
ACOSA UPDATE

Symposium & Election Issue

Spring 1999

Symposium by the Bay

ACOSA's 1999 symposia will feature an exciting round of events and stimulating presentations. Co-chairs Donna Hardina, Cheryl Hyde, and Nancy Mary have organized the presentation of 22 papers. All papers were chosen through a blind review process (thanks to the ACOSA reviewers!) and were then accepted by CSWE. There is considerable breadth in the topics that will be covered, indicative of the widespread interests of ACOSA members. Congratulations to all of the authors whose papers were accepted.

Session 1: Community Practice
These papers examine the historical and contemporary efforts of community organizing with respect to social, political and economic development.

Community Organizing at the Millennium: Prognosis and Prescription, by Jackie Mondros and Neil McGuffin
Community Organizing for Developing Environmentally Sustainable Communities, by Marie Hoff

Session 2: Strength Perspectives
This session focuses on how to incorporate a strengths perspective into macro practice through innovative organizational and community based programs.

Parents as the Guiding and Unifying Component for Restructuring Educational

Support Services, by Tania Alameda-Lawson and Michael Lawson

Building Assets in Oppressed Communities: IDAs as a Golden Gate of Opportunity? by Deborah Page-Adams, Edward Scanlon, and Marcia Barber

Session 3: Responding to



Welfare Reform These authors discuss the complicated policy issue of welfare reform from macro practice perspectives.

Providing Opportunity during the Welfare to Work Transition, by Ruth Raines-Eudy
Welfare Reform: Making the Case for Multidimensional Social Work Organizing Strategies, by Mary Ann Bromly, Nancy Gewirtz, and Daniel Weisman

Session 4: Supporting Agency Workers This session examines ways of promoting worker and client satisfaction, including the responsibilities of agency leaders in supporting their staff.

Supervisor Worker Exchange Quality and Organizational Citizenship Behavior in Family Service Agencies, by Karen Hopkins
Tools to Diminish Burnout: A Resiliency Perspective for Social Work Managers, by Sharyn Zunz

Session 5: Community Collaboratives

These papers move beyond the trendy rhetoric of Collaborative to look at what is strategically necessary for successful collaborative interventions.

A Practitioner's Guide for Working with Community Collaboratives, by Helen Weingarten and Howard Nemon
Community Collaborations: Effective, Efficient and Empowering Service Systems, by Hide Yamatani, Tracy Soska, and Terri Baltimore

Session 6: University - Community Partnerships

These papers examine a particular kind partnership between universities and communities with particular attention to the importance of student training

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through such initiatives.

The Campus Affiliates Program: Case Study of a University Response to Troubled Times, by Sarah Sloan Kreutzinger, Richard Ager, Evelyn Harrell, and Stephanie Boddie
University - Community Partnership Centers: An Important Link for Social Work Education, by Mary Rogge and Cynthia Rocha

Session 7: Skill Based Teaching Strategies

The authors focus on how to assist students in the acquisition of key skills for macro intervention, regardless of their particular practice orientation.

Teaching Community Practice from the Start: The Integration of Micro/Macro Methods, by Zoe Breen Wood and Alice Johnson
Human Services Administration and Social Work Education, by Cassandra Simon and Rick Hoefler

Session 8: Teaching Innovations

This session addresses how to enrich the learning experience through the imaginative incorporation of critical thinking, diversity, and change.

Educating for Social Change: An Innovative Interdisciplinary Community Organizing and Development Program, by Terry Mizrahi and Andrea Case
Using Cultural Activities to Teach Multicultural Community Practice, by Michael Reisch and Lily Jarman-Rhode
PRACISIS: A Framework for Developing Critical Consciousness and Implications for Strategy, Ann Rosegrant Alvarez

Session 9: Research on Human Service Organizations

These three papers focus on different ways of understanding the types and functions of human service organizations, with

attention to effective organizational practice in serving vulnerable populations

Building Strategic Alliances with the Nonprofit Sector: Lessons from a National Survey, by Darlyne Bailey and Kelly McNally Koney
From Good Intentions to Meaningful Practice: Multicultural Development in Human Service Organizations, by Cheryl Hyde
African-American Congregations ñ Caucasian Congregations: Myth and Reality in Social Service Provision, by Ram Cnaan

Special Event

ACOSA will host its annual Special Event **Practice at the Margins: Organizational and Community Alternatives** at the upcoming CSWE Annual Program Meeting in San Francisco. Invited speakers are **Meredith Minkler** of the University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health, who writes extensively on community practice, and **Jenny Chin Hansen**, Director of On Lok, which is one of the premiere community-based care agencies in the country.

