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RIDGES AND HOLLERS

January was jumpin’! Planning for the Racial Ethnic Multicultural Invitational in Indy was wrapping up. Planning for our annual regional meeting at Hueston Woods March 2nd and 3rd was ramping up. And I was off to San Diego for the annual Regional Directors’ Convocation. By the time you receive this newsletter, the R.E.M. Invitational will be history. I hope I saw many of you there.

The Spring ’07 Regional meeting will focus on alcohol and other forms of chemical dependence. ACPE has been working with the Association of Adult Children of Alcoholics to develop competencies for clergy in this ministry. The conference will feature a powerful and heartwarming video called, “Lost Childhood,” which aired on public TV a couple of years ago. It presents work with children who were blessed with the opportunity to attend a summer camp with other children of alcoholics, and includes a follow up report on two of the kids ten years later. Statistics indicate that about one household in four is affected by alcoholism and we know many of the cases we see in the hospital are related to substance abuse. This should be a conference with every bit as much value for our Clinical Members as for Supervisors and CPE Students.

Happily, the weather in San Diego was decent, although not warm enough for short-sleeved shirts and shorts. It didn’t matter too much since we were sitting in a conference room most of the time. Much of our attention was around the empty chair where Jerry Davis would have been seated. Jerry died on December 1st. We all miss him – especially at this meeting. Jerry was our hospitality guy for San Diego. Jim Corrigan, Pacific Region Chairperson, filled in admirably, but we missed

Jerry. Stu Plummer, Regional Director for the South Central Region, is also serving as the interim Regional Director for the Pacific Region while they search for a new RD. Bill Carpenter attended as new Regional Director for the Southwest Region, and Jim Travis is also new from the Mid-Atlantic Region.

There were several topics of import for our centers that I would like to pass along. First, we were assured that the online student unit program reporting system would be in place by June 1st. After that date, all student unit reporting should be done on-line. Presently, centers send student program unit reports to the national office and to the regional business office. When the new system begins, the national office will be copying your reports to Joan Lyke in our regional office. No more multiple reports, and that should be a good thing. More information on the actual process will be coming out between now and implementation date of June 1st.

Also, we will be using a new professional ethics complaint process. This is a pilot process to see how it would work to do this task cooperatively with the Association of Professional Chaplains. The biggest change will effect your student handbooks. All complaints that need to go beyond the local center will be referred directly to national office, attention of Teresa Snorton, ACPE Executive Director. Another change is that there will be a Board Certified Chaplain sitting on Hearing Panels during this pilot period. You will receive other reminders, but be on the look out for them.

It is hoped that this change will accomplish several good ends. It should bring some needed uniformity to how students experience the process when they need to file a complaint. Second, it should increase diversity among the Hearing Panel Pool. There have been times when it was difficult to bring together a panel of persons who were not, perhaps, too close to the *respondent* (the

supervisor named in the complaint). It is also hoped that this process will work somewhat more quickly.

Indirectly, related to this process is one of the items named by the Department of Education (DoE) for us to address by the end of the year. While our accreditation process tracks complaints, there is no statement in our Standards/Manuals regarding how that information is used. When centers submit annual reports to Accreditation, the form asks if there have been any complaints, but what do we do with that information?

Another interesting item noted by the DoE is the absence of any definition regarding a "successful" center (and by implication, an "unsuccessful" center). We collect data on successfully completed units, but there is nothing in our materials that makes any use of that information either. So we have a bit of work to do for DoE, but our review went very well.

While, the RD's were relaxing in San Diego, Joan Lyke, traveled to Louisiana to spend a few days with her brother, Phillip. He died on February 1st just 34 days after he was diagnosed with advanced stage cancer. Earlier in the month, Judy Ragsdale was on a similar mission to be with her mother in Winston-Salem. (Judy said that her mother has rallied for the time being and Judy is back home as well). Hanci Newberry took off work to be with her mother, AnnaBelle Lee. Her mother died January 22, just 3 1/2 weeks after learning of her extensive cancer.

