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National Federation Meets In Washington

Society Officers Meet With Legislators

National Peer Review System Proposed

*By Margaret M. Isbell
President, NYS Society*

The National Federation held its spring meeting May 12-15 at the Washington Circle Hotel in midtown Washington—a stone's throw from the Capitol and a few steps from Georgetown—ideal for the delegates attending from every part of the country. For four days under the leadership of Federation president Marsha Wineburgh, members participated fully in discussion to resolve key issues confronting our profession.

Providing advocacy at the national level for the Federation, Ken Adams emphasized our personal visits to Congressional leaders and reported on the status of the FEHBP (Federal Employees Health Benefits Program) and other national concerns. Gail McGrath, his assistant, further enlightened the membership in terms of tactics and strategies in presenting effective arguments to political representatives for favorable action. Her advice, in this instance and future social work issues: candor, knowledge and persuasion!

"Rounds" to House legislators included visits by NYS Society president Peggy Isbell and Marsha Wineburgh (as NY's legislative chair) with NYS Representatives Robert Garcia (D), Charles E. Schumer (D), Barber Conable (R), Robert Mrazek (D) and Benjamin Gilman (R). These representatives or their assistants were given data supporting our efforts to secure their sponsorship of HR 656, as amended, as part of the FEHBP bill.

Also, based on Marsha Wineburgh's testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee last December, Peggy and Marsha urged representatives to include in fu-

ture Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement provisions to allow qualified CSWs equal eligibility with other mental health providers. Supportive statements were submitted by several groups at the time of the hearings.

National Peer Review

Emphasizing the urgent need for CSWs to construct their own peer review system, Marsha accepted suggested names of persons from state societies to serve on a national peer review committee. She underscored the fact that clinical social workers have a professional identity as autonomous clinicians and, consequently, are concerned that peer review standards are consistent with this professionalism.

Committees Report

Under Patricia Wellons' (KY) direction, the capital reserve committee has raised funds to allay the Federation's mounting
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Annual Membership Meeting: Hillel Bodek Featured Speaker

Report by Barbara Pichler, CSW

Our annual membership meetings serve to inform Society members of current developments, to review the work of the year and to catch up with friends and colleagues in a more relaxed setting. This year's meeting was very much a success, with 90 members attending the luncheon and many more coming for the afternoon address by Hillel Bodek.

Treasurer Monty Kary coordinated the event and welcomed members and guests before turning the meeting over to president Peggy Isbell, who extended the Society's thanks and appreciation to chapter heads for their dedication and hard work; she also expressed thanks to State committee chairs,
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Two Awarded Diplomate Status

At the Annual Meeting in May Society President Margaret M. Isbell awarded Diplomate Certificates to two members for their major contributions to the Society and to the profession of clinical social work.

David G. Phillips, DSW

Under David G. Phillips' direction, the ethics committee has revised and published the Society's current *Code of Ethics and Procedures for Adjudication*.

David is an adjunct professor at Fordham University School of Social Service and the Wurzweiler School of Social Work of Yeshiva University, NYC. He is also Director of Social Work and senior supervisor at the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health; his private practice is in NYC.

Among his published works are "Social Casework: The Psychosocial Approach" in



Marsha Wineburgh



David G. Phillips

Compendium of Psychotherapeutic Techniques, edited by Jusuf Hariman (in press); "The Swing Toward Clinical Work" in *Social Work*, Volume 20, No. 1, January 1975; "Social Casework" in *The Psychotherapy Handbook*, edited by Richie Herink, New American Library, 1980.

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FEDERATION *Continued*

fiscal needs, which are a direct outgrowth of expanding activities. Treasurer Howard Wolff presented his financial report, reasserting the need for every state society to recognize that with growth comes responsibility for fiscal support and that funding is an "ongoing and crucial concern."