Through slide shows and personal experiences, they will focus on community and organizational practice in the Tenderloin and Chinatown neighborhoods of San Francisco. As experienced activists, they promise to deliver an innovative and provocative program that will address the conditions, needs, and strengths of vulnerable and disenfranchised populations.

Cheryl Hyde, who organized the event, will serve as moderator. At the conclusion of the presentations there will be time for audience questions and discussion on the role of social workers in this kind of community and organizational practice.

This event will be held on **Friday March 12th from 7:30 to 9pm at the San Francisco Hilton Hotels Imperial A Ballroom Level**. It immediately follows the ACOSA Membership Meeting (6-7:30pm).

At the end of the program, the **Lifetime Achievement and Emerging Scholar** awards will be presented. This year's awards will be given to **Tim Sampson--Career Achievement Award--1999** and **Julian Chow--Emerging Scholar Award--1999**. The evening concludes with a reception.

Last year's Special Event, Reflections on Community Organization, provided a wonderful opportunity for the exchange of ideas and socializing. Please, invite colleagues and students the activities are open to all. For more information, contact Cheryl Hyde at (415) 338-6213 or chhyde@sfsu.edu

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Korazim Honored

In December 1998, Dr. Yossi Korazim, D.S.W., a veteran Community social worker since 1971, was honored as the first Community Work Specialist in Israel.

Welcome New Members

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new 1998 and 1999 members to ACOSA:

1999 Institutional Memberships

Indiana University Northwest, Grafton Hull, Jr., Director, Louisiana State University, Kenneth Millar, Dean, Western New England College, Sara Weinberger, Director

1998 Institutional Memberships

Aurora University, Sandra Alcorn, Dean, Boston College, June Gary Hopps, Dean Florida State University, Dianne Montgomery, Dean, Georgia State University, James Wolk, Director, Monmouth University, Mark Rodgers, Director, Ohio State University, Tony Tripodi, Dean, Simmons College, Joseph Regan, Dean, Smith College, Anita Lightburn, Dean University of Chicago, Tina Rzepnicki, Associate Dean University of Connecticut, Kay Davidson, Dean University of Denver, Cathryne Schmitz, University of Georgia, Bonnie Yegidis, Dean, University of Hawaii, Pat Ewalt, Dean University of Maryland-Baltimore, Jesse J. Harris, Dean University of Michigan, Paul Allen-Meares, Dean, University of Pennsylvania, Ira Schwartz, Dean, University of South Carolina, Frank Raymond III, Dean, University of Southern California, Marilyn Flynn, Dean University of Texas Austin, Barbara White, Dean Yeshiva University, Sheldon R. Gelman, Dean,

1998 Sponsoring Memberships: New

Members Gwendolyn Prater, Jackson State University, Director, New York University, Thomas M. Meenaghan, Dean, Richard Cloward, Columbia University Teresa Morris, California State San Bernadino, Director Texas A & M-Commerce, Brenda Moore, Field Director

1998 Regular Memberships ó New

Members Abby Gamboa, Near Northside Partners Council, Ft. Worth, TX Bob Weinburg, University of North Carolina-Greensboro Carol Brotman, Rhode Island College, Celia Williamson, University of North Texas Creasie Finnie Hairston, Dean, University of Illinois-Chicago Daniel Lebold, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, David Siegel, West Chester University, Elizabeth Dane, Walla Walla College, James Midgley, Dean, University of California-Berkeley, James Rollin, University of Illinois-Chicago, Janice Chadha, Columbia College, Jean, vera, University of Texas-Austin Jerry Marx, University of New Hampshire, Jo Anne Zamparo, Memorial