Susan Kyser has received some encouraging preliminary reports on her treatment. Please keep all these folks in your prayers. See you at Hueston Woods. *Cal Brand ©*

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

In addition to those mentioned in the previous section, please hold Joan Hemenway's family in your prayers and in particular, her beloved partner Jennifer. Joan died January 31st. A memorial service has been planned for Saturday, February 24, at the Unitarian Church in Hamden, CT. Details regarding the service will be posted at the Caring Bridge web site.

East Central Region "Spring" Conference March 2-3, 2007 Hueston Woods State Park Lodge

The program details and registration form were mailed in January. Another copy is included in this newsletter. The block of rooms that had been held for our group has been released to the public. However, if you would still like to register for the conference you can still qualify for the conference rate [of \$104.50 for

SGL/DBL] pending the availability of rooms. Contact Hueston Woods directly at 1-513-664-3500 – to book your lodging.

The regional conference registration deadline is February 15, 2007. You can register by e-mail hjoanlyke@yahoo.com; you cannot register at the web site.

HUESTON WOODS CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS CHAPLAINCY, SUPERVISION AND THE CHALLENGES OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

By: D. Carl Buxo

Substance abuse transcends age, ethnicity, gender and class. It takes a toll on individual lives and on society at large. The statistics tell a story of immense human pain and grief: One-fourth of deaths in the United States are attributed to alcohol, tobacco or illicit drug use. According to figures released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Association SAMHSA's National Survey of Drug Use and Health, an estimated 7.7 million persons aged 12 or older need treatment for an illicit drug problem; 18.6 million need treatment for an alcohol problem. Report of an Expert Consensus Panel Meeting, February 26-27, 2003, Washington, DC.

The economic costs to society are also staggering. A recent Rutgers University report estimated that substance abuse costs the U.S. economy \$414 billion per year. Another recent report released by the RAND Drug Policy Research Center indicates that there is strong evidence that a weaker economy such as we currently experience in the mid-west leads to greater teenage marijuana and hard-drug use and further cites evidence that access to illicit drugs is easier when the economy is weaker, and also leads to higher teenage alcohol use. Arkes J. *Health Economics*, Vol. 16, No. 1, Jan 2007, pp. 19-36.

Substance abuse is not an issue that can be understood nor defeated in isolation. As pastoral care practitioners and educators, an emerging expectation is that we are conversant with the basic facts about alcohol and drug dependence, and have a solid understanding of how these problems affect the persons we serve; patients, their support persons, individual, family members, and their faith community. The same is true for many of our colleagues in congregational settings. Clergy and pastoral ministers also should be cognizant of available resources for treatment and recovery both within the congregation and the larger community; they should similarly be able to connect people with needed services and treatment resources. Spirituality has long been recognized as an important component in considering the various dimensions of the disease of

addiction and its treatment. A healthy spirituality can aid in improving outcomes and facilitate coping.

With these perspectives in mind, our Hueston Woods Spring meeting will present a program aimed at breaking through the acknowledged wall of silence that surrounds alcohol and drug dependence. Our objective is to empower chaplains, clinical members, clergy and other pastoral ministers to become involved actively in efforts to combat substance abuse and to mitigate its damaging effects on families and children.

Our program on Friday, March 2 will feature a plenary address by Ruth Serneels, MD, a physician who is a well-known subject matter expert. Following her presentation there will be a panel discussion led by Bob Little, a licensed independent chemical counselor and EAP coordinator.

Saturday's program will highlight two workshops. One workshop will attempt to clarify the way(s) in which the concept of spirituality is understood and employed in practice by clinicians who work with people who have the disease of addiction. The second workshop will explore core competencies for clergy, chaplains and educators for addressing alcohol and drug dependence within the context of health care and clinical pastoral education.

Overall, our Hueston Woods program will introduce participants to a fresh understanding of the spiritual aspects of addictive diseases, and possibly arrive at a definition or description of spirituality, which might be a useful tool for caregivers within the field.

The program promises to be both relevant and of interest to clinical members as well as CPE students and supervisors. Please spread the word to all pastoral care colleagues. Hope to see you there also!

