

Wisconsin Social Services Association (WSSA)  
**Conference Planning Team Meeting**  
August 21, 2008 10-3 PM at the Osthoff Resort

**Minutes**

**2009 Conference May 27-29, 2009**

- Brainstormed Themes/ Discussion-
  - Many ideas were discussed and it was decided that our overall theme would be "Under Construction". Our slogan/ catch phrase is ... *Under Construction: Coming together to build a foundation for Wisconsin's Families and Individuals...* decorating ideas are moving ahead at full stream.
- Tentative Conference Schedule
  - Wednesday
    - 8:00- 9:30 AM Learning Circles/ Listening Sessions
    - 9:45- 10:00 AM Opening/ Welcome
    - Networking/ Break
    - 10:30- Noon Round A workshops
    - 12:15- 1:15 Past Presidents Luncheon
    - 1:30 -3:00 PM Round B workshops
    - 3:30- 5:00 PM Round C workshops or General Session
    - 6 PM- 7 PM—Networking Hour Newbie reception
    - 7 PM dinner
  - Thursday
    - Breakfast/ Networking
    - 8:00 -9:30 AM Round D workshops
    - 10:00- 11:30 AM Round E workshops
    - 11:45- 1:15 PM Awards Luncheon
    - 1:30- 3:00 PM Workshops Round F
    - 3:30 PM- 5:00 PM General Session/ Closing Speaker
  - Friday
    - 8- Noon—meetings, special/ programmatic topic workshops (still under construction☺)
- Topics—
  - Power of Positive interaction
  - Positive Energy and Self Care
  - Self-directed work teams
  - Stress management/ time management
  - Cultural Diversity
  - True Colors
  - David Pelzer
  - Paul Wesselmann—Madison

- Windmill training
- Distance learning—it is here!
- Admin track
- How to serve people who have served time
- Licensed to Steal: Power of Attorney Abuse
- Teens and Prescription drugs/ Parents and prescription drug use
- Are there non-medication treatments for mental health disorders?
- Children and their medication cocktail
- Myspace, Facebook, etc –what are they? What purposes do they serve? Where do the dangers come from?
- Internet safety- what should parents/ providers know? Which sites to be cautious of? Do parental blocks really help?
- Cutting: what is it? How can we help?

### **Midyear December 4-5, 2008**

- Midyear theme—*Breaking Ground*
- Conference Schedule is being modified.
  - Thursday 12/4
    - 8:45- 9:00 AM --Opening/ Welcome
    - 9:00- Noon—General session
    - Noon- 1:15 PM
    - 1:30- 3:00 PM
    - 3:30 PM- 5 PM
  - Friday 12/5
    - 8-noon Ethics and Boundaries (this was moved to midyear due to Dept of Reg. and Licensing moving there time frame for obtaining this to 2/29/09)
    - Committee Meetings in lobbies.
- Topics
  - **ADRC—counties sharing insights-confirmed --Judy Johnson**
  - EDS/ MA—what is happening to our info—Sara Edmonds (Judy Johnson)
  - **Customer Service in Trying Times-Tony Dziedzic (Dave Turk/Jodi Witter)**
  - W-2 Doc./ Verif./ Sup: Best practices—ANEW?? (Jodi Witter)
  - **W-2 Roundtables/ Q and A with Policy—Bureau of Working Families staff?**
  - **Social Security—confirmed—Judy Johnson**
  - How to apply for ES programs? For non ES workers—CW etc
  - Child Welfare for ES/ W-2 and others