University, Newfoundland, Joseph

Loundy, Chicago, IL, Judy Shephard, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Julian Chow, University of New York, Katherine Selber, Southwest Texas State University Laura Kuzna, Family & Child Services, Inc., Washington, DC Marcia Bombyk, Eastern Michigan University, Marion Wagner, Indiana University, Mary Ann Bromley, Rhode Island College, Maurice Daniels, University of Georgia, Moya Atkinson, NASW Maryland, Peggy Pittman-Munke, Southeastern Louisiana University, Peter Sanford, Visiting Nurse Association, Dallas, TX, Roberta Aaronson, Providence, RI, Roberta Sue Pearlmutter, Case Western Reserve University, Rosemary Sarri, University of Michigan, Sung Lai Boo, Kansai University of Social Welfare, Japan Suzanne McDevitt, University of Northern Iowa, Teresa Morris, California State University-San Bernadino, Thomas O'Brien, University of Nevada Timothy Lause, Wichita, KS, Vicki Van Fleet Smith, Concord, CA, Vidya Rao, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India

1998 Student Memberships New

Members : Amy Schneider, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Andrew J. Lehto, University of Michigan , Ann Chambers, Wayne State University, Brad Schock, Hunter College Carol Dunlap, Kannapolis, NC Christopher Haley-Walden, University of Tennessee-Knoxville , Claudia Lahaie, Princeton, NJ , Debra Ernsberger, Case Western Reserve University Eugenia Ballard, Detroit, MI Hallie Durschlag, Case Western Reserve University , Izumi Sakamoto, University of Michigan, J.M. Kelly, University of Pittsburgh, Jacqueline Gonsalvez, Austin, TX, Judy Taylor, Case Western Reserve University , Kathleen Powell, Frostburg State University, Laura Wernick, Columbia University. Lesa Dixon, Oregon State University, Linda Gayhart, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Lynn Onderko, University of Connecticut, Marcy-Ann Meyer, University of Maryland-Baltimore Mary Harris, University of Pittsburgh Maureen Thandiwe Ehlers, University of Michigan, Micah Melton, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Nanette Venegas, Lombard, IL Seema Varma, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Shana Vinegar, Wayne State University Stephanie Boddie, University of Pennsylvania, Stephen Plumb, Case Western Reserve University

1999 Regular Memberships ó New

Members: Carol Plock, Poudre Health Services, LaPorte, CO, David Dempsey, NASW PACE, Demetrius Iatridis, Boston College Gerald Landsberg, New York University Jim Hewitt, Senior Action Network, Pacifica, CA, Kathy Armenta, University of Texas-Austin Larcy McCarley, Delaware State University, Leslie Leighninger, Louisiana State University Mark Creekmore, University of Michigan Mary Andrus-Overley, University of Denver Nicholas Smiar, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, Peggy Quinn, University of Texas-Arlington, Robin Mama, Monmouth University, Terry Carrillio, San Diego State University, Yossi Korazim-Korosy, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Israel

1999 Student Memberships New

Members: Adrian Solomon, Hunter College Aimee Buckland, University of Kansas Alma Trinidad, University of Michigan Angelyn Killebrew, University

of Tennessee-Knoxville , Esperanza Martell, New York City, NY, Kathleen Rice, University of Michigan, Mathew Chheng, Long Beach, CA, Sam McMaster, Case Western Reserve University, Sheila Chaplin, University of South Carolina

Policy Conference

ACOSA will sponsor two Paper Sessions and two Roundtable Sessions at the University of South Carolina's *Conference Politics, Policy, and Social Change: An Institute for Social Work Educators & Practitioners.*

Charles Trent, Yeshiva

University, is Chair of the

ACOSA Committee assisted by

Peggy Pitman-Munke, Jean Hyche-Jackson, Katherine Byers and **Patricia Brownell.**

Session 1 on welfare Reform and Session 2 on shifts In

Community Practice And Social Policy Papers or abstracts should

be sent to the conferences and will be forwarded to the Chairs of

sessions. ACOSA will also sponsor two roundtable sessions.

Papers that are not included in the refereed sessions will be presented at these roundtables. To support

colleagues, session chairs will

send letters indicting that

papers/abstracts are selected for

roundtable presentation. An

ACOSA interest group meeting

will also be scheduled during the

Conference for networking and

new member recruitment.

