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I. TEMPORARY INTER-ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

Progress continues to be made in the development of a single membership organization. As you know, a Planning Committee has been working on details for the final plan that will be submitted to the field. Ruth Smalley has been the representative for NASSW. The last meeting of this committee was held January 31, 1954, at which a time table was proposed as follows:

1. April 1, 1954 - Proposed Constitution and Bylaws will be presented to the constituent organizations.
2. November 19 and 20, 1954 - Constitutional Convention
3. By April 1955 - Ratification of the Constitution and Bylaws as recommended by the Constitutional Convention
4. July 1, 1955 - Establishment of the single new organization

The Planning Committee, augmented by additional representatives from each association, will consider specific problems involved in the transition of the several organizations into a single organization. Another group of representatives of the different associations are giving special consideration to the problems of organization on the local level.

The local groups and individuals of the various associations will have an opportunity to review the proposals prepared by this group.

More details of the planning and some revisions made in earlier plans will be presented in the May issue of the BULLETIN.

We will try to keep the membership fully informed as to progress of plans. Watch carefully for this in each issue of the NEWSLETTER, as well as special notices.

II. NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK, MAY 9-14, 1954, ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

The program meetings of NASSW during National Conference will be as follows:

Tuesday, May 11, 2:00 - 3:30 P.M.

- Chairman: Miss Opal Boston, President, NASSW
 Speaker: Dr. Fritz Redl, Director, Children's Unit, Clinical Investigation Branch, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland
 Subject: The Child's School Experience, Its Implications for Every Social Worker; Its Meaning to the Child and His Parents
 Discussant: Mrs. Lois Meredith French, State Teachers College, Newark, N.J.

Tuesday, May 11, 4:00 - 5:30 P.M. - JOINT MEETING WITH FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION

- Chairman: Ralph Ormsby, Executive Director, Family Service Association of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 Subject: Cooperative Practice Between Family Service Workers and School Social Workers in Local Communities
 (Consideration will be given to services offered to families and children by the Family Service Workers and School Social Workers--the specific contribution of each, with particular emphasis on cooperative working relationships.)
 Speakers: Miss Jane Wille, Consultant, Visiting School Counselors, State of Illinois
 Mr. Joe Lehmann, Director, Winnetka Family Service Association, Winnetka, Illinois.

Tuesday, May 11, 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. - ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Miss Opal Boston, President, presiding

II. NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK (Continued)

Thursday, May 13, 2:00 - 5:30 P.M.

Workshop I: Short Contact Services - Focus will be on the brief or short contact services given by school social workers. Consideration will be given to the nature and content of the work as well as the skills and methods used. Applicants for the workshop are expected to submit case material, descriptions of requests or questions to Miss Florence Poole, 1202 West Oregon, Urbana, Illinois, by April 30th.

Leader: Miss Florence Poole, Professor, School of Social Work, University of Illinois

Workshop II: Coordination of School Social Work with that of Other School Personnel - Particular attention of the group will be given to the attitudes that must underlie teamwork, methods of achieving it, and processes for sustaining it which can be part of the school social worker's contribution to the job. Participants are requested to submit before April 15th a description of their own feelings of problem in this area and a brief piece of illustrative material to Mrs. Marjorie N. Everingham, 2518 Talbot Road, Baltimore 16, Maryland.

Leader: Mrs. Marjorie Everingham, Visiting Teacher Supervisor, Public Schools, Baltimore, Maryland

JOINT MEETING WITH CHILD WELFARE STUDY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Chairman: Mr. James N. Rinaldi, School Psychiatric Social Worker, Bureau of Child Guidance, Board of Education, New York City

Speakers: Miss Gertrude Goller, Associate Leadership Training Program, Child Study Association of America

Mrs. Aline B. Auerbach, Coordinator, Leadership Training Program

Discussant: To be announced

Thursday, May 13, 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. - Party for membership

WORKSHOPS: Registration for each Workshop will be limited to 35 members and to practicing school social workers. It is expected that each registrant will want to participate in some way, and in order that the leader can make the workshop of greatest usefulness, members are asked to submit some kind of material in advance of the meeting. This may be a brief case record, or a portion of one, or a statement of questions or problems one would like to suggest as a part of the discussion.

