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RE: Annual Report of the Healthcare Committee

Over the course of the year, the committee completed the following tasks:

1) On-going Discussion on the Assessment of Students' Advanced Practice Behaviors

We discussed issues related to the assessment of student's advanced practice behaviors. We revised the benchmark for students' advanced practice behaviors. We also discussed issues related to SW553. Our proposal of changing SW553 from a HBSE course to SW510, a Methods course was approved by the MSW committee.

2) Enhancing Education about Integrated Healthcare Models

We collaborated with the MH committee on issues related to integrated health models. We continue to make extensive use of the SAMHSA curriculum on Integrated Care in SOCW553 and teach models, tools, and clinical practices relevant to this approach.

3) Recruitment and New Student Welcome Events

Healthcare committee members participated in all BSW and MSW open houses and welcome events for new students.

4) Career-oriented Site Visit

A site visit to Carle Foundation Hospital was arranged for healthcare students in SOCW 553 and 513 on 4/23/14. Students and healthcare faculty met with an interdisciplinary panel of eight healthcare professionals (6 medical social workers, a nurse, and a respiratory therapist) over the lunch hour to learn more about medical social work, interprofessional teams, and career opportunities in healthcare social work. We hope to make this an annual event.

5) Community Advisory Committee

The Healthcare committee members and a student representative will meet with 6-7 community health social work leaders over breakfast on May 9, 2014. The group represents social workers from the healthcare settings including hospitals, Veteran's Administration, and adult day services. We plan to update them with information on health care and mental health curriculum integration and get their feedback and comments on the Advanced Practice Skills for Social Worker in Health Care. We will also gather ideas from them on changes in the field, such as policy impact of the ACA, service trends, the effect of state budget cutbacks, and how to enhance the training of our students to best prepare them to meet current needs.

6) Other Issues

We are looking for a new committee chair in the next academic year.