For more information, contact:

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Presentation

Jack Rothman, Ralph Kramer and

Chauncy Alexander spoke on

Community Organization and

Social Advocacy in Transition on

January 21, 1999 at UCLA

Journal of Community Practice Marie Weil

Volume 6 issue 1 of the Journal of Community Practice contains six articles, one of which describes a model that facilitates community planning to foster community-relevant HIV prevention plans. Issue 2 contains five articles and as many book reviews. One article in issue 2 chronicles a public housing residents' group as they battled the public housing authority using information and experts from all over the nation via the Internet

VOLUME 6 ISSUE 1; Due Spring 1999.

"Participatory Education as a Community Practice Methodology: A Case Example from an Agency Setting", By P. Castelloe & T. Watson
"Interventions to Developing Community Partnerships for HIV Prevention Planning: Successful Macro Applications of Social Work Principles", By L. Cornelius, M. Battle, J. Kryder-Coe, & D. Hu
"Finding Our Way: A Community Needs Assessment on Violence in Native Families", By D. Durst
"Four Months to System Change: Teaching Baccalaureate Students to Affect Policy", By Moore & Dietz
"Community Oriented Primary Care and Macro Social Work Practice", By L. Staples
Notes from the field: "Some Ethical Standards to Guide Community Practice", By D. Julian
Book Reviews:
S. Applewhite: review of M. Hall's "Poor People's Social Movement Organization, The Goal is to Win"
R. Cloward: review of R. Fisher & J. Karger's "Social Work and Community in a private World"

VOLUME 6 ISSUE 2

"The Campaign to Restore the Disability Assistance and Loan Program in the State of Maryland", By S. Soifer
"Internet & Demystifying Power Differentials: A Few Women on line and the Housing Authority", By B. Blundo
"Challenges of Interdisciplinary Collaboration: A Faculty Consortium's Initial Attempts to Model Collaborative Practice", By J. Powell
"Ethical and Racial Conflicts in Urban-Based Action Research", By M. Reisch & F. Rivera
"Nurturing the Seeds of Restorative Justice", By S. Holtquist
Web Sites Page, By M. Roberts-De Gennaro
Book Reviews
S. Fountain: review of M. Tomasky's "Left for Dead: the life, death, and Possible Resurrection of Progressive Politics in America"
M. Roberts-De Gennaro: review of D. Hardcastle, S. Wenocur, & P. Powers' "Community Practice"
D. Austin: review of Friedlander & G. Burtless
"Five Years later: The long term effects of welfare to work programs"
N. Mary: review of B. Schram
"Creating small scale social programs"
C. Hyde: review of J. Figueira-McDonough, F. Netting, & A. Nichols-Casebolt
"The role of gender in practice knowledge: Claiming half the human experience"
C. Plock: review of S. Dhooper
"Social work in health care in the 21st century"
S. Wenocur: review of P. Ewalt, E. Freeman & D. Poole
"Community Building: Renewal, well-being, and shared responsibility"

VOLUME 6 ISSUE 3

"Community Based Research in Policy Development: A Case Study", By Y. Padilla
"Where Have all the Organizers Gone? The Career Paths of Community Organizing Social Work Alumni", By T. Mizrahi, E. Gurzinsky, & R. Starr
"Mobilizing Church

Communities To Prevent Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse: A Model strategy and its evaluation", By K. Johnson, G. Bucholtz, T. Strader & T. Noe
"The Social Work and Politics Initiative: An Educational Model for increasing Social Work's political Influence", By R. Hoefler
"Building a comprehensive agency-university partnership: A case study of the Bay area social services consortium", By M. Austin, M. Martin, S. Carnochan, S. Goldberg, JD Berrick, B. Weiss, & J. Kelley

VOLUME 6 ISSUE 4

"Transforming extremely low income African American Communities: Models and Concepts in Practice", By S. O'Donnell & S. Karanja
"A Case Study of Partnering With Communities: Georgia's Experience with local governance & System reform", By D. Gillespie & L. Nackerud
"Human Interest Service Groups", By R. Hoefler
"Passing a Mental Health Levy", By R. Boettcher
"Bridging Science and Practice IMCBE", By J. Telfair

Special Issue on "Teaching Tactics" By Donna Hardina, Due Autumn 1999

Topics upcoming in VOLUME 7:

