

MHWA Notes: October 12, 2010 Quarterly General Association Meeting, Bakersfield

The meeting began with a welcome and introductions followed by Board Updates. MHWA could use the time and talents of someone willing to be Treasurer as the current treasurer has asked to be replaced after serving for three years. She has everything well-organized, and the person to replace her could just step into the role. Speaking of treasury, dues are due! You can check the website if you are a participating member to see if you are current. The MHWA website has been updated, and MHWA would like to maintain/update the website itself without the help of an outside party.

Dr. Laura Forsyth and Brian Olowude spoke about statistics and data collection. MHWA has a google doc up currently asking for information about the various Psychological Services such as number of staff, mix of staff (LCSW vs MFT vs Psychologist vs Interns), etc.. The idea is to create a college database which could be useful for SLOs, create a standard of practice foundation, and ultimately become a clearinghouse of mental health information to benefit our campuses.

The spring conference will tentatively be held April 29-30, 2011 in Monterey at the Best Western Beach Resort. MHWA is looking for topics for the conference.

Liz Llamas, MFT, updated those present on the LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor) possibility to replace MSWs and MFTs. There is a question if MFTs would be grandfathered in, or if they would need a semester of additional training. This one license (LPC or LPCC) would replace the MFT and LCSW licenses and there would just be the LPC license.

Betsy Sheldon gave her update from Sacramento. There is roughly \$7.5 million earmarked for California Community Colleges for mental health. Betsy informed us about the Kognito product, an interactive gatekeeper training for faculty and staff. The webinar about it was this Tuesday. Betsy also mentioned that we could check with our counties to see if the Mental Health Depts. might have money available. We also need a national forum for Health and Psychological Services at CCCs.

Dr. Connie Hoglund spoke about developing a crisis intervention team and the steps by which one may be instituted on campus.