
25 YEARS
OF
SERVICE TO THE
SOCIAL WORK
PROFESSION
1970-1995

LOUISIANA SOCIETY
FOR
CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LOUISIANA SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK

1970

July 8- Formation of a steering committee.

July 18-First steering committee meeting at East Louisiana State Hospital, Jackson at 11:00 A.M. with C.B. Roberts as the chairperson. Serving on charter and by-law committee were: Bob Perkins, Bill Tarver, Dennis Hilton and Larry Gooch and Winborne Davis. Copies of the old Psychiatric Social Workers Organization along with a copy of the California Association by-laws were used as models.

Other members of the steering committee: Ben Ray, Nolan Landry, Catherine Boudreaux, Edith Diggs, Fred Calcotte Valerie Wozniak, Michael Moreau, Ann Woodward, Martha Forbes, Cal Bankston, Steve Lefeaux, Jimmy Womack, Barbara Pilie, Peggy Garret, Bob Compton, Charles Lawrence, Phil Thenet, Chris Chestien, Mike Berard and Jim Boudreaux.

October 24- FIRST MEETING - ALEXANDRIA

Action: Adopted By-laws, accepted 42 member applicants, Leadership until Jan, 13, 1971: Chair: C.B.Roberts, Vice-Chair: Bill Tarver, Sec/Treas: Ann Woodward. Set goal of 100 members by January, 1971.

NATIONAL LEVEL: 5 other states forming. These were: California, Washington, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Arizona. Set Chicago as the site of the first national meeting in 1971 (later set for Houston).

1971

January 13- Fountainbleu Hotel in N.O. Elected the three officers from October 24 meeting and elected Board members as follows: District I- Richard Day and Bob Compton, District II- David Bornman and Jim Boudreaux, District III- Edith Diggs and Joe Vinturella.

Actions in 1971: Begin work on licensure law, modeled after the

laws of California and Illinois to provide protection of both Title and Practice. JOINED THE NATIONAL FEDERATION IN OCTOBER AS A CHARTER MEMBER.

- 1972 **Bill Tarter President.**
Actions and Issues: Continue work on Licensure Legislation and subsequently introduced as HER-22 and PASSED.
- 1973 **January 6-Acting Pres. Bill Tarter (Alma Flick to take over on April 22.)** **Treasury: \$902.12**
Actions and Issues: Begin work with Civil Service on Clinical Social Work Series of Job Descriptions and career ladder.
- 1974 **January 12- Pres. Bevy Morris.**
Actions and Issues: Ask the National Federation to prepare a manual for Psychosocial Diagnoses to be submitted to 3rd party payers for inclusion of Clinical Social Workers.
- 1975 **March 15- Pres. Joe Vinturello.** **20 members**
By April 14 there were 35 renewed members with no new members.
Actions and issues: (minutes were lost) as reported by Secretary at the October meeting.
- 1976 **January 19- Pres. Wick Courtney.**
25 renewed members and by June-58 members.
Actions and Issues: National Registry-join the National Federation in establishing a National Registry with a \$50 fee and 53 social workers from Louisiana registered. Other state level actions: To get Social Workers covered in state mal-practice coverage along with Doctors, Dentists and Nurses. Continued work with Civil Service. Private Practice Act-SB-90 passed even though the the Louisiana Psychiatric Association made a desperate attempt to keep Clinical Social Workers out of Private Practice, the bill was passed unanimously in the Senate and 90-1 in the House.
- 1977 **February 21- Pres. Martha Forces.**
Actions and Issues: Help defeat HB-84 to limit 3rd party payments and defeated attempt for separate licensure for Marriage and Family Therapists.
- 1978 **July 17- Pres. Pat Merriwether.** **63 paid memberships.**

Actions and Issues: NOTE REGARDING DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT. (Minutes of 11/20/78: "Pat reviewed a letter from Dr. Kitchen regarding the HEW Tax Economy Package in which Health Services have been grouped into 3 different areas. Since we have the opportunity to suggest where CSW belongs in this, it was decided that we should be included under both diagnosis and treatment categories. It was suggested that it be amended to read [psychosocial therapies] when referring to the treatment phase. Concern now is that CSW's will be left out completely when it comes to 3rd. party payments."