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON NEEDED FOR FALL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The ECR Fall meeting is scheduled for September 28 and 29, 2007 at the Sheraton Suites Akron/Cuyahoga Falls. We do not have a program chairperson for that conference. If you have an interest in planning the program for Friday and Saturday - please contact Cal Brand, Regional Director and Elizabeth Price, Regional Chair at: [ecr-rd@sbcglobal.net; eprice1@clariannorth.com]

JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH – has an immediate opening for a **CPE Supervisor** as Coordinator of Clinical Pastoral Education in an

expanding department. Responsibilities include managing a CPE Program, CPE supervision, providing pastoral care to patients, families and staff, with other administrative functions. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, a Master of Divinity degree, certification, ordination and ecclesiastical endorsement. Competitive salary and benefits. Send inquiries or résumé to: The Director of Pastoral Care, H19, Cleveland Clinic, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 44195. Phone (216) 444-2518. FAX (216) 445-9678.

- The Cleveland Clinic Foundation has seven positions for the **2007-2008 CPE Residency program**. The Residency stipend is \$25,000 - \$26,000. Apply by 2/28/07 to: The Rev. Dennis E. Kenny, Pastoral Care, H19, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44195. (216) 444-2518; FAX (216)-445-9678. Visit the Web site for more information: <http://www.clevelandclinic.org/pastoralcare>

ACPE Certification Calendar

The next opportunity to meet the East Central Region Certification committee will be Thursday, March 1, 2007, at the Hueston Woods State Park Lodge, College Corner, OH. However, the deadline for applications to meet a committee in March has passed. There will be another opportunity to meet the committee in September and the deadlines for applications will be listed as those details become available. If you have any questions in the meantime, contact:

Beth Newton Watson, Certification Co-Chair (regional)
317-217-3192
bwatson@clarian.org

For questions regarding the National Certification Commission contact: Ann Letson, Certification Co-Chair (national) (502) 636-8085
<ann.letson@nortonhealthcare.org>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **03/2-3/07**-ECR ECR "Spring" Meeting, Hueston Woods Lodge, College Corner, OH. - Carl Buxo, Program Chair
- **09/28-29/07**-ECR Fall meeting, Sheraton Suites Akron/Cuyahoga Fall, Akron, OH. - _____ Program Chair
- **09/2008**-ECR Fall meeting, Harmony, IN. Dates to be determined – Elizabeth Price, Program Chair

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Rhonda Gilligan-Gillespie, Accreditation
Carol Reynolds Green, Board of Reps
Frank Impiccicche, Board of Reps
Bob Uken, Budget & Investment
Ann A. Letson, Certification Co-Chair
[National]
Beth Newton Watson-Certification Co-Chair
[Regional]
Martha Amann, Clinical Members Co-Chair
Carl DeMeritt, Clinical Members Co-Chair
Katherine Niningger, History
Lin Barnett, Nominations
Victoria Johnson, REM Task Force
David Koch, Research
Karl VanHarn, Standards

SIGN UP FOR REGIONAL GROUP LIST:

You may send and receive messages to members of the region that have also joined the group list. It is easy to join and there is no charge. You may sign up by visiting the Yahoo! Groups web site and follow the instructions. Our group list is: ECR-ACPE@yahoogroups.com; or Send a message to: ECR-ACPE-subscribe@yahoogroups.com; in the subject line use the same ECR-ACPE-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

You will receive a message to confirm your request. To unsubscribe from the group list – follow the same instructions except change the word subscribe to unsubscribe.

**SUPERVISORY EDUCATION
IN THE REGION**

Associate Supervisors

Ruth Alpers
Sergei Petrov
Frank Woggon

Supervisory Candidates

Jose Albovias
Don Chase
Bill Foster
Susan Harthon
Laurie Hearn
Vickie Johnson
Wayne McKenney
Jon Paulus
Yerachmiel Rabin
Joe Roberts
Mark Scheffers
Kurt Stutz
Jim Wright

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

The March newsletter will be published later than usual due to the conference scheduled for March 2-3, 2007. The deadline for the March Newsletter is: Monday, March 5, 2007. Send electronic copy to: hjoanlyke@yahoo.com or by regular mail: 7672 Cottonwood Lane, Dexter MI 48130. For more information contact: 734-426-5099.

