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## Welcome to the Department, DottySue!



The Shippensburg University Social Work and Gerontology department welcomes DottySue Ott as the department secretary.

She received a phone call in April regarding an interview for a temporary position. After spending six months as the temporary secretary, she was hired permanently on staff on November 11, 2014.

Working in the clerical field for 11 years helped prepare DottySue for this position in the Social Work and Gerontology department. Her passions of working with and helping people continue to drive her excitement for working at the university. "I hope to stay with the Social Work & Gerontology

department as long as I am blessed to work here at the university," says Ott.

Ott's compassion is evident when she talks about her family. She is married with four children, two boys and two girls.

On top of enjoying the time she gets with them, her first granddaughter was born on May 29, 2014 and is a huge part of her life.

DottySue's passions outside of the department include camping and spending quality time with her family, helping at her church with monthly community dinners and helping with an annual Christmas Day Dinner at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. However, her favorite hobby is watching the Pittsburgh Steelers.

It is a privilege to have DottySue as the department secretary.

With her fun-loving and personable personality, she creates a warm environment for the students and faculty.

## Voluntary BSW license passed in Pennsylvania

On October 22, 2014, Governor Tom Corbett signed Senate bill 807, creating Act 179 of 2014.

This Act is an amendment to the act of July 9, 1987, regarding the licensing and regulations of the practice of social workers. This amendment specifically regards bachelors level social workers.

Qualifications for the license of bachelor social workers (L. B. S. W.) include good moral character, a BSW from a CSWE accredited program, a passing grade of the examination which is a na-

tional exam developed by the Association of Social Work Boards <https://www.aswb.org/>, an application fee, and a record clear of felonies.

This act will take effect on December 22, 2014, but the state board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors has 180 days from Dec. 22 to develop regulations to implement this act.

Please read the next edition to learn more about this important step in licensure for BSW graduates.

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# BSW Program Meeting Welcomes Students Back!

As the semester begins, many new faces were welcomed to the Social Work major. As a department, it is important to facilitate introductions and provide information to everyone in the major.

Along with introductions, there were food, door prizes, updates on SWO, the field practicum, the Gerontology department and Phi Alpha. Students who came out to this mandatory meeting benefited from the information, whether that was introductions with an advisor, helpful insights from Dr. Clements regarding the field, or CWEB updates from Dr. Lyman.

A huge "thank you" goes out to all of the people at the BSW Program Meeting who participated in the activity that helped this newsletter find its name! This creative activity benefited the readers of the newsletter tremendously.

Once all of the presentations and the activity were complete, those who stayed for the entire event had the chance to win door prizes that were provided by the Social Work & Gerontology Department.

After everything was finished, Social Work & Gerontology students left encouraged and informed.



Dr. Bourassa discusses Social Work requirements with her students.

## BSW Field Placements, Fall 2014

### Student

Andrew Ackelsberg  
Megan Buchy  
Angelia Burgess  
Christopher Clement  
Rashad Curtis  
Brianna Diggs  
Brianna Evans  
Lindsay Gearhart  
Tamara Hade  
Aimee Held  
Jessica Hepler  
Jesse Hundley  
Erin Kerley  
Morgan Livingston  
Sarah Maize  
Tiyana Mikell  
Jillian Moyer  
Courtney Perez  
Alexis Purr  
Brandon Rosario  
Sharif Sligh  
Alicia Smith  
Tabatha Weigle  
Amanda Wheeler  
Kaitlyn Workman  
Lona Zimmerman

### Field Agency

Shippensburg Head Start  
Cumberland County Children & Youth  
Loysville Youth Development Center  
River Rock Academy - Sheirmanstown  
River Rock Academy - Newville  
YWCA - Harrisburg  
Perry County Children & Youth  
Momentum Services  
Cumberland County Children & Youth  
Philhaven Child & Adolescent Day Hospital & IOP  
Luther Ridge Retirement Community  
Chambersburg Hospital  
Occupational Services, Inc.  
River Rock Academy - Spring Grove  
Roxbury Treatment Center  
Carlisle Barracks Army Community Center  
Perry County Office of Aging  
Bethany Village  
Lancaster County Children & Youth  
River Rock Academy - Spring Grove  
Thornwald Home  
Franklin County Jail  
Shippensburg Head Start  
Branch Creek Neighbors  
Lincoln Intermediate Unit  
Cumberland County Children & Youth

### Field Instructor

Betsy Bean-Shiposh  
Tanya Barnett  
Alexis Bruno  
Carron Mabin  
Dona Gano  
Roselyn Gatling  
Megan Radel  
Mitch Gardner  
Tanya Barnett  
Veronica Zalewski  
Rachel Herrington  
Karen Kiskaddon  
Michelle Lane  
Sue Burkholder  
Allison Flythe  
Kelly Villalobos  
Karen Sheriff  
Angela Fitzgerald  
Kristin Flowers  
Sue Burkholder  
Beth Cerbone  
Michelle Weller  
Linda Butts  
Kathleen Siederer  
Eric Mandell  
Pamela Gross

# SU students promote inclusion with some friendly competition

**Angela Pagliaro**  
*BSW Student*

Inclusive Basketball is an organization that meets on Saturdays in Henderson Gym on Shippensburg University's campus. It is a wonderful experience for students and members of the community to come out and interact with one another.