In his membership committee report, Sidney Grossberg (MI) pointed out that the Federation's structure consists of three levels: full members, affiliate and associate members, each level paying a fixed rate of dues commensurate with its membership rolls. Discussion followed as it became increasingly obvious that some state chapters "remain at lower rates of dues" yet reap the same benefits as full member chapters which assume the bulk of the financial burden of administering the expanding organization.

The report of the committee for licensing/vendorship under Gary Unruh (CO) highlighted Gary's role as consultant to state societies still struggling to achieve parity legislation and his involvement with private industry to promote expanded use of CSWs as vendors of mental health services within the business community.

In our search for better and more comprehensive insurance coverage for clinical practitioners, there is evidence that insurance companies are more willing to extend their coverage to CSWs. One company has agreed to include in its coverage the terms "psychoanalysis and psychotherapy." This inclusion is still vague, however, in the APA insurance policies held by a majority of CSWs.

The Federation's committee on psychoanalysis is chaired by Crayton E. Rowe, Jr., who presented the committee's "Position Paper on Psychoanalytic Training for Clinical Social Workers." The board voted to accept this treatise as the national position on psychoanalytic training.

Other Business included:

- reduction in the cost structure of the *Clinical Social Work Journal*;
- plans to inaugurate a referral service, with discussion of criteria for membership, dues structure and public relations efforts;
- members' activities in other noteworthy



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national organizations including the Council on Social Work Education and the Commission for Health Certifying Agencies;

- a report on the continued growth of the newly formed National Academy for Social Work Practice (see December 1982 NYS *Newsletter*);

- growth of the National Registry of Health Care Providers in Clinical Social Work, a directory of CSWs who have completed their graduate education and supervised clinical experience. Membership in this professional group is open to all qualified practitioners;

- reports by chapter delegates on activities since the last meeting.

NY News

Abbie Blair, editor of the *Federation Newsletter*, also added a note of grace to the proceedings by continuing her luncheon for new delegates and sharing Marsha's efforts for after-hours social events to which attendees were invited. NYS president Peggy Isbell's report highlighted the society's newly published *Code of Ethics*; copies were requested and made available to other states' delegates to be used as models for their own efforts. The newly designed membership brochure, created by NYS membership committee, also received enthusiastic comment.

In the coming Federation elections Marsha Wineburgh was renominated as president.

Conclusion

Ken Adams and staff presented the final phase of their Washington report. His re-

marks concerned the Health Care Financing Administration in which certain provisions adversely affect the status of hospital social workers; Medicare reimbursement; and Senator Daniel Inouye's (D-HI) continued support of CSWs' position in the total health field. These issues serve to help us strengthen efforts to enlarge the boundaries of our profession.

It was a great four days! □

DIPLOMATES *Continued*

David received his DSW in 1980 from the School of Social Work at Adelphi University.

He is a regular contributor to the *Newsletter* on ethics issues.

Marsha Wineburgh, CSW

Renominated for a second term (1983-1984) as president of National Federation, Marsha Wineburgh is a past president of the Society (1980-1981), and former vice president. As current head of the parity committee, she was a major contributor to the Society's own bill and active in lobbying for its passage. She has also served as chair of the State professional standards review committee and chapter development, and was a member of the finance and budget committee; she was a founding member and vice president of the Metropolitan chapter.

Marsha is Director of Community Services and Education Division at Postgraduate Center for Mental Health in NYC, where she is also in private practice.

Marsha is a graduate of the New York University School of Social Work and was certified at the Postgraduate Center. □

EXECUTIVE REPORT



Our Annual General Membership Meeting held at the Gramercy Park Hotel in May was a most rewarding event for those assembled. From "brunch" to "break," its success lay not only in the pleasant setting, but in the exciting yearly reports delivered by those committee chairs who have served the Society with such verve and creativity throughout the past year. As each spoke, evidence mounted to indicate that from chapter development to PAC, we're moving. Onward and Upward! Among the gourmet assortment of presentations, the ultimate spice was served to us by Metro's Hillel Bodek. His presentation, "J'Accuse . . . CSWs and the Court" proved so intriguing that several chapters have him in mind as their speaker for future educational events. As Hillel reminded us, "Clinical Social Workers placed in the court under any con-

ditions will experience a critical situation for which they had better be prepared. The more they know about the legal ramifications stemming from appearances on the judicial scene, the better!" So better we "bone up" with Hillel! Our thanks to him for so skillfully whetting our appetites around this vital subject. In this case, those of you who were not eye-witnesses were the losers. See you next year!

