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PAMHCA REPORT

PCA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MTG.

OCTOBER, 2007

ACTIVITIES:

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- *I have been in consult with Amy Simonds, AMHCA North Atlantic Regional Chairperson and affiliates from re: issues related to membership expansion and drafting a 5 yr. plan for future PAMHCA goals.
- *PAMHCA is sponsoring a graduate student, Jennifer Brittingham, from Alvernia College as part of PCA's Graduate Student Leadership Initiative. The goal is to have the graduate students involved with PCA Leadership and eventually to take on leadership roles.
- *Nicki Covey, PAMHCA Treasurer, has been involved in attending area PACP meetings and is on their Diagnosis Task Force. I developed an analysis of PAMHCA's strengths, weaknesses and future opportunities to assist with PACP's long range planning strategies. Nicki has also developed a quarterly legislative brochure, Mental Health Initiatives, for members related to legislative and licensure issues. Nicki was awarded the Outstanding Graduate Student Award at the AMHCA annual conference in July, 2007 in New Orleans.
- *PAMHCA is developing new materials, including a membership packet, for members as part of our membership initiative. Pennsylvania members of AMHCA have been sent postcards inviting them to join or renew their memberships. Membership Fees will increase effective January 1, 2008.
- *PAMHCA has developed a web-site at www.pamhca.org..We are very excited to have a web-site for members to obtain information related to mental health and legislative issues in the commonwealth.
- *A final report was sent to the ACA Public Policy and Legislative Grant Committee RE: funds provided to support the PAMHCA publication Mental Health Initiatives and to cover the cost of Nicki Covey attending the ACA Legislative Institute in February, 2007. This report will be available at the Executive Board Mtg.
- *The Board is developing ideas for planning informal Breakfast Meetings in January, 2008 in various regions of PA. to increase awareness of PAMHCA, expand membership and provide a networking opportunity for counselors. Future goals include providing workshops for CEU's for counselors and collaborating with graduate students to take on leadership roles in PAMHCA.

*PAMHCA co-sponsored a workshop on Workplace Ethics, A Reality Therapy Approach, and Professional Identity at Alvernia College sponsored by PCA in September14 2007.

*Our present board will step down in January, 2008 and is seeking new board members and members at large to take responsibility for managing PAMHCA. An Election Nomination Form has been developed to send to members re: recruiting new board members.

I would be pleased and happy to talk to anyone interested in being more involved in leadership roles within PAMHCA or to serve as members at large or committee chairs. AMHCA has notified all Pennsylvania members of AMHCA about the upcoming election for new board members and has sent an Election Form to nominate prospective board members.

* Treasurer's Report -Our PAMHCA account balance is \$835.22. The treasure's report will be available to be reviewed at the Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Baron, LPC,NCC PAMHCA President October, 2007