- Urban Community Action Planning
- Traditional Community Building
- The Diversity Functions of Organizations



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Metropolitan Organizing Strategy Enabling Strength (MOSES) Bill O'Brien

The Detroit metro-wide community organizing effort ñ Metropolitan Organizing Strategy Enabling Strength (MOSES) is Alinsky-styled but modified to build power with institutions. The effort began in the late 80s and early 90s. Clusters of congregations in poor/working class neighborhoods adopted, through the Gamaliel Foundation, a process of organizing. As a first step, the local congregation was taken through a leadership training process of listening, identifying issues and targets at the local level ñ e.g., pressure on the sheriff to get rid of crack houses. Pastors and religious leaders used the effort to rebuild relationships in their congregations, identify and train leaders for their congregation, and systematically develop their power in the public arena. Area-wide congregations (districts) organized and pushed for identified issues, such as pollution clean up or park improvement or technical assistance from the city for new housing. Leaders solidified their relationships with public officials and key religious organizations, i.e., the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit, Baptist Pastors, and other denominational leaders. MOSES leaders looked at sprawl as it effects concentrated and radicalized poverty and systemic disinvestment in central cities and older suburbs. By 1996, local problems were seen in the light of a metro analysis: disinvestment over the years, due to state or regional decisions, left municipal resources stretched or juggled between departments. MOSES started going metro wide. Their first

effort was a 3,000-person meeting to push on the Federal Drug Czar for resources to fight the drug war in Metropolitan Detroit bringing resources in to local officials to close crack houses. Through the AMEN Project (American Metro Equities Network), MOSES consults with national experts, John Power (Institute on Race and Poverty), Myron Orfield (Minnesota State Rep), David Rusk and Henry Richmond, on metropolitan analysis. Leaders are considering transportation, housing, tax base sharing issues and will be meeting with state legislators and mayors of Detroit and surrounding suburbs to develop a coalition powerful enough to win on a metro issue. MOSES has a contract with the Gamaliel Foundation, a national network of congregation centered community organizing. MOSES can be reached by e-mail at jerproj@aol.com or at 313-838-3190. Submitted by **Victoria Kovari**

Ernesto Cortes, Jr. On November 2-3, 1998, at the invitation of Dean Barbara White, Ernesto Cortes, Jr. came to the School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin as the Robert Lee Sutherland Visiting Lecturer. During his visit Mr. Cortes, the Southwest Regional Director of the Industrial Areas Foundation, met with faculty, students and community members. He dialogued with students at a luncheon sponsored by the Austin Chapter of the Bertha Capen Reynolds Society, conducted a leadership training session for students, spoke to several community and organizations classes, and the Administration and Planning concentration students. His public lecture, Community Organizing in the 21st Century was attended by a standing room only audience. Mr. Cortes' dynamic remarks and charismatic

presence were warmly received by the students and faculty. Long after Mr. Cortes had left, the halls of the School of Social Work resounded with his call for social justice. His words have provided a stimulus for the School of Social Work to continue its study of creative strategies for community organizing. ACOSA members present during many of the lectureship offerings were **Dorothy Van Soest, Cal Streeter, Fran Danis, Kathy Armenta, and Jean Avera.** ACOSA member, **Dr. David Austin**, chaired the lectureship committee and arranged for many of Mr. Cortes' activities while he was here. Submitted by Jean Avera and Kathy Armenta

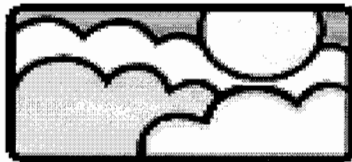
Terry Carrillo Over the past four years, Terry Carrillo has been working with the California Department of Social Services Office of Child Abuse Prevention on a best practices Family Support Home Visiting Program which has, from the beginning, sought to incorporate policy, research and practice. The original project was funded for \$3.73 million as a five-year randomized clinical trial and replication of the Hawaii Healthy Families Program. It was funded through the CDSS Office of Child Abuse Prevention, the Wellness Foundation, and The Stuart Foundation. The program is a primary prevention program utilizing the twelve Healthy Families America criteria. The program implementation involved enhancing and further articulating some of the components of the model. The CDSS Office of Child Abuse Prevention then funded a project to develop an enhanced model, which incorporated the new program elements, addressed key policy issues at the state and county level, and incorporated recent research findings. This