The long term nature of building a society imbued with life and strength owes its endurance to the tremendous collective effort of its membership. As of this date, a new slate of State Officers has been officially nominated to serve through 1984 and 1985. Those of you who are anxious to serve and assume the tasks of keeping our Society moving should notify our nominating chair, Haruko Brown. There is still time to run! Come aboard, all you potential leaders! We need you!

Margaret M. Isbell, CSW
President

Committee Submits Slate Of Nominees For Fall Elections



Jacinta (Cindy) Lu Costello, Ph.D.



Bobba Jean Moody, MSW



Monty Kary, CSW



Harriet Wald, CSW



Abbie Blair, CSW

The nominating committee under the direction of Florence Dutko Grossman, CSW, has submitted the following slate of officers for election to the State Society's Executive Board. Officers will begin their terms in January 1984.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

President:

Jacinta (Cindy) Lu Costello, Ph.D. (M-H)

1st Vice President:

Bobba Jean Moody (M)

2nd Vice President:

Monty Kary (R)

Treasurer:

Harriet Wald (M)

Recording Secretary:

Abbie Blair (W)

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Agnes Rinaldi (N)

Marsha Wineburgh (M)

Lyn (Evelyn M.) Hill (M-H)

Haruko Brown (Q)

Vera Fuchsman (W)

Names of additional candidates for any elective office may be placed on the ballot by submitting to the nominating committee a petition signed by no fewer than ten (10) members in good standing not later than October 21, 1983. Petitions may be sent to:

Haruko Brown, CSW
147-11A Roosevelt Avenue
Flushing, NY 11354

Ballots will be mailed to members in the fall with biographical data for each candidate.

Thomas W. Ruggiero will chair the election committee and requests each chapter president to submit the name of a representative to serve on this committee.

*Haruko Brown, CSW, for
Florence Dutko Grossman*

PRESIDENT

Jacinta (Cindy) Lu Costello, Ph.D. Society member since 1977; president, Mid-Hudson chapter, 1981-1983; division director for mental health services, Kingston Clinic, Ulster County Mental Health; research advisor, Smith College School for Social Work; pri-

vate practice. Author, *From Borderline Adolescent to Functioning Adult*, with James Masterson, M.D., 1981; published in Japanese, 1982; "The Test of Time," with James Masterson, M.D. and William Lulow, M.D., in *Adolescent Psychiatry*, volume x, 1982. Ph.D., clinical social work, Smith College, 1981; certificate in psychoanalytic training, Washington Square Institute, 1973; MSW, Fordham University, 1970.

1st VICE PRESIDENT

Bobba Jean Moody, MSW. Society Fellow, 1978; 2nd vice president, 1982-1983; chapter development chair, 1981-1983. Director of social work services and training, NYS Psychiatric Institute; assistant clinical professor, department of psychiatry, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons; private practice, NYC. First author, "Focused Short-Term Treatment in Clinical Social Work" in *Diagnosis and Treatment in Pediatric Psychiatry*, edited by David Shaffer, M.D., Anke Erhardt, Ph.D. and Laurence Greenhill, M.D. (in press). MSW, Fordham University School of Social Service, 1968; AB in Psychology and Philosophy, Hunter College (Phi Beta Kappa).

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Monty Kary, CSW. Society member since 1979; Fellow, 1982; founding member of Rockland chapter; chapter president, 1980-1981; Society treasurer, 1982-1983. Staff of Rockland County Community Mental Health Clinic; private practice, New City, NY. Honored by NYS Psychological Association as co-author of paper, "Edward Hopper: The Reunion Wish as Viewed Through Unconscious Symbolism." MSW, Wurzeiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University, 1978.

