

Social Work/Counselling Interest Group Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 18, 2009
CHPCA: Winnipeg Conference
0900-1200

1. Introductions and networking

2. Project Reports

Reporting on Social work Competencies On Palliative Education (SCOPE) projects
There was an overview given of Phase I – a national Delphi process to develop 11 competencies based upon the CHPCA Norms of Practice

There was a presentation of Phase II funded by Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC) (now completed) and the group were given draft brochures developed for acute care and palliative care social workers to explain their services to patients and families. The plan is these will be completed in the next month and a distribution plan will be developed to send the brochures out to Canadian Social Workers in conjunction with Social Work Week (March 2010). Discussed making a CD available so programs could use their own 'corporate' look – should also look into having them translated, after consultation with colleagues in Quebec.

The group were then informed about Phase III, which will hopefully happen over the next 18 months – to develop curriculum for social work programs in colleges and universities, as well as for ongoing professional development – this would not be new courses but materials to integrate into existing curriculum. Health Canada approached SCOPE to undertake this project, a proposal has been submitted and approval is pending.

3. The group briefly reviewed and passed the terms of reference for the interest group. There was some discussion about increasing the fee to \$50 but decided to start with \$20 and ask CHPCA to take on the administration. Would need to explore 'benefits' of membership. May want to rethink the structure but decided to proceed with what's there and see how we might evolve develop of a stronger interest group.
4. Had a great discussion about ongoing professional education and there were some existing programs mentioned, such as IPODE (through CAPO), the Victoria Hospice Psychosocial course. Also the idea of creating fellowships for social work study. The group decided to explore the idea of regular educational video meetings – using Virtual Hospice and/or CHPCA to set up a schedule of 'events' ranging from clinical case reviews to topic discussions to presentations. We thought this might well fit within the scope of Phase III (professional education).
 - a. Plan – Fred Nelson to check with Virtual Hospice (and CHPCA?) about technology; Anna Maria Buhr and Sue Anderson to work with him on this.
5. Marg Cooke invited anyone interested in Bereavement to meet together Tuesday lunch.