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model, called the California Safe and Healthy Families Family support Home Visiting Program is a program to support families, prevent adverse outcomes such as child maltreatment, and improve outcomes for parents and children. The Office of Child Abuse Prevention funded me to develop manuals and statewide training, as well as to provide technical assistance to counties interested in developing integrated funding strategies for the purpose of developing a countywide family support home visiting program. As a result of these efforts and continued development of family support programs and policy initiatives both nationally and throughout the state, legislation was introduced, passed, but not funded to assist counties with developing integrated models of family support. In response to the initial failure to receive funding, the Office of Child Abuse Prevention joined with another state agency, the Office of Criminal Justice Planning, to fund an integrated prevention and treatment program which incorporates the Cal-SAHF model with Family Resource Centers and traditional treatment programs. This effort also includes support to counties for comprehensive planning towards integrating funding streams in order to sustain program efforts. The Policy Institute at SDSU has been asked to provide the technical assistance and training for this statewide dissemination.. We are also working to reintroduce legislation that will support this effort. This project has been unusual in that both practice and research findings have been deliberately incorporated into policy and funding decisions.

THE JEWISH SOCIAL WORK FORUM Call For Papers

THE JEWISH SOCIAL WORK FORUM, a refereed journal of social work practice and Jewish social thought published by the Wurzweiler School of Social Work of Yeshiva University, accepts manuscripts on a continuing basis Contributors are invited to submit articles for publication consideration to the Editors: Eric M. Levine, DSW Daniel Pollack, MSW, JD Wurzweiler School of Social Work, 139 East 59th Street Yeshiva University New York, NY 10033-3299 Tel: (212)960-0836



Member News and Notes

Michael Reisch, University of Pennsylvania, is co principal investigator of a Kellogg Foundation funded project "Program on Nonprofits, Communities, Universities and Schools." This 4-year, \$800,000 project consists of a variety of research projects on nonprofit, community-based organizations in West Philadelphia; technical assistance provision for these organizations; and leadership development programs. Ram Cnaan is also working with the project expanding his research on social services provided by faith-based organizations in Philadelphia. Michael is also part of an three-university team

evaluating the impact of Philadelphia's "Safe and Sound" Project, funded for 8 years by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation designed to create systems change in the public and private sector focused on reducing the incidence of drug abuse, violence, and pregnancy among adolescents.

Demetrius Iatridis: Boston College Took 28 students on a study tour of Cuba in January, 1999. Students visited a number of government, economic, social services and other institutions and examined the day to day life of Cubans. Iatridis will be chairing the Fifth International Conference on Privatization in the Republic of Georgia in late May. This invitational conference will explore the role of privatization in the new democracies of Eastern Europe.

A number of ACOSA members presented at the 1998 ARNOVA meeting in Seattle including **Ram Cnaan, Michael Reich, Felice Perlmutter, Lee Staples, John McNutt, Donna Hardina, Cheryl Hyde, Rick Hofer, Steve Wernet, Bob Wineberg, Elenore Brilliant, Diane Vinokur-Kaplan and Betty Mulroy.**

REPORT ON NASW SOCIAL WORK SUMMIT 1998

Jean Hyche Jackson

The Social Work Summit 1998, was held in Washington, D.C., October 4-6, 1998. It was noted that this was the first time for such a meeting to be held. The summit was attended by two (2) persons from each of forty-five (45) organizations. The representatives included officers and/or staff. The Summit meetings were structured so that