TREASURER

Harriet Wald, CSW. Society Fellow, 1978; active in Metropolitan chapter as membership chair and on public relations subcommittee. Supervisor, Community Services for Human Development, Jackson Heights; private practice, NYC.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Abbie Blair, CSW. Society Fellow; past president, 1978-1980; secretary, 1976-1978. Newsletter editor and public relations chair, National Federation. Adjunct professor, NYU School of Social Work; clinical coordinator, Family Consultation Services of Eastchester; private practice, Scarsdale. MSW, Columbia University School of Social Work; BA, Wellesley College.

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

(NASSAU)

Agnes C. Rinaldi, CSW. Society Fellow; Clinical Supervisor, NYC Board of Education; private practice; adjunct associate professor, Adelphi School of Social Work; clinical member, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

(METROPOLITAN)

Marsha Wineburgh, CSW. Federation president, 1982-1984; Diplomate, 1983; Society president, 1980-1981; chair, parity committee, 1982-1983. Director Community Services and Education Division, Postgraduate Center; private practice, NYC.

(MID-HUDSON)

Lyn (Evelyn M.) Hill, CSW. Founder and past president, 1980-1982, Mid-Hudson chapter. Society member-at-large, 1982-1983. Director of professional services, Family Services of Dutchess County; private practice as co-founder, Southern Dutchess Counseling and Education Center, Wappingers Falls.

(QUEENS)

Haruko Brown, CSW. Founding member, Queens chapter, 1974; chapter president, 1980-1983; coordinator, 1983 State membership directory. Clinical consultant, NYC Board of Education; private practice.

(WESTCHESTER)

Vera Fuchsman, CSW. Society member since 1974; member-at-large since 1981; chapter membership chair since 1978. Director of the Ossining Branch Clinic, Phelps Mental Health Center; private practice.

who were invited to review their progress.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Psychoanalysis—Crayton E. Rowe spoke of the importance of social workers' representation on the recently formed national committee charged with drafting standards for psychoanalysis. The professional position of CSWs is clearly defined in the position paper recently adopted by the National Federation; we can therefore press our case with greater authority.

Ethics—David G. Phillips reminded members of the Society's Code of Ethics, the accompanying Process of Adjudication and the implications for all members. The Code is the most public statement of the Society's goals and standards; it is, in effect, a contract between the Society and the public and between the Society and its members in terms of what is expected in our performance.

Referral Service—Eleanor Perlman reported the new name for these services: Psychotherapy and Counseling Service.

Treasurer—Monty Kary reported that Society finances are in good shape and that funds have been wisely invested.

Patricia M. Landy reported on PAC activities in Harriet Papenheim's absence, reminding members of the urgency of continued support. The committee has collected more than half of its goal of \$20,000.

Membership—Rita Benzer distributed copies of new membership packets developed by this committee. Current membership stands at 1140 and continues to grow.

Insurance—Joseph Walsh reported that the American Professional Agency now offers liability coverage to CSWs for psychotherapy and psychoanalytic psychotherapy; it still does not cover psychoanalysis. That coverage is available through NAAP.

Parity—Marsha Wineburgh stated that the parity bill this year is the same as last year's, with the same sponsors. It passed the Assembly Insurance Committee and Ways and Means.

The Society is in a "loose collaboration" with the State and City NASW and the State Board of Social Work. The Society requires a core clinical course in the MSW program for CSWs, particularly important in terms of peer review and standards. NYC is adding a mental health rider to particular plans to include social workers.

BODEK ADDRESSES LEGAL ISSUES

The featured speaker, Hillel Bodek, CSW, specializes in forensic clinical social work—the application of clinical social work expertise to legal questions both civil and criminal.

