

# LACSW Newsletter

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## President's Message January 2007 By Judy Haspel

Dear members,

It is a new year, 2007, and quite naturally our thoughts turn inward toward self reflection. Many of us, especially in light of our recent catastrophe, are reevaluating priorities and goals. A sign of resiliency may be finding a way to incorporate the experience of Katrina into a more meaningful life.

I know that many of us continue to struggle with survival on a day to day basis, but for those of us who see the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel, perhaps there may be room for "giving back", becoming more involved in our professional organization, LACSW, if not on the board, at least on one of our committees.

Much of what we do is truly behind the scenes. We become complacent about the arena in which we are able to practice, but **do not** take that for granted; there are always threats to our field and **no one** is going to take care of us. We have to do this ourselves, and we cannot keep depending on the same people to carry the ball all of the time. (Note the people in the column to your left.)

For example, in December Justin Schleiss and Mim Aretsky attended a meeting with Michael Duffy from

the Office of Addictive Disorders. Mim reports that though the meeting was friendly, our LACSW representatives made sure he is aware that he will get a huge fight from us if he proceeds with the requirement that Social Workers be forced to get another certification in order to work with addictive disorders. For those of us who do substance abuse work, let us ask ourselves if we are willing to continue to allow others to take responsibility for our right to practice in this area, or are we ready to "step up", as they say.

The addictions disorders issue is just the most recent, but as you know, The CEAP bill will probably reappear this spring as well others as yet unknown. We need your help but perhaps more importantly, YOU need your help.

In this issue please note the reprint of the Managed Care Survey. If you have not already completed the one you should have received in the mail, please clip this one and return it to Leesa. You may be surprised to learn that in our experience, the various managed care companies have been receptive and responsive to recommendations we as an organization have made.

Also in this newsletter on page two is a review of the book Sexual Abuse and the Culture of Catholicism.

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## **Sexual Abuse and th Culture of Catholicism**

*How Priests and Nuns Become Perpetrators*

By Myra L. Hidalgo, MSW, LCSW

Review by Anson Shupe, PhD, Professor of Sociology, Indiana University-Purdue University

**Sexual Abuse and the Culture of Catholicism** digs beneath the public scandals to explore the underlying causes of sexual abuse by priests and nuns from the unique perspective of an abuse victim/survivor who is an experienced mental health practitioner and social science researcher. This powerful book includes the author's personal account of sexual abuse by a nun and her years of struggle to recover. Passionate but scholarly and objective, the book advocates the need for healing dialogue, empirical research, and informed prevention strategies to bring a meaningful resolution to the crisis of sexual abuse in the church.

Popular explanations for the reasons behind the crisis have included issues related to celibacy, homosexuality, the power structure of the church, and poor seminary screening practices. But none of these theories are supported by research nor can they explain why Catholic priests and nuns may be more likely to abuse children than other adults in positions of trust. **Sexual Abuse and the Culture of Catholicism** uses a complex, systemic approach to draw parallels between the church as a human system and a family that has experienced incest, presenting a model for sexual trauma cycle in the church based on a systemic sexual shame passed down through the beliefs and practices of Catholicism.

**Sexual Abuse and the Culture of Catholicism** examines:

The prevalence and characteristics of sexual abuse by Catholic priests and nuns compared to sex offenders in the general population

Celibacy, homosexuality, and the power structure of the church as contributing factors in the sexual abuse crisis

An analogy of the church as a family in which incest occurs

The effects and causes of sexual offending from one generation to the next

How current research on sexual offending applies to sexual abuse by priests and nuns

Healing and empowerment for those affected by religious- based sexual trauma

Reform and renewal within the Catholic Church

*And much more*

**Sexual Abuse and the Culture of Catholicism** is a unique and important resource for clergy, religious order, and lay leaders in the Catholic Church and other Christian denominations; social science researchers; social workers and mental health professionals; lay and religious members of the Catholic Church; and anyone recovering from religious-based sexual trauma.

**Publication date:** May 1, 2007

**The Haworth Press, Inc., New York**

THE LOUISIAN ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS  
LACSW

"MANAGED CARE SURVEY"

Please Return ASAP to:  
Fax 318-226-8764 or Mail to:  
Leesa Sitter  
820 Jordan, Suite 220  
Shreveport, La. 71101

The Managed Care Committee would like to provide our concerns to managed care company executives. We will do an update in the LACSW newsletter.

\*Please complete the survey and return ASAP.

1. Please list the top four managed care companies you are most satisfied with:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please list the four managed care companies you are the least satisfied with:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Of the managed care companies your are most satisfied with please list the reasons why. (ex. Fees, Ease of authorize. Process...)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_



4. Of the managed care companies you are least satisfied with please list the reasons why. (ex. Low fees, slow pay, cumbersome authorize process...)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:** (Any managed care co. specifics you wish us to pass along or requested improvements)

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5. What alternatives to managed care have you utilized to maintain your practice?

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6. Please list any additional comments and direction you think the LACSW Managed Care Committee can assist in.