Assignments will be made in order of receipt of registration. If the one chosen is full at the time of registration, assignment will be made to the other one, unless the member indicates otherwise. Registrants will be notified of assignment. Form to be used in registering follows:

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS

Registration for Workshops at National Conference of Social Work, May 13, 2 - 5:30 P.M.

I wish to register for: (Check one)

- Workshop I: Short Contact Services
- Workshop II: Coordination of School Social Work with that of Other School Personnel
- I will send in material as requested.
- I wish to be assigned to the other Workshop if the one of my choice is full.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

Mail to Miss Marjorie Case, Program Chairman, National Association of School Social Workers, 623 Whitney Avenue - New Haven, Connecticut

III. SUMMERSCHOOL COURSES OF INTERESTBoston University - School of Social Work

Interession - June 1 to July 10, 1954
 Growth and Behavior - (also in summer session)
 Group Work I
 Dynamics of Work with Groups
 Social Case Work I

Summer Session- July 12-August 21
 Physical Disease
 Mental Disease
 Community Organization
 Social Case Work II

University of California - School of Social Welfare, Berkeley, California

First Summer Session - June 21 to July 31, 1954

S.W. 206. Social Casework in School Guidance Programs - Dr. Kermit Wiltse, Assistant Professor of Social Welfare.

Introduction to basic social case work methods and skills applied to counselling, guidance and psychological services in the schools. Approach of social worker in establishing helpful relationships with parents and children--interviewing techniques; teamwork with teaching personnel. Use of community resources. (Opened only to persons engaged in or preparing for counselling and school psychology responsibilities in the schools). Monday, Wednesday - 3:30 - 6:00.

University of Southern California - School of Social Work

August 2 to 14, 1954

SW 537, Social Casework Principles in Guidance: Application of casework principles and skills to guidance service, social work methods in establishing helpful relationships with parents and children, other school personnel, community agencies; meets daily Monday through Friday 9:00 to 11:40 A.M. Dr. Ruth Smalley

August 16 to August 28, 1954

SW 543, School Social Work Practice: Function of the social worker in the public schools; meets Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 11:40 A.M. Dr. Ruth Smalley

The Catholic University of America - School of Social Work-June 28-August 7, 1954

The Juvenile Court

Study and Treatment of Behavior Problems of Children

Social Problems of Adolescents

Leadership Training Practices in Group Dynamics

The University of Chicago - The School of Social Service Administration

1954 Summer Workshops: Series I: June 28-July 9, 1954

Casework with Adolescents

Supervision

Special Lectures: June 29, 30, July 1, 1954 and July 28, 30, August 4, 6.

The Theoretical and Practical Significance of the Ego Concept

Workshop for Casework Teachers: July 12-16: Teaching Social Casework

Series II: July 26-August 6

Supervision

Casework with Juvenile Delinquents

Florida State University - Child Development Program - June 14-July 24, 1954

Within the Institute Program there will be three special programs open to interested persons: 1. June 29-30, July 1 - Special emphasis will be given to the Child in trouble or who is experiencing severe difficulties.

2. July 6,7,8 certain phases of Education of Exceptional Children will be featured.

3. July 13,14,15 Parent-Child Relationships.

III. SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE OF INTEREST (Continued)

Tulane University of Louisiana - School of Social Work, New Orleans

Three weeks courses and seminars, June 7 - 25, 1954

Intake and Interviewing

Casework with Children

Six Weeks courses, June 7 - July 17, 1954

Normal Growth and Development

Social Group Work

Casework with Reluctant Clients
Recording

Social Casework (I, II, IV)
Community Organization

University of Michigan, School of Education, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Visiting Teacher Settings Course (six weeks' course) Miss Esther Belcher

Anyone interested in further information about the courses listed above or others should write directly to the school in which the courses are listed.