Inclusive Basketball is a volunteer experience and a way for people to get out of their comfort zone and interact with others. There are about 20 to 30 people that come out every week to play basketball.

The majority of the people are SU students and the rest are community members and people with intellectual disabilities.

Social Work students can use this experience and take it with them as they start applying for jobs in the field. This resume builder shows professionals that they are capable of interacting with others.

In the one hour that Inclusive Basketball takes place, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., students, community members and individuals with disabilities have the choice to play one-



on-one or in a five-on-five game of basketball.

All skill levels are welcomed. Students can get involved by emailing Angela Pagliaro at [ap8904@ship.edu](mailto:ap8904@ship.edu) and asking for more details and specific dates.

## SWO continues projects to benefit department

**Kathleen Prest**  
*BSW Student*

Throughout this semester the officers have been working hard to bring exciting new things to the students of the Department of Social Work and Gerontology.

We took the suggestions of many students and started each meeting with an ice breaker to get students talking to one another. We continued our dedication to providing fun activities during meetings as well. We organized a candle fundraiser and the annual t-shirt competition.

This semester, 11 students had the opportunity to attend the joint National Association of Social Worker's and Pennsylvania Associa-

tion of Undergraduate Social Work Education (PAUSWE) Conference in Monroeville, Pennsylvania.

At this conference the students had the opportunity to learn about new policy, become informed about the new Bachelor level licensure policy, network with peers and professionals, as well as choose from a variety of other workshops to attend. We are pleased to say we have been well represented for another year at this annual conference.

Although it may sound like we had the typical semester, there has been a lot of change occurring as well. In November, we welcomed four brand new officers to replace the current officers beginning in January. For the 2015 calendar year,

we welcome Ashley Quinter as President, Haley Carpenter as Vice President, Lynette Evans as Treasurer, and Katlyn Michaels as Secretary. We also have welcomed Ashley Simon, volunteering as the Public Relations Chair.

The new officers are looking forward to working on several things over the course of the coming year. We are looking forward to working on our relationship with the students taking classes at the cohort in Harrisburg, and helping them become more involved in our activities, fundraisers, and events. We are also working on a few other things SWO may be able to do to benefit our students, such as subsidized NASW membership.



Every semester, the students enrolled in SWK 370: Practice with Organizations and Communities are required to apply their skills and knowledge by hosting a community event that provides a service to one of the community needs.

This semester, students worked hard in groups and encouraged oth-

er students and community members to come out and show support for their project. The projects listed below and on the next page were all hosted by students, with the support of Professor Andrews.

Some projects, like Paint a Pumpkin for LEAF and Love Shouldn't Hurt, raised money in or-

der to raise awareness for an organization. Other groups, like the NO MORE campaign focused solely on raising awareness through measures such as social media.

Overall the students completed projects that were beneficial to their cause and created an awareness on the topic of their choice.

## Love Shouldn't Hurt

**Emmalee Burke**

*BSW Student*

On October 20th and 24th, our group stood outside of the CUB from 11am-3pm in order to spread awareness of domestic violence and had a great turnout.

Bags with a purple ribbon, Blow Pop, and bubbles were sold for \$1. Buyers blew the bubbles to symbolize "letting go of domestic violence and the past."

There was also a banner where people tallied

if they were against domestic violence and if they knew a victim.

Our goal was to raise 100 dollars for the Carlisle Domestic Violence Shelter and the group raised \$105.01. With that money, they plan to buy gift cards for the shelter to give to victims when they leave in order to help them once they are on their own.

Even after the project was over, the group of students continued to collect donations for the shelter, as well as sell bubbles and ribbons.

## Paint a Pumpkin for LEAF

**Madison Richard**

*BSW Student*

LEAF stands for Leadership Education and Farming, and they are a new employment-based program for adolescents. Their mission is to connect youth to the food they eat and the land on which it grows.

Heidi Witmer, the executive director and founder of the program, expressed a need for advocacy and fundraising.

Our group members, Rachel Blacker, Emily

Stern, Charles Blackwell, Averi Neuder and Madison Richard decided to hold a pumpkin painting event in order to raise awareness and fund raise for their program. The event began at 11:00 AM on October 25th and ended at 6:00pm.

