



WISCONSIN NURSING HOME
SOCIAL WORKERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Oct. 17-18, 2024
Fall
CONFERENCE

Holiday Inn and Suites
Rothchild-Wausau, WI

Inform. Educate. Interact.

The Wisconsin Nursing Home Social Workers Association, Inc. Annual Fall 2024 Conference is planned for **THURSDAY October 17 through Friday October 18, 2024**, at the Holiday Inn Rothschild, Wisconsin. The **ANNUAL** board meeting is planned for **WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** All association members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Audience

Wisconsin Nursing Home Social Workers Association is designed for social workers, social work staff, and other long-term care and health professionals.

Continuing Education Credits

The Wisconsin Nursing Home Social Worker Association, Inc. maintains responsibility for the program. This program has been approved by NASW-WI for up to nine (9) continuing education clock hours or (10) hours if participating in Ethics and Boundaries.

Hotel Information
Holiday Inn & Suites
1000 Imperial Avenue
Rothschild WI 54474
715-355-1111

Reservation Information

A block of rooms has been set aside for participants October. 16–18, 2024. Room rates are \$119.00 single/double occupancy per night. If tax exempt bring tax exempt certificate. Room reservations **MUST** be made by **September 17, 2024**, to confirm room availability and rate. Room reservations/fees are the responsibility of the participant. Please contact the Holiday Inn directly and mention that you will be attending the Wisconsin Nursing Home Social Workers Association, Inc. Annual Fall Conference 2024. Group code for room is WNH.

Conference Information

Registration fee to attend this workshop is as follows:

WNHSAW MEMBER

- Both Days (\$225.00)
- Thursday Only, October 17 (\$195.00)
- Friday Only, October 18 (\$170.00)

NON-MEMBER

- Both Days (\$270.00)
- Thursday Only, October 17 (\$220.00)
- Friday Only, October 18 (\$200.00)

The fee covers registration for the workshop, materials, break, refreshments, and lunch. Participants are responsible for their individual workshop fees. The full fee should be sent with your registration either by check, or money order made payable to the Wisconsin Nursing Home Social Workers Association Inc. Refer to WNSWA website for alternate payment option.

Please complete the enclosed registration form and return with appropriate remittance no later than October 3rd, 2024:

WNHSAW
P.O. BOX 43
Niagara, WI 54151

Deadline for registration is October 3rd, 2024. A \$20.00 cancellation fee will be charged. Fees are not refundable after October 3rd, 2024.

If you have any questions about registration or cancellation, contact Teresa Clement at (715)850-9977.

For program information, please contact Fawn Senn at (920)296-3309.

If you require special accommodations as specified under the Americans with Disabilities Act, or have any concerns with lunch, please advise us when you register.

Conference agenda

PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRINTING OUT CONFERENCE MATERIALS. MATERIALS WILL BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE.
<https://www.wnhsa.org>

Wednesday October 16, 2024

6:30p.m. ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

All Association members are invited to attend.

Thursday October 17, 2024

8:00a.m. – 8:45a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:45a.m.-9:00a.m.

Opening Remarks

9:00a.m.-10:00a.m.

Unbreakable: The Power of Perseverance.

Alyson Peters

Objectives:

Alyson will talk about her personal journey of perseverance and about the universal themes of resilience, the human spirit and the capacity to overcome even the most profound setbacks.

10:00am-12:00pm

Trauma

(MetaStar) Mia Croyle and Penny Clary LNHA

After this session participants will be better able to:

- Recognize the impact of trauma on behavior and health.
- Identify Substance Use Disorders as chronic brain diseases.
- Discuss the intersection between trauma and substance use disorders.
- Employ the helpful and effective approaches in working with those who challenge caregivers.

Thursday October 17, 2024, cont.

12:00-12:45pm Lunch

12:45pm Announcements

Afternoon Breakouts

1:00pm – 2:30pm

**1) Board on Aging and LTC: Resident Rights and current trends in long term care.
Kim Tassoul and Karee Slaminski**

Course Objectives:

- Board on Aging and Long-Term Care and the role of the Ombudsman when advocating for the elderly in LTC.
- The participant will be able to identify the current trends in Ombudsman work in Wisconsin.
- The participant will become familiar with resources available to navigate through Resident Right scenarios in their daily work.

**2) The Power of Story Telling.
Jessica Barrickman**

Course Objectives:

Jessica will explore the beautiful space for change story sharing that can cultivate when used with therapeutic intent. You will explore the when, how, and why of self-disclosure and navigate the power of using our own stories in creating connections and space for therapeutic change, as well as, creating space for others to share their story.

**3) Scams: What to look for and what to do if it happens to you.
Sonia Komisar**

Course Objectives:

Anyone can be scammed. This is evidenced by the fact that statistically a greater percentage of people under 30 years old are scammed than those over sixty, but older adults lose far more money because they have more accumulated wealth to lose. Learn how to spot a scam, protect yourself, how to respond if it happens to you and who to contact for help if a scammer catches you off guard.