More and more social workers, he revealed, are being called upon as "expert witnesses" in a variety of cases, i.e., competency to stand trial evaluations, child neglect cases, S.S.I. eligibility determinations. If you are called upon to make a forensic evaluation for any of the above, what is involved? It is a very formal report that involves the

following:

1—What is the issue presented—have it clearly stated;

2—Consult a lawyer for applicable legal criteria which define the issue that requires an opinion;

3—Use relevant clinical data to present a clinical evaluation;

4—Render a clinical-legal opinion keeping in mind that the evaluation must pertain to the legal criteria. Considerable work is needed to prepare for trial; this should be done with a lawyer. As an "expert witness" the CSW is supposedly unbiased. An expert, although retained by one party, is there to provide an objective opinion to the court.

The bias in choosing expert witnesses has been toward psychiatrists, but there are good reasons to use CSWs in light of the larger picture of psycho-social functioning, more

pertinent than a psychiatric diagnosis. Also, CSWs are qualified to make diagnoses, according to the licensing statute and reimbursement legislation.

Hillel then addressed another area of concern—the issue of malpractice suits. Malpractice cases are increasing for psychiatrists and psychologists, and there is little reason to think CSWs are far behind. He described the criteria that must be met for a malpractice case to have merit and then elaborated on how to protect against it. 1—Keep accurate notes in all cases, especially in initial assessment, diagnosis and treatment plan. In a judgment in a crisis situation, document it with professional reasoning. 2—Work within the stated scope of the profession, which includes using psychiatric consultation as needed. 3—Be extremely careful with directive treatment. □

BOOKS

Clinical Social Workers As Psychotherapists

Edited by Florence Lieberman, DSW

Reviewed by James L. Monaco, CSW

Clinical Social Workers as Psychotherapists is the third in the Gardner Press Series in Clinical Social Work, following *Separation-Individuation: Theory and Application* by Joyce Edward, Nathene Ruskin and Patsy Turrini; and *Existential Psychotherapy: The Process of Caring*, by David G. Edwards. The series editor is Mary Gottesfeld, MSW.

The book evolved out of the shared professional activities of two prominent social educators, Dr. Lieberman and Dr. Helen Pinkus, who died before the book was completed. In a special note in memory of her friend and colleague, Dr. Lieberman says, "We believed that good clinical social work is psychotherapy. Above all, we were proud of our social foundations and our social work profession. The decision to recognize the work of practitioners by publishing their papers in a book evolved from these feelings." The book serves this purpose and illustrates the depth and breadth of clinical social work practice throughout the country. Dr. Lieberman deserves credit for advancing and promoting the profession through creative, competent practitioners.

The book is divided into three parts. Part One: "Foundations" deals with general issues concerning social work psychotherapy and training for its practice. Parts Two and Three illustrate clinical work with adults, adolescents and children. These chapters provide vivid histories and discussion of the numerous and diverse psychological and so-

cial problems in clinical social work practice.

The book's well integrated chapters include data by respected clinicians such as Selma Fraiberg, Florence Lieberman, Crayton E. Rowe, Jr., and editor Mary Gottesfeld.

Two chapters by lesser known authors deserve special mention. Marcella Baird's "Social Work Contributions to Psychotherapy" and Cheryl Gropper's and Janice Zolman Bogner's "Criminal Offenders."

Baird highlights social work's creative and practical concepts and presents a solid, convincing argument that social work theoreticians, starting with Mary Richmond (the profession's first) and including Towle, Perlman, Hollis and Hamilton have contributed significantly to psychotherapy. She notes that the primary direct influence of social work upon other psychotherapeutic disciplines has been in education and training, especially supervision. Through clinical illustrations, Baird shows how social work concepts such as Self-Determination and The Family Situation have evolved from social work value orientation to the general practice of psychotherapy.

Cheryl Gropper's and Janice Zolman Bogner's chapter on Criminal Offenders illustrates an often overlooked aspect: working with hard-to-reach individuals who need treatment—in this case those who come into treatment involuntarily through the courts.

