.m.

Overview by
Conference
Coordinator

Elizabeth Lanier, ACSW
Faculty, Long Island
Institute for Mental Health;
Supervisor of Psychotherapy,
Long Island Consultation
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9:15-10:00 a.m.

Keynote Address:
Mental Health,
Minorities and the
Challenge of Racism

June Christmas, M.D.
New York City
Commissioner of
Mental Health and Mental
Retardation Services

MORNING PANELS

10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Socio-Conditioning
of the White Practitioner
Working with Minority
Group Clients: New
Perspectives

Grace Ganter, D.S.W.
Temple University School
of Social Administration,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Interventions Against
Racism in the Education
of Mental Health
Professionals

Leah Gorman, Ed.D., R.N.
Acting Chief, Psychiatric
Nursing Education Branch,
National Institute of
Mental Health,
Rockville, Md.

Racial Bias and the Availability of Therapeutic Alternatives

Folk Healers as Associate
Therapists

Pedro Ruiz, M.D.
Director, Lincoln Community
Mental Health Center,
Associate Professor of
Psychiatry, Albert Einstein
College of Medicine

Alternative Models
in the Mental Health
Field: Self-help Mutual
Aid Groups; role of the
Paraprofessional

Frank Riessman, Ph.D.
Editor, Social Policy
Magazine,
New York City

Family Therapy in the
Black Community:
Theory and Practice

Harriette McAdoo, Ph.D.
Professor, Howard University
School of Social Work
Washington, D.C.

Research: An Examination
of the Deficiencies in
Research as it relates to
the Black Reality, Past
and Present

Nelson Henry, Ph.D.
Director of In-Service
Training, Bronx Psychiatric
Center; Instructor,
Clinical Psychology,
Teachers College,
Columbia University

Tokenism or Reality:
Recommendations for the
Education of mental
health workers against
continued racist practices

Myron Harris, Ph.D.
Chief, Adolescent
Psychiatry,
Tremont Crisis Center,
Bronx, New York

DISCUSSION of
Morning Panel papers

Chairpersons: Elizabeth
Lanier, ACSW, Conference
Coordinator; Faculty, Long
Island Institute for Mental
Health; Supervisor of
Psychotherapy, Long Island
Consultation Center.

Wilfred Quaytman, Ph.D.,
Associate Conference
Coordinator; Administrative
Director, Long Island Institute
for Mental Health.

LUNCHEON:
12:30-1:45 p.m.

Arrangements will be
handled by Conference
participants on their own.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

2:00-4:30 p.m.

Workshop A. The Significance of Racial Difference Between Child and Therapist: A didactic and experiential sharing of work experience, including examination of (a) transference and countertransference phenomena, (b) identifying and handling factors of racism in the therapy situation, and in the adjunctive work with child's family.

Workshop Leader: DON HEACOCK, M.D. Chief,
Adolescent Services, Bronx Psychiatric Center

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Workshop B. Family Therapy: When the Family and the Therapist are of different races—special issues that arise in treatment. Presentation and discussion of video-taped excerpts of sessions with families and therapists of differing racial combinations.

Workshop Leader: ROD HILL, Ph.D., Family Therapy Consultant, Kingsboro Psychiatric Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Workshop C. The Racially Different Patient in Individual and Group Psychotherapy: Transference and Countertransference problems for Black and White therapists. A didactic and experiential workshop will explore the question of how therapists' non-awareness of their racial feelings operate to reinforce resistance, and frustrate treatment goals.

Workshop Leader: ROBERT ADDISON, M.S., F.A.G.P.A., Asst. Professor of Psychiatry, N.Y. Medical College; Consultant, Fort Hamilton V.A. Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Workshop D. Raising Levels of Attitudinal Awareness in Therapists. Small group encounters related to increasing therapist effectiveness.

Workshop Leaders: CLEMENTINE A. PUGH, M.S.W., Faculty, Herbert H. Lehman College, Bronx, N.Y.; Member, Anti-Racism Coordinating Committee of American Orthopsychiatric Association.

BARBARA P. KINOY, CSW, Ph.D., former executive director Riverdale Mental Health Clinic, Bronx, N.Y.; member, Anti-Racism Coordinating Committee, American Orthopsychiatric Association; private practice, Yonkers, N.Y.

Workshop E. Patient Panel: Small group of patients share and discuss experiences and feelings about working with therapists of different races.

Workshop Leaders: ELIZABETH LANIER, ACSW, Faculty, Long Island Institute for Mental Health; Supervisor of Psychotherapy, Long Island Consultation Center; private practice, Forest Hills, N.Y.

RICHARD C. ROBERTIELLO, M.D., Senior Training Consultant, Long Island Institute for Mental Health; Supervising Psychiatrist, Community Guidance Services, New York City; private practice of psychiatry and psychoanalysis, New York City.

4:30-5:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE WRAP-UP AND CLOSURE

5:00-6:00 p.m.

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