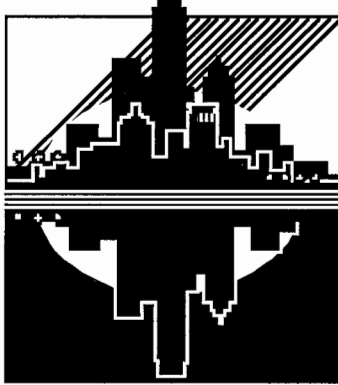
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National Association of Social Workers (NASW) was an equal partner with the other organizations. NASW staff provided organizational support, coordination and continuing assistance throughout the Summit. The scheduled sessions provided for dialogue within small groups with general sessions serving as open forums. Small groups met at least twice to develop a "vision" for the profession of social work in the next century. The process began with identifying issues, which need to be addressed. Next, these groups were charged with proposing strategies to address the issues. The process was based on building consensus and yielded a major agenda for follow-up. NASW agreed to provide the follow-up by drafting a written record of the Summit. A major outcome was consensus to form a national coalition to serve as a voice for "Social Work". This "voice" could be at the table when political and other decisions are made and it would be a unified voice for the profession. Participants agreed to report back to their respective organizations and seek a commitment for future participation. Some discussion ensued about the need to reconvene in a 2nd annual Summit sometime next year.

Conclusions/Recommendations:

There was an obvious hunger for leadership and direction as evidenced by the level of participation. Attendees appeared to work with a spirit of expectancy and excitement. The Summit meeting also served other purposes. It provided an opportunity to connect and network with colleagues who otherwise would not meet together. Due to the usual specialty meetings and specialized organizations, many representatives of organizations in attendance had not met. Consequently it was groundbreaking in that sense.

Some groups discussed "mini" coalitions, for example, in the area of health issues. Some individuals indicated that they hardly ever had a chance to participate in national meetings or conferences and were appreciative that their organizations had found the Summit important enough to send a representative. I believe that there is a role for ACOSA in any continuing or ongoing efforts



to "organize" social work (the profession). Obviously, ACOSA's skills in organizing would be useful in these efforts. Strategies must be developed to ensure that subsequent efforts are inclusive in representation. I recommend the following: 1) Follow-up with NASW to determine the status of a Community Practice Section within NASW; 2) Collaborate with NASW in follow-up and leadership, particularly as it relates to inclusiveness and identifying other social work organizations for participation. Please contact Jean Hyche-Jackson, ACOSA Board, for elaboration and/or questions jHyche@coe.coppin.umd.edu Or 410.383.5593

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The University of South Carolina College of Social Work seeks proposals for its June 26-30, 1999, conference, Politics, Policy, and Social Change: An Institute for Social Work Educators and Practitioners. Single or jointly authored papers, audio and videotapes, demonstrations,

computer-assisted teaching examples, and other kinds of explanations and exhibits are welcome. Proposals should assume presentation time of 45-60 minutes. Proposals must be received by March 24 for consideration. Please mail or fax (803-777-3498) four copies of a one-page summary (without identifying information) of the proposal and four copies of an accompanying page with names and affiliations of the author(s), providing mailing address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers. Also provide information about audiovisual or other equipment required for presentation. Mail all information to Policy Conference, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208. Questions? Call (803) 777-4666 or e-mail bill.belvin@sc.edu

Influencing State Policy Resource

Influencing state policy is pleased to announce the release of *Making a Difference: Influencing State Policy*. This videotape resource demonstrates how students can become involved in the policy-making process. It will be demonstrated at the CSWE/APM. For more info:

<http://www.statepolicy.org>

NE Regional Meeting

Twenty-three people attended ACOSA's First Northeast Regional Meeting at the University of Connecticut. Participants came from New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts. The meeting was chaired by **Terry Mizrahi and Louise Simmons**. There was a spirited discussion of ACOSA's mission, the state of macro practice and macro practice education and the prospects for regional co-operation. The meeting was a great success and it was decided to meet again in the Fall.

BALLOT

The Nominating Committee for ACOSA recommends that the following ACOSA members serve on the Board of Directors. Please vote and return this ballot by **February 28, 1998** to: Donna Hardina, Department of Social Work Education, California State University-Fresno, 5310 Campus Drive, Fresno, CA 93740

Regional Representatives:

Mid-Atlantic - 1 position open

1 Jane Lowe (1999-2002) Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

1 Other nomination (Please write in name) _____

Northeast - 1 position open

1 Louise Simmons (1999-2002) University of Connecticut

1 Other nomination (Please write in name) _____

West - 1 position open

1 Betty Mulroy (1999-2002) University of Hawaii

1 Other nomination (Please write in name) _____

Officer:

President-Elect - 1 position

1 John Morrison (1999-2000) Aurora University

1 Other nomination (Please write in name) _____

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