It is rewarding to see the extent of practices conducted throughout the country. It appears to me that, while Dr. Lieberman has taken a significant step in promoting the profession, we still have a far distance to cover in developing a coherent framework for treatment. This text is worthwhile reading for social work students and practitioners as well as for those who want to know more about the profession. □

Organizational Issues In Chapter Development

By Bobba J. Moody, CSW,
Chapter Development Chair

The formation and development of a chapter requires considerable work at the grass roots level by CSWs living in that area. Although the State Board can help by providing money, speakers, ideas, friendship and encouragement, mobilization of local members is crucial. The Upstate membership is faced with serious problems including far fewer CSWs, great distances between one another and a dearth of post-graduate training opportunities. Chapters in the New York metropolitan area, on the other hand, face a plethora of professional opportunities and programs that can draw members away from active work in the Society.

The function of the leader and the willingness of the members to work hard for the goals of the organization are closely linked. In the experience of Victor Goldman (see *May Newsletter*), who has done a truly amazing job of reviving the Suffolk chapter, the leader must devote a good deal of time and energy to the members who will be the nucleus of the new chapter. They are in turn motivated to work. Enthusiasm and commitment are contagious and can then be channeled into working together for the professional goals of the chapter. Many areas are open for work: committee formation, a telephone/mail network, hosting meetings, soliciting members. Association with peers is most rewarding, and members become more willing to contribute time and energy, as the chapter takes shape.

It is important for the president of the chapter to meet and know on a personal basis as many of the members as possible and learn how to get them involved. Having a key issue around which to focus the work together is a powerful incentive to a chapter's development.

As an example, the surge of energy from the Suffolk membership involved the key issue of parity. This effort has hastened and reinforced the chapter's activity, resulting in a newsletter, as well as the sponsorship of several social events. A continuing education program will prepare members for Fellowship status, a referral panel is active, and an out reach program to the business community is under way.

As in any endeavor, marked success is in proportion to the effort expended by those involved. In the beginning much of this burden falls to the leader. Strength of purpose and commitment are irresistible, however, and elicit like qualities from others. □

CHAPTER NEWS

NASSAU

As part of our educational series, chapter member Dr. Stanley Foodim recently presented a workshop on Family Therapy.

We thank Gerald Adelson, outgoing education chair, for his contribution in that position and as a board member; Lilith Lehner will head education activities; Carl Bagnini will direct the program committee.

A wonderful end-of-the-year party took place in June at Bernice Leicher's house. It was also an opportunity to give recognition and thanks to the board for its leadership.

The annual fall membership brunch is scheduled for September 18th.

Maria Warrack, CSW

QUEENS

Consuelo V. Alsapiedi will take the helm of the chapter beginning in September. Working with Connie will be Shirley Sillekens, vice president; Joan R. Pollard, corresponding secretary; and Celia Levine, treasurer. Joseph A. Ventimiglia will continue as legislative chair. Eleanor Margolies, membership

chair, will also continue as chapter representative to the State membership committee, with Catherine A. Warren as alternate. Patricia M. Landy, now serving as PAC head, will continue. Other representatives to State committees will be designated in October.

Haruko Brown, CSW

WESTERN NY

A spring meeting of the WNY chapter in Rochester provided a forum for discussion of ideas on the future of the chapter and to encourage members to assume leadership. No one volunteered to take on executive functions, and it was agreed by the five members in attendance that the integrity of the chapter would be maintained but with a reduction in the frequency and scope of meetings.

Eileen Wurz Hunter will continue as acting president and Ann Curtin-Knight as treasurer. The chapter will meet at members' homes every other month with a major focus on parity update and legislative responsiveness.

Eileen Wurz Hunter, CSW

A Question Of Ethics

As insurance companies have increasingly reimbursed for treatment by clinical social workers, a number of questions have been raised about the ethical responsibility to clients with insurance. A review of the Code of Ethics of the NY State Society (Code) and the Rules of the NY Board of Regents Relating to Unprofessional Conduct (Rules) indicates ethical and regulatory guidelines in these cases.

