

GCCA Business Luncheon Meeting * GCCA Conference * St. Simon Island * 1-28-16

Andre Griggs welcomed conference attendees to the conference and annual business meeting.

Minutes: Minutes will be available on the list serve within the next two days and will be placed on the GCCA website.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$11,029.52 was reported by Jamie Thames. She reported that 71 persons attending the conference and \$300.00 accrued from raffle ticket sales.

CEU Report: Terri Cordle thanked K.C. Hewitt and Kini Roland, President Grant scholars, for their assistance. She also thanked Chris Wheelus for his help implementing the new technology for session check in. "We have each other's backs," she noted. Ms. Cordle noted that electronic program evaluations for all sessions each attended will be available Friday afternoon via email. CEUs for LPC and psychologists will receive their certificates from Casey Earle via email in a few weeks. Attendees were encourage to contact Ms. Cordle if one did not receive a certificate in the next few weeks and she would be happy to help track down the information.

Website/Social Media: Bayo Onabule had no report.

Listserv: Listserv manager Andre Griggs circulated a form so that persons interested in being added to the listserv could record their contact name/email so that information could be distributed to each.

Fundraiser Report: Perdita Howard gave accolades to the vendors that attended and thanked them for attending the conference to share their resources. She invited each vendor to provide a brief overview of their programs.

The Reprieve. Gary Murray indicated that he appreciated the opportunity to attend the conference and reviewed the components of the extend care program for young men facing drug and alcohol addiction issues. The program offers after care services between 90 days and 12 months, with the average stay nine months. Main components of the program consists of a 12-Step structure and 75% of the day consisted of group work. Zach also spoke briefly of his addiction and support of the program. He encouraged support of young men struggling with addiction issues: "If you know someone who needs help, remember us."

Ridgeview Institute: Drew Barber provided an overview of their inpatient and outpatient programs geared toward young adults 18-26. Ridgeview worked in collaboration with counselors at various colleges to restore their students to baseline or as close as they might get before they returned to college. She noted some colleges have memos of understanding to work collaboratively with colleges such as KSU and Georgia Tech. She noted that Ridgeview worked with young adults with substance abuse issues, psychotic disorders, PTSD, and eating disorders and offered a full contingency of care. She indicated that voluntary and involuntary admissions were handled with 24 hours of initial evaluation up to six weeks of treatment within a safe environment.

Carolina House: No report during the business meeting as representative had to leave prematurely.

Kelly Mosely, Drug and Alcohol Certification Board gave accolades and a testimony to good work being done by The Reprieve, whom he has visited on four occasions and Ridgeview with whom he has had a

long association. He noted intensive inpatient and outpatient care tailored to the individual. He encouraged counselors to think about what services their college had on campus to address the issues of addiction, noting that Georgia State, University of Georgia and Kennesaw State University had comprehensive collegiate recovery programs. He noted that each campus should have a counselor certified in drug and alcohol addiction treatment. He noted that this is crucial; the first intoxication experienced by an individual is 9 years old; therefore there are individuals with full blown addictions coming to college. He invited area colleges to consider certification to work effectively with drug and alcohol addiction.

Social Work CEU Update: Pat Mooney, who works with social work CEUs was not available. However, CEUs were being awarded to social workers.

Terri Ducker, incoming president of GCCA, welcomed conference attendees. She recognized all presenters noting the “exceptional slate of programs” and a nod to the hard work to prepare and present. She encouraged all to consider presentations to submit next year.

She recognized her colleagues and graduate assistants at West Georgia who assisted her last year and this year and gave a special thanks to council members. She noted that some members were rotating off. Last, she asked conference attendees to “give a big shout out” to the good food prepared and served by King and Prince staff. She encouraged attendees “don’t ditch breakfast” as specialty waffles with an array of toppings would be available. The regular buffet would also be available. She asked all to wear their T-shirts for a group photo.

Ms. Ducker thanked the 71 persons attending and hoped for 85-90 participants next year.

Nominations and Elections: Ruth Hagemann indicated there was one nomination for President Elect: Angela Wheelus. She requested nominations from the floor. She also opened nominations from the floor for treasurer and student representative. Brittany Bing was nominated for treasure; Terri Ducker nominated K.C. Hewitt for Student Representative. No other nominations were put forth from the floor. She called for identification of students and indicated that only students could vote on student representatives. Social Media representative nominations were called for and Haley Reed was nominated. No other nominations came from the floor. Ms. Hagemann said a vote was not necessary and that Angela Wheelus won nomination for President-Elect; Brittany Bing, Treasurer, and Haley Reed Social Media.

Next a call came for nominations for regional positions. Rome is now open since former representative Angela Wheelus was chosen for president elect. John Frevert nominated Warren Windsor from West Georgia. Mr. Windsor accepted the nomination and was approved for Rome rep.

No one was in attendance for the Columbus region. Ms. Hagemann indicated that the council has decided to re-align the regions due to numerous college and university mergers and consolidations. For example, there will now be a South Georgia representative as opposed to Waycross. Shubha Chatterjee will continue to represent that region. Augusta is also open. Brittany Bing nominated Amy Laughter from Augusta Technical College. Ms. Laughter accepted the position.

President Grant recipients were recognized. Ms. Hagemann explained that graduate students were invited to submit their research projects and present at the conference on scholarship. She reported that the council received two dynamic programs from students interested in pursuing work in higher

education. K.C. Hewitt, a student at Mercer, and Kini Roland, a student at West Georgia, were recognized as recipients and Ms. Hagemann read statements from the students who applied for the scholarships and supporting statements from their nominating professors and/or supervisors.

Past President Grant winner, Thommi Odom, was recognized for her participation last year as well as this year's conference presentation on non-traditional students and perfectionism, her doctoral thesis research.

Five professional awards were also presented:

Professional Leadership: Shubha Chatterjee, Abraham Baldwin

Nominated by Dr. Maggie Martin for her creative approach to counseling in a rural campus, one she "made her own." She was recognized for extensive networking and resulting contacts with the local community. Ms. Chatterjee offered a program in collaboration with a local physician and hospital.

Counselor of the Year: Melissa Massey, DeKalb Georgia Piedmont

Recognized for making connections with one person counseling centers. Offering traditional psychotherapy for group and individuals via creative strategies and modalities.

Advocacy Award: Dr. Joyce Jones

Nominated by Dr. Maggie Martin for inroads made for equality in pay, correct ratios for counseling services, diligence in creating counseling positions and getting counselors what they need.

Outstanding Contribution to Knowledge: Dr. Thommi Odom, Gardner-Webb University

Nominations accepted for dissertation or thesis contributing to knowledge and application that impacts work in the field. Nominated by Dr. Barnett. Ms. Odom's work centered around perfectionism and the impact of family stress on non-traditional students.

Clinical Program of the Year: Warren Windsor, West Georgia

Nominated by Dr. Adams, Mr. Windsor was recognized for his work with the online counseling program, TAO, which provides short term, targeted intervention to online students.

In other business, Council members were reminded to attend a meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Butler Room

The last activity of the business meeting was the raffle drawing in which several raffle ticket holders won various prizes donated by several businesses.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Submitted by Cheri Mattox-Carroll, secretary