4) Ethics and Boundaries related to End of Life and Hospice care.

**Sarah Roseth RN, Monique Saliji SW,
Laurie Scharzewski SW**

Objectives:

- Define the core values of social work and examine their application within the context of hospice care.
- Identify and discuss the boundaries specific to hospice care, including interactions with patients, families and colleagues and understand their role in maintaining ethical and professional standards.
- Analyze ethical dilemmas commonly encountered in hospice care and explore strategies for ethical decision making.
- Define compliance and ethical practice within hospice care, review key oversight entities like NHPCO and CMS, and discuss relevant regulations and statutes that impact hospice agencies.
- Review and apply relevant Code of Ethics standards, focusing on ethical responsibilities to hospice patients, their families and the broader healthcare team through case studies and scenarios.

2:30pm-2:45pm

Break/Refreshments

2:45pm – 4:15pm

Repeat of Breakouts

Friday, October 18, 2024

7:00-8:00a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Social Work Bootcamp

Alan Hougum and Katrina Lepinski

Objectives:

This presentation will be an intensive “boot camp” to explore estate planning and long-term Medicaid basics that are relevant to the clients and families in the way that social workers and other health care professionals interact with them daily.

12:00p.m. Closing, Evaluations, Certificates

About the Speakers

Alyson Peters

Alyson is driven by empowering others and wants to leave a legacy through her daughter's scholarship. Serving as an inspiration for others and enhancing teen-driving safety requirements. Alyson is the co-author of a Graceful Growth and a forthcoming book about overcoming challenges and unthinkable trauma as a survivor of domestic abuse, child abuse, sexual assault, and the loss of a child. She wants others to know that you can take control of your life by believing in yourself and becoming your own hero. Alyson resides in Wisconsin where she was born and raised. She has her bachelor's degree in business administration. She has spent her professional career as a consistently awarded Top Producer in Real Estate. When looking to rest and recharge, Alyson enjoys boating, going to concerts, traveling, spending time with family and being a mom.

Mia Croyle, MA

Mia is a Behavioral Health Project Specialist with MetaStar, a quality improvement organization that works with health care providers to continually improve the quality of care. Mia has worked in a variety of behavioral health and primary care settings. She is a sought-after trainer in Motivational Interviewing, an evidence-based communication style for facilitating behavior change. In the past decade, Mia has trained Motivational interviewing to thousands of professionals. She was also instrumental in developing MetaStar's Trauma Informed Care technical assistance package. Mia has a M.A. in clinical mental health counseling from Valparaiso University and joined the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) in 2011.

Penny Clary

Penny, LNHA, is a Nursing Home Project Specialist with MetaStar, a quality Improvement Organization that works with health care providers to continually improve the quality of care. She is also a Quality Improvement Advisor with Superior Health Quality Alliance, a Quality Innovation Network/Quality Improvement Network where she co-leads the Infection Prevention and Control/Healthcare Associated Infection Team. Penny has over 25 years of experience working in the field of Long-Term Care to include both facilities and communities. She has spent her career working alongside behavioral health teams, as well as, developing them in the settings she has worked. In the past decade Penny has supported hundreds of individuals throughout Southern WI living with substance use disorders and other mental and behavioral health challenges. Penny has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Cardinal Stritch University and has been a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator since 2010. Penny has many certifications that include Motivational Interviewing, Dementia Care Specialist, Leadership, and Cultural Change.

Alan L Hougum

Alan Hougum grew up in Edgar, Wisconsin, just off County Road N. He attended undergraduate school at UW-Madison and worked as a forklift driver and a textbook salesperson in Texas between semesters to pay for school. After graduating Cum Laude from the University of Minnesota Law School, Alan returned to central Wisconsin to practice in the areas of Estate Planning and Elder Law. In 2013 Alan opened Hougum Law Firm, LLC in Wausau. A satellite office in Rhinelander opened in 2021. Alan has been practicing law for more than 20 years and currently resides in Wausau with his wife and two children.

Katarina N Lepinski

Katarina has been with Hougum Law Firm, LLC since 2017. Although she primarily focuses on the Medical Assistance Qualification and Application ("Medicaid") process, she has experience in Probate, Trust Administration, and drafting estate planning documents. In July 2023, she obtained her Certified Medicaid Planner designation and is excited to be recognized for her Medicaid knowledge and experience.

Jessica Barrickman MSW, CSW

Jessica comes with 20+ years of direct practice, program development, leadership, and instructional experience within the field of social work. She has worked within the nonprofit sector, county government and taught within multiple UW Social Work Programs throughout the State of Wisconsin. Using both her professional and lived experience she has a strong passion for personal, professional and system continual growth.