1). Section IIIa of the Code requires clinical social workers to inform clients not only of the extent and nature of available services, (by the practitioner) but also of any limits associated with the services. There is also an ethical responsibility not only to inform the client of the possible availability of insurance coverage, but also to indicate any possible *limitations* of such coverage because of the complexity of the current law providing insurance reimbursement for treatment by clinical social workers. Practitioners are often not aware of this responsibility and plan to address the question of insurance as if it were any other therapeutic issue, i.e., discuss it when and if the client brings it up. Concern with "informed consent" to the conditions of treatment is becoming increasingly important in the practice of all mental health

professionals. Clients can begin treatment only if they have full information about limits and disadvantages as well as possible benefits.

2). The practitioner has a responsibility to complete insurance forms, clearly stated in the Rules; moreover, prior payment for services *cannot* be required as a condition of filling out such forms. "Reasonable fees" can be charged for completing insurance forms.

3). The major area of ethical and regulatory concern with regard to insurance coverage is that of accurate reporting. It is obvious that reimbursement is an advantage to all concerned, and this situation can give rise to possible violations. Clients may ask practitioners to falsify insurance forms, for instance, by reporting non-reimbursable individual sessions. Practitioners with doctorates may falsify forms by not making clear the profession in which the doctorate is held. Mis-reporting of fees or charging more than usual fees for clients with insurance is another common violation.

The seriousness of such violations cannot be understated; falsification of insurance forms for the purpose of defrauding an insurance company is not only an ethical and regulatory violation, but is a felony. In addition, actions of this kind endanger the entire profession of clinical social work since legislation regarding our future as independent reimbursable providers will carefully consider past experience with us as a group.

David G. Phillips, DSW

Malpractice Insurance Update

The following letter to Marsha Wineburgh is the most recent one received in an ongoing quest for malpractice insurance coverage for NYS CSWs.

This is in response to your letter of April 11th concerning the professional liability program.

All of the modalities, with one exception, that you listed in your letter are covered under the policy. However, it is our suggestion and N.A.S.W.'s and I would assume it is also your Federation's suggestion that anyone practicing in specialty areas requiring additional training, i.e., hypnosis, should have obtained competent training in that particular field.

While the failure to do so will not necessarily void the policy, common sense and good professional standards would dictate the need for such additional training in specialized fields.

The only item listed that presents a problem is Psychoanalysis. This is not considered by us to be within the normal realm of Social Work and is a separate specialty requiring a great deal of training and covered separately by another program that we underwrite. Any individual who is practicing as a Psychoanalyst would have to have the proper training and credentials and accreditation and each application would be examined on its own merit. . . .

*Richard C. Imbert
President
American Professional Agency*

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Proposal For Society Institute

A proposal by Crayton E. Rowe, Jr. for a NYS Society-sponsored psychoanalytic training institute "without walls" was presented to the Society's board. This would allow freedom of choice for students with regard to instructors and individualized study programs. The board voted to set up an ad hoc study committee to be chaired by Monty Kary. This committee will report its recommendations in the fall. □

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CORRECTION

In the article, "Killing the Goose That Lays the Golden Egg," which appeared in the May Newsletter, the following is corrected as noted: It is, of course, unprofessional and unethical to charge a higher fee to a third part reimburer than one's standard fee for service, *unless additional work is done to justify this differential.* (Italics added.)

A SEMINAR IN CHILD THERAPY

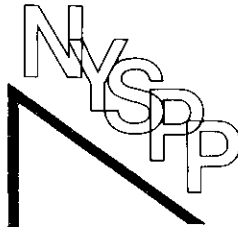
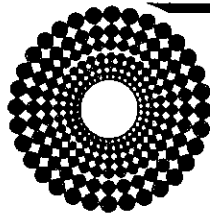
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