IV. NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Cincinnati: Grace Hyndman sent a program of an INSTITUTE FOR SCHOOL AND SOCIAL WORK PERSONNEL which was held January 27, 1954. Workshops were held to discuss the following questions: When can teachers and social workers confer, and what kind of information should be shared? How can parents be prepared to recognize the child's need for help? What kind of school behavior is significant for an early discovery of the child's need for help? How can we deal with our feelings of frustration when a child's needs are not being met through school and social agencies?

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Chapter News: Four applications for chapter status were presented at the Executive Committee meeting February 6 and 7. These applications were thoroughly reviewed and enthusiastically approved. These were:

Hamilton County Chapter of Ohio: Chairman --Mrs. Grace B. Hyndman
Secretary-Treasurer--Miss Jacque N. Wright

Milwaukee Chapter: President --Miss Irene Swenson
Vice-President --Mrs. Myrtle Payne
Secretary --Miss Cyrilla Galewski
Treasurer --Miss Elsie Russelink

Pittsburgh Chapter: President --Mrs. Frances F. Dalby
Vice-President --Mrs. Esther K. Douglass
Secretary --Mrs. Anne E. Strong

Utah Chapter: Chairman --Miss Vera L. Christensen
Vice-Chairman --Mr. Hyrum Smith
Secretary-Treasurer--Mrs. A. Kathleen Turney

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Indiana Chapter: Mrs. Lorton, President, reports that Ruth Smalley will meet with chapter members at a dinner meeting April 12, 1954. Miss Smalley, a member of the Planning Committee of TIAC, will discuss, informally, some of the questions members have raised regarding the proposed new single organization.

There will be an auction and bake sale March 18th, the proceeds of which will go to NASSW.

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Cleveland: A recent issue of the Newsletter of Cleveland Chapter of AASW in reporting some of the new programs of chapter members gave the following:

"For example, two members, May Stevenson and Lois Cole, are pioneering in school social work in Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights, respectively. What is news worthy about their appointments is that they are the first trained

IV. NOTES FROM THE FIELD (Continued)

social workers employed by these suburban school systems. Because of this situation, both feel special responsibility to the profession in what they are doing. They believe that in addition to their obligations to their jobs, they must demonstrate the value of social work training and experience through their work.

"Mrs. Stevenson is a graduate of SASS at WRU. Mrs. Cole is a graduate of the Indiana School of Social Work.

"In spite of differences in training, their attitude towards their jobs is very similar. They are convinced that their first emphasis should be on prevention and early case finding; therefore, they are both concentrating on the elementary schools.

"The excitement which they feel about their jobs and their dedication to their objectives are contagious."

V. INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN: April 25 - May 1, 1954, CINCINNATI, OHIO

We are looking forward to having a good representation of school social workers at the meeting of the International Council for Exceptional Children. In the past, the entire program has been of interest to our own professional field and has been profitable especially in helping us to get a better understanding of all special services for individual children in school and of finding better ways of integrating our services with those of the entire school.

You will note in the January NEWSLETTER the details of the program for Saturday afternoon at the section entitled "Children with Social and Emotional Problems". This will be held on May 1st from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Netherland Plaza Hotel. This program is being planned by a NASSW Committee chaired by Miss Ruth Gaunt. We hope you will make a special effort to come to this meeting.

The Hamilton County Chapter of Ohio, NASSW, is serving as hostess for a breakfast Saturday morning, May 1st, at the Netherland Plaza Hotel. Will you please make reservation by mailing in the form below provided for this purpose.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

Breakfast for NASSW Members

I will attend the Breakfast May 1, 1954 at the Netherland Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Signed _____

Send reservations to:

Mrs. Grace G. Hyndman
Cummins School, Room 11
Taft Road and Melrose Avenue
Cincinnati 6, Ohio