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**\*\*THANK YOU** for your prompt response and returning this survey ASAP so we can provide a summary to the specific managed care companies. An update will be in a future LACSW newsletter. (Any questions re: managed care committee or this survey call Leesa Sitter at 318-226-8753.

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Education Related Questions.

Please note we have a new email address specifically set up for your questions regarding upcoming educational events. You may contact the committee at: [LacswED@aol.com](mailto:LacswED@aol.com)

Our website is [www.lacsw.org](http://www.lacsw.org). Website ID is "LACSW", and your password is "strength". If any LACSW member would like to post a short clinical article on our website (no charge), crediting yourself and with a link to your website if you have one, contact Charlene Spears at 337-237-9150

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## LACSW BUDGET 2006-2007

	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Actual Expense
Administration	0	2100	531.58
Membership scholarship fund	300	300	
Continuing Education Committee	200	0	
Education	12500	5500	288.92
Executive	0	3000	
Legislative	0	10000	4010.16
Legislative Contingent Fund		2000	
Managed/Unmanaged Care	0	100	39.00
Media	0	2100	524.93
Membership	15000	300	
Mentoring	0	500	
Nominations	0	0	
Total	28,000	25,600	5394.59
Accessible Funds to Date	31,101		

Lifespan Integration

Is a new technique which promotes rapid healing in adults who experienced abuse and/or neglect during childhood, by facilitating neural integration.

LACSW presents a two day workshop in Baton Rouge by Peggy Pace May 11 and 12, limited to 30 participants. Members MUST complete the application by February 28. At that point, participation will be open to non-members. Cost is members \$275, non-members \$300. This is an incredible deal on a two day workshop.

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by Myra Hidalgo, LACSW board member.

Please be sure and get your application to the Lifespan Integration workshop in on time, as space is limited, and we have already had requests from non-members.

Again, thanks to all of you for your part in making this a viable, productive, and rewarding organization.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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**Annual meeting June 8, 2007**

LACSW presents two half day workshops

River Oaks Hospital in New Orleans

A.M. Workshop: Carolyn Weaver, PhD, LCSW will present on Daniel Siegle's book, The Developing Mind

This will address the connection between the way the brain develops regarding emotions and memory.

P.M. Workshop: Myra Hidalgo, LCSW will present on her own book, Sexual Abuse and the Culture of Catholicism

This will address sexual abuse in the Catholic Church

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**BOARD MEETING DATES 2006-2007**

February 9, 2007

April 20, 2007

June Annual Meeting and Workshop, Induction of New President, Time and Date to be Announced

August 10, 2007 Board Retreat

All meetings are held at Behavioral Hospital, 4040 N. Blvd., Baton Rouge, La. 70806

All Members are Invited to Attend

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LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND REFERRAL DIRECTORY INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP YEAR: July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION: Please list the information you wish to be used in the Membership Referral Directory for members and the public and as a marketing tool for approaching managed care companies.

NAME: (Last, First, Middle Initial or Nickname) - Please Print

CREDENTIALS: (Please circle all that apply) GSW LCSW Diplomate Bd. Approved Supervisor

OTHER CERTIFICATIONS:

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: (Street, City, State, Zip)

MAILING ADDRESS:

if different from above (Street, City, State, Zip)

E-MAIL: Website: OFFICE PHONE: ( ) -

FAX: ( ) - HOME PHONE: ( ) - List Home In Directory: Yes No

How do you prefer to be contacted? Mail Fax Email Office Phone Home Phone Any listed

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION: Please use your Voter Registration Card to complete the following:

State Senator: Senator District Number:

Representative: Representative District Number:

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Please make payable to LACSW c/o Charlene Spears, Treasurer, 1001 W. Pinhook, Bldg. 3, Ste. 305, Laf., LA 70503

Table with columns for membership type, New, Renewal, Price, and Ck #. Rows include Student, GSW/MSW, LCSW, Retired, and Agency/Corp. Memberships.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Membership Scholarship Fund (For those in need from Hurricanes Katrina & Rita) \$ Ck#
Clin-Pac (Political Action Committee) - Please make payable to Clin-Pac \$ Ck#
Donation For Lobbying Efforts - Please make payable to LACSW \$ Ck#

Group Name or Place of Employment:

Practice Setting: Private Practice Agency Setting In Patient Clinic Consultation Services: Yes No

Work Schedule: Full-Time Part-Time Days Evenings Saturdays

Populations: Children Adolescents Adults Geriatric

Cultural Issues: African American Asians Hispanics

Modalities: Individual Therapy Couple Therapy Group Therapy Family Therapy

Specialty Groups: Therapeutic Models:

Please list clinical specializations

Are you interested in participating in the Speaker's Bureau? If yes, please list topics below:



P.O. Box 14153  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

**READ THIS NEWSLETTER AND PASS IT ON TO A NON-MEMBER.**

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**4040 N. BLVD.**

**BATON ROUGE, LA. 70806**

**(225) 343-1994**

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Please contact us at:

**LACSW**

**P.O. Box 14153  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808 or**

**[lacsw2@hotmail.com](mailto:lacsw2@hotmail.com)**

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