"SPRING" PROGRAM
Saturday, March 3, 2007

7:30AM-9:00AM – Breakfast Buffet

Fireside-Lower Level

7AM-9AM – Administrative Council

Wyandot-Lower Level

(Continental Breakfast provided in meeting room)

9:00AM-10:30 AM – Workshops (Select 1)

***#1 – The Place of Spirituality in recovery and 12 step programs**

Lori Friestrom

Delmingo Room-Lower Level

***#2 – Implications of Substance Abuse for CPE programs and the Proposed Core Competencies for Clergy and CPE Supervisors**

D. Cal Brand

Wyandot Room-Lower Level

10:30AM-10:45AM-Break

Lower Level Hall Way

10:45AM-11:45- National Issues Panel

Delmingo Room-Lower Level

11:45AM-12:30PM– Regional Visioning Committee Reports

Delmingo Room-Lower Level

12Noon – Adjournment-(Lunch is provided)

Fireside Room-Lower Level

Program Planning Committee:

Billie Beverly
Cal Brand
Carl Buxo
Carol Green
Henry Uy

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

HUESTON WOODS RESORT & CONF CENTER
5201 LODGE RD., COLLEGE CORNER, OH 45003

RESERVATIONS – 1-513-664-3500
Mention ECR/ACPE for the conference room rate (\$96.60) SGL/DBL.

ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE IS

JANUARY 29, 2007

Rooms not reserved by the 29th will be released to the public.

Conference Registration

Complete registration form and mail with your (\$125) check or money order as indicated. To avoid the late fee you can register by e-mail and mail your check by regular mail.

hjoanlyke@yahoo.com

Conference registration deadline is February 15, 2007. **There will be no refunds after February 15.**

**EAST CENTRAL REGION, ACPE
"SPRING" CONFERENCE**

THE IMPACT OF SUBSTANCE

ABUSE ON CHILDREN AND

FAMILIES:

Implications for Pastoral Care and Education

Addiction to alcohol and drugs has had a dramatic effect on our society perhaps increasingly so in the past 25 years. Persons who are not themselves alcohol or drug abusers are often affected by problems related to a drug abusing family member.

Our Spring Conference addresses this topic and the proposed clergy competencies ACPE has been working on with the NAOACA. This conference will be of keen interest to ACPE Clinical and Supervisory members.

March 2-3, 2007

Hueston Woods State Park Resort & Conference Center, College Corner, OH

**PRE-CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE
MEETINGS**

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

7:30PM-9:30PM - Certification Committee
Wyandot Room-Lower Level

Thursday, March 1, 2007

7:00AM-8:00AM - Breakfast Buffet
(At your own expense)
Dining Room-Lower Level

7:30AM-5:00PM - Hospitality/Welcome
Room #110-Lodging Room

8:00AM-5:00PM

- "A" Room #102-Lodging Room
- "B" Room #104-Lodging Room
- "C" Room #106-Lodging Room

5:00PM-6:00PM - Certification Committee
Room #110

10:00AM-6:00PM - Accreditation Committee
Ohioami-Lower Level

2:30PM-6PM - Budget & Inv Committee
Deleware-Lower Level

4:00PM-6:00PM - Standards Committee
Councilfire-Lower Level

Fireside chat: Everyone is invited to gather by the fireplace in the main lobby (upper level) to visit with each other, play board games or just enjoy the warmth of the fire. Bring your favorite game(s). Light refreshments will be provided.