Karee Slaminski

Karee has experience working in long term care in a skilled nursing facility for 28 years as a Recreation Therapist before coming to the Board on Aging and Long-Term Care in March of 2013. Karee currently serves Clark, Marathon, Portage, Shawano, Waupaca and Wood Counties as the Regional Ombudsman.

Kim Tassoul

Kim has experience as a licensed social worker for 25 years in a county position working in various roles with individuals before coming to the Board on Aging and Long-Term Care in early 2023. Kim currently serves Outagamie, Calumet, Door, Kewaunee, and Manitowoc counties as the Regional Ombudsman. Kim presents on multiple topics in their current roles to include Resident Rights, Self Determination, Dignity of Risk, and Sexuality and Intimacy.

About the speakers

Sonia Komisar

I was not born a lawyer. I took what they call an unconventional route to becoming a lawyer. My life and path to becoming a lawyer has given me a certain perspective and approach to the law, one that is pragmatic and utilitarian. I grew up on a farm outside a town of eight hundred in west central WI I have a BA in English from UW Madison, a para-legal certificate from MATC and a JD from UW Madison Law School. Before returning to my focus of elder abuse and more specifically elder financial exploitation and victim services, I worked for 15 years as a divorce/bankruptcy attorney. My entire practice was working with clients under extreme financial and emotional distress in federal and state courts providing services to low income and modest means clients. I have been the Victim Service Attorney for the Elder Financial Empowerment Project at the Coalition of WI Aging and Health Groups since Feb. 2022 and became project director May 2023. Our program has evolved during that time to emphasize statewide in person representation of financial exploitation of victims 60 years of age and older. We work to stabilize and prevent Victimization, as well as, asset recovery through legal representation.

Monique Saliji

Monique graduated in 2015 with a degree in Social Work. She has been with St. Croix Hospice as a Social Worker for the past 2.5 years, starting in St. Peter's Missouri and currently in Palos Heights, Ill. Prior to joining St. Croix Hospice, Monique accumulated valuable experience in the field of social work, having worked in hospice, crisis intervention, charter schools, family preservation, and with at-risk youth over the past 8 years. Her dedication to supporting individuals and Families in need underscores her commitment to Compassionate care and effective advocacy in Hospice services.

Sarah Roseth RN

Sara brings both business and nursing background to her position at St. Croix Hospice as Regional Director of Business Development. Sarah graduated from UW Stout with honors with a Business Administration degree in 1999 which led her to a successful 8 years in Real Estate. She then Earned a nursing degree in 2009 and began her career that became her passion, caring for those who need it most, the sick and dying. Sarah began her career with St. Croix Hospice in Aug of 2017 as a RNCM and, in October of that year moved into Manager of Clinical Services role. Oct 2018 she became the Director of Clinical Operations, overseeing the clinical operations for all of WI. before this was regionalized in 2019. 2023, she moved into the Statewide Clinical Director role with St. Croix Hospice where she can bring her passion of ensuring patients receive the highest quality care across the state. Outside of work Sarah is a mom to five active children, ages 10-25. She can often be found sitting on the sidelines of a baseball field or bleachers at a basketball game. If not at a sporting event, you can find her enjoying the outdoors or at the lake.

Laurie Sucharzewski

Laurie earned her degree in Social Work in 2024. She has been serving as a Social Worker at St. Croix Hospice in Ombard, IL. For the past eight months. Before joining St. Croix Hospice, Laurie built a decade of experience in long-term and memory care settings. Her extensive background highlights her dedication to providing compassionate support and quality end of life care.

WNHSPA Annual Fall Conference 2024 Registration Form

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COMPLETE AND RETURN BY October 3rd, 2024 TO:

Teresa Clement, Treasurer
WNHSPA P.O. Box 43, Niagara, WI 54151
Phone: 715-850-9977 e-mail: tclement@maryhillmanor.org

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME _____ Certification # _____

FACILITY _____
ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

In order to attend conferences at a REDUCED RATE, you MUST BE A PAID 2024 member.

Fall Conference Registration – For PAID 2024 WNHSPA Members:

- Conference Registration: Both days: \$225**
- Conference Registration: Thursday only: \$195**
- Conference Registration: Friday only: \$170**

Fall Conference Registration- Non-Member rates;

- Conference Registration: Both days: \$270**
- Conference Registration: Thursday only: \$ 220**
- Conference Registration: Friday only: \$200**

Online payment confirmation number: _____

Require a vegetarian meal: _____

Require a Gluten Free meal: _____

Registration cannot be accepted at the door. Each person attending is responsible for paying their own individual registration fee. **Payment must accompany registration. PLEASE SEND CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS to PO Box 43, Niagra, WI 54151.** If registering multiple social workers from member facility, please make a copy of this registration form for each registrant and submit together.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 3rd, 2024.

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