1979-1982 (Minutes missing from files)

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| 1979 | President- Sam Lewis Membership-? | Treasury: January- \$1228.18 May- \$2816.76 |
| 1980 | President-Carol Holzhalb Membership-? | Treasury: January- \$0759.45 March- \$2426.67 |
| 1981 | President-Paul LeBlanc Membership-69 | Treasury: January - \$0800.84 May- \$2750.17 |
| 1982 | President- Sylvia Cluse Membership- 44 | Treasury: January - \$1198.51 May - \$2405.57 |
| 1983 | President- Sam Lewis Membership-51 | Treasury: January - \$1500.81 May- \$3044.37 |
| 1984 | President- Wilma Holloway Membership-50 (9 new) | Treasury: January - \$2155.06 May- \$3137.42 |
| 1985 | President-Randy Rupp Membership-51 | Treasury: January - \$2370.09 May - \$4147.95 |

**Actions and Issues: 3rd party payments and membership.
July 3- Insurance Committee to form with NASW a Social Work Vendorship Committee and \$500 given to committee.
Revision of By-laws in Annual Meeting of November 22.**

1986 President-Sam Lewis Membership-109
Actions and Issues: Objected to Civil Service using the title of

Social Worker for employees without a degree. Licensure of Substance Abuse Counselors and Professional Counselors.

1987 President-Alan Walker Membership- 90

Actions and Issues: Membership and Insurance Companies National Federation meeting to be hosted in New Orleans. Medicare reimbursement of CSW-Sam and Alan lobbied in Congress on this.

Stand against multi-level licensure of Social Workers as well as against licensing of professional counselors.

Concern about Vendorship Committee separating from the Clinical Society.

1988 President- Sherril Rudd Membership- 88

Actions and issues: Motion that upon dissolution, balance of funds to be given to Federation Capital Reserve Fund. However this would demand amending the By-laws to add (as required for non-profits such a dissolution clause.) No record of such ever being voted upon by the membership. By-law change at Annual meeting to make President's term 2 years.

1989 President- Sherril Rudd Membership- 94

Actions and Issues: January 26-Awarded \$2295 to the Louisiana Committee on Social Work Vendorship for litigation. Asked Vendorship to look into 5 issues including multi-level licensure.

July - Chris Velardo as President.

1990 President-Chris Velardo Membership- 69

Actions and Issues: Concern that the LSCSW does not have a member on the Board of the La. Committee on Social Work Vendorship or on the Board of ACSWV. Membership down. Discussion of Logo change in September-no action recorded.

1991 President-Chris Velardo Membership-51

Actions and Issues: Minutes not available

1992 President- George Morlier Membership- 51

Actions and Issues:

Membership, peer assistance, Louisiana Law Prohibiting Use of title: "A Professional Social Work Corporation"-to be researched by Sherril Rudd. Managed Care.

1993 President: George Morlier ¹³⁹
Membership-93 by year's end due to renewals and 46 NEW MEMBERS after the February workshop.

Actions and issues:

June-letter to Vendorship re merger. July- ACSWV responded by suggesting that the President of LSCSW sit on their board. The Board declined this offer, but George offered to serve as a representative in 1994 and suggested they also have a representative on the LSCSW board.

October workshop netted approx. \$5000 and several more new members.

1994 March Annual Meeting
President-Justin Schleis Membership- 81

Actions and Issues:

Set priority to bring about merger of LSCSW and ACSWV. Education: 2 workshops on DSM-IV September and November. Join NASW, ACSWV and LCSWE in forming the Inter-organizational Committee on Diagnosis and Treatment focusing on Medicaid Reform and defending Clinical Social Workers in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Health disorders.

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Inter-organizational Committee on Diagnosis and Treatment and Medicaid Reform.
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Sec/Treasurer-Mary K. Scott
Immediate Past President-George Morlier
**Region II-Representative-Vacant (Tara Bankston has become
President of LaNASW)**
Region I-New Orleans: Sherril Rudd and Joan Rogers
Region III-the two incumbents did not renew membership(vacant).

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25th Anniversary Conference of LSCSW.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LSCSW SINCE 1970

**Charter member of the National Federation of Societies for Clinical
Social Work and hosted the Federation in New Orleans 1987.**
Collaborated with NASW in enacting the 1972 Licensure Law in La.
**Provides nominees for the Governor to appoint to the Louisiana Board
of Social Work Examiners.**
**Provided leadership (via Sherril Rudd) as chairperson for the National
Vendorship Committee of the Federation and did the research in
1985 establishing and helping to fund the Vendorship Committee
which has become an independent and effective organization under
the name of The Association for Clinical Social Work Vendorship.**
**Through the Federation, worked hard to establish the American Board
of Examiners (ABE) and hosted ABE in New Orleans 1989.**
Provided many outstanding continuing education workshops.
**Carries on continued collaboration in the Inter-organization Committee
on Diagnosis and Treatment.**