**"SPRING" PROGRAM
Friday, March 2, 2007**

7:00AM-9AM - Breakfast Buffet

Fireside Room-Lower Level

7AM-9AM - Administrative Council

Wyandot-Lower Level

(Continental Breakfast will be provide in meeting room)

8:30AM-9AM - Registration

Upper Level-Main Lobby

9AM-10:20AM - Regional Business Meeting

Delmingo Room-Lower Level

9AM-10:20AM - Meet & Greet for 1st Time Attendees and/or students-An additional networking opportunity.

Upper Level by Fire Place

Hosted by member(s) of the newly formed Regional Hospitality Task Force. (Mid-morning snack will be provided).

10:20AM-10:50AM - Worship

Delmingo Room-Lower Level

Led by: Residents - St. Vincent Hospitals & Health Services, Indianapolis

10:50AM-Welcome & Introduction by D. Carl Buxo, Chair Elect/Program Chair

Delmingo Room-Lower Level

11AM-12:30AM - General Session Part I-
Keynote Address and Video Presentation
Ruth A. Serneels, M.D.

12:30PM-1:45PM - Lunch buffet

Fireside -Lower Level

**"SPRING" PROGRAM
Friday, March 2, 2007 (continued)**

1:45PM-3:15PM - General Session
Panel Discussion: A Spectrum of personal experiences of substance abuse and what's important for healing and recovery.
Moderated by:

Bob Little

3:15PM-3:30PM - Break

3:30PM-4:30PM - 2007 REM Invitational Planning Committee-[return to Delmingo Room]

3:30PM-5:30PM - Free Time and/or Peer Review

5:30PM-6:30PM - Social Hour/Cash Bar
Fireside-Lower Level

6:30PM-8PM - Banquet
Fireside-Lower Level

8PM-Entertainment

Arranged by:

Karen Morrow, Pastoral Care Director Clarlan Health, Indianapolis, IN

Fireside-Lower Level

HUESTON WOODS LODGING DEADLINE IS JANUARY 29, 2007

If you are planning to stay at the lodge you need to make your own lodging reservations – even if you are serving on a committee or meeting a committee. **Per Hueston Woods Sales office – do not make reservations by e-mail or at the web site. Call Hueston Woods directly - (1-513-664-3500)**

REGIONAL REGISTRATION FORM
ECR/ACPE CONFERENCE
MARCH 2 & 3, 2007
DEADLINE FEBRUARY 15, 2007

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone: () _____
E-mail: _____

Mail to: H. Joan Lyke
7672 Cottonwood Lane
Dexter, MI. 48130

Or: E-mail information to: hjoanlyke@yahoo.com

(Please circle your selection)

1. Friday & Saturday sessions	\$125.00*
(Includes breakfast, lunch & dinner Friday; and breakfast & lunch on Saturday)*	
After February 15, 2007 deadline	\$130.00
2. Friday Only Including banquet	\$100.00
After February 15, 2007 deadline	\$105.00
3. Friday day session only - w/o banquet	\$ 75.00
After February 15, 2007 deadline	\$ 80.00
4. Banquet charge for guests (not registered for conference)	\$ 25.00
After February 15, 2007 deadline	\$ 30.00

ENCLOSED is my check or money order payable to the ECR/ACPE for \$ _____
OR my \$ _____ check will be mailed on or before February 15, 2007 _____

► No refunds will be paid after February 15, 2007 ◀

(Do not deduct the following amounts from your registration fee; expense reimbursement forms will be available at the conference*):

- I am a Clinical Member of ACPE and am applying for the \$40 scholarship _____
- I am a SIT and am applying for the scholarship of ½ lodging for Thursday evening _____
- Committee members expenses will be reimbursed as follows:
 - Up to \$35/day meals- (**receipts required**); 1/2 room rate per person (**hotel receipt required**). (Check with the chairperson regarding reimbursement before you incur the expense).
- The region reimburses a total of ½ the room rate for Fridays lodging as indicated below: (hotel receipt required)
 - 1/4 room rate per person; or 1/2 room rate to person paying the bill
 - If you do not share your room with a registered conference participant
- you will only be reimbursed 1/4 of the room rate for Friday evening.

(Questions to Joan Lyke at hjoanlyke@yahoo.com or 1/734-426-5099)