

Persons Points of View

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Next Monthly
Consumer
Meeting

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11:00 am

6th Floor Auditorium
D-WCCMHA
640 Temple
Detroit, MI 48201

Did You Know That ?

One of the most important parts of your Crisis Plan is the prevention portion. That is where you list your symptoms that precede a crisis.

It is also a place to list the steps you need to take to feel better and avoid a crisis.



CFAC Conference Hailed A Success!!!

Many Consumers were both thrilled and pleased by their attendance at the 3rd Annual CFAC Conference held September 13-14, 2005 at Focus:HOPE in Detroit. "I liked the way it was set up," said Charlie E. from Goodwill. The program featured six consumers and two-secondary consumers as presenters. "I enjoyed the personal success

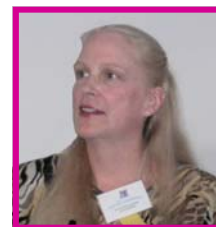
stories (of other consumers)," asserted James G. from Inner City Clubhouse. A record number of exhibitors participated for a total of 24 tables. "I liked the viewing the different types of brochures, handouts, and booklets (the best)," said Samantha M. from the Motor City Clubhouse. More than 230 individuals were registered for Tuesday,

and 213 for Thursday. "Hands down, it was meeting with other Consumers," said Bud C. from Goodwill," that I enjoyed the most."

Many Consumers liked the new conference site. "It was a great place to be in. It was nice and friendly when you entered the door," reported Lori R. from STEP-NW.



Board Member Constance Rowley welcomed Consumers and Advocates in her keynote address presentation on Tuesday morning.



CFAC Board Member Sue Santel-Fenner shared her experiences in her presentation, *In Your Own Voice: Living with Mental Illness*.

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“Leading the Way” Panel of Key Consumer Advocates

Above L to R: Gerald Butler, D-WCCMHA; Chris Lerchen, CFAC Program Committee Member; Barbara Lea Jones, Co-Chairperson, CFAC Program Committee; Joel Berman, Inner City Clubhouse.



Registration

Exhibitors On Display



Meet the Administrators at D-WCCMHA



Entertainment



L to R: Michael Garrett, Director, Finance; Eunice Howard, Director, Recipient Rights; Edith Killins, Chief Operating Officer; Dr. Michele Reid, Medical Director; and Michele Vasconcellos, Director, Customer Service.



Raffles-Prizes

The Gathering Place Plays Host

October Consumer Meeting Spotlights Crisis Planning, Medicare Part D

The October Monthly Consumer Meeting featured a special Consumer presentation on Crisis Planning, and an introduction to the new Medicare Part D which is scheduled to go into effect this January 1.

Approximately 100 individuals watched Wanda A. from the Gathering Place Clubhouse make a presentation on *The Crisis Plan*. They also heard Risa Coleman, Director of Clinical Services describe the new Medicare Part D.



Maureen S., The Gathering Place, facilitated the meeting. She called on Gerald Butler to introduce three members of the Motor City Clubhouse who had attended the Peer-to-Peer Consumer Training at Higgins Lake the previous week. Linda W., Richard R. and William B. each spoke for about five minutes about their experience.

The Crisis Plan presentation explained these items: **1) What a Crisis Plan Is; 2) Why You Need One; 3) What Type of Information Is on It; and 4) When To Do Your Crisis Plan.**

Risa Coleman told the audience how the new Medicaid Part D would impact those who were receiving services.

Veda Sharp, Deputy Director of the D-WCCMHA, brought Consumers up-to-date on Agency happenings. She informed all that the State will be visiting December 1 and 2. She also told everyone who has a computer to visit the www.dwccmha.com website. There they will find the latest update to the future plan for the Agency by Dr. Richard Visingardi, Transitional Executive Director.

The Gathering Place Clubhouse did an excellent job of organizing the meeting. They provided the facilitator, Maureen S. The recovery open talk speaker was Linda W., and the Crisis Plan was addressed by Wanda A.



Members of the The Gathering Place Clubhouse who attended the Consumer Meeting. L to R (Top Row): Mary G., Kathy H., Mike S., Suzy Peper (Vocational Specialist), Joy Kornspan (Program Manager), Anna C., Tom G., Jewel K., Jim D., and Walter B. L to R (Bottom Row): Maureen S., Wanda A., and Linda W.