Shane Kaplan, the Program Development Director, set up a stand next to ours and provided information and brochures. Despite the cold rainy weather, we were able to raise over \$100 for The LEAF Project!

## Ship says NO MORE to sexual & domestic violence

**Meredith Vogel**

*BSW Student*

Ship Says No More is part of a national campaign called NO MORE.

The Shippensburg University Women's Center ran a photo campaign to raise awareness for domestic and sexual violence.

We asked students and other members of the SU campus to submit photos

pledging their support to ending domestic and sexual violence.

Our goal was to get a minimum of 50 photo submissions. We successfully met our goal and had roughly 200 participants! There were 100 photos submitted to the campaign. During our days in the CUB we took 75 photos. An additional 30 pictures were submitted on Twitter using the hash tag



#ShipSaysNoMore.

We would like to thank the Women's Center, Steph Erdice, and Sam Freshour for their support and allowing us to be part of this campaign. We would like

to thank our POC classmates, Professor Andrews, SWO, and the rest of the Social Work Department.

Thank you from our group to everyone who participated in the project!

**Paige Fortier**  
*BSW Student*

On October 9, 2014, a POC group worked with

SAFE (Students Advocating for Equality) to hold an event called Stride for Pride in front of the library from 10 am - 1 pm.

The event was to raise awareness of the LGBTQ population. It offered free cupcakes, hot chocolate, bracelet making and the chance to sign a poster explaining why the person strides for pride. Students were also asked to fill out an evaluation about the event and sign up for emails explaining upcoming activities for SAFE.

The event turn out was amazing. The poster was full of "I stride for pride"



statements and all the cupcakes were distributed.

Overall, there was positive awareness being spread for the LGBTQ community.



## Inclusion is spread at SU

**Kristin Kennedy**  
*BSW Student*

Our POC group is called "Discovering Inclusion." The group worked with the Inclusive Basketball Club, who holds games on Saturday mornings, and the individuals with disabilities who participate in it.

A table was reserved in the Ceddia Union Build-

ing (CUB) on November 10th and 12th from 10 am - 2 pm. During that time, donations were collected, totaling \$17.48 and group members passed out informational brochures about inclusion and inclusive basketball.

This opportunity to gain awareness was much needed on the campus about individuals with intellectual disabilities.

## How to be aManzing

**Thomas Mccalmont**  
*BSW Student*

How to be aManzing was sponsored by the Women's Center and the Women's & Gender Studies Department, and took place on November 18 in the CUB MPR.

Thirteen participants attended the event. After a presentation of TED talk videos, a live poll was

conducted via cell phone. The poll focused on participant's understanding of healthy masculinity.

Group discussions took place to examine the effects of healthy and unhealthy masculinity and to process the videos.

The audience processed the information well, and 96% of participants reported leaving with new knowledge.

## Money is raised for the SCRC Summer Lunch Program

**Mary Bakner**  
*BSW Student*

A POC group decided to hold an event on November 3rd from 11am until 10pm at Knute's, in order to raise awareness and funds for the Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC) Summer Lunch Program of Shippensburg.

During this time 15 percent of the bill went to the SCRC Summer Lunch Program of Shippensburg if you showed the Summer Lunch Program Flyer.

We are thankful for all the supporters that showed up on November 3rd at Knute's.

The goal of the event was to raise money for the SCRC Summer Lunch

Program so the program could continue feeding children lunch over the summer.

We handed out flyers for our event on November 3rd in the CUB on October 27th, 2014 and also collected donations.

Overall we raised \$100 for the SCRC Summer Lunch Program of Shippensburg, PA.

Our Help End Summer Hunger Group would like to thank Knute's for letting us host our event, the CUB for allowing us to set up a table and handing out flyers, the students and faculty of Shippensburg University and the Shippensburg community for attending our event and making our event a success.

## Dr. Marita Flagler

*Social Work Professor*

In July, I received the contract for the position of the International Consultant for the international project "Design of New Disability Eligibility Criteria Based on the Social Model and International Standards" for the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth of Albania.

The project is part of the Social Assistance Modernization Project, funded by the World Bank. I started work on this project in August and it will run until June 2015. Through this international consultancy, I am working with a local counterpart to build a system for the non-contributory disability assistance program.

The project consists of several aspects. In collaboration with a team of medical doctors, we are designing new sets of disability determination guidelines for children and adults based on the conceptual model of the International Classification of Functioning and Health of the World Health Organization.

The new disability determina-

tion approach will replace the existing medical model with the bio-psycho-social model. The second aspect will be the design of new guidelines for the eligibility for disability benefits, which will consider the severity of the functional impairment as well as the needs for social inclusion.

The third part of the project will be the design of a new process for disability determination through multidisciplinary commissions for children and adults. The process will have several checks and balances to prevent the occurrence of abuse and misuse of the system.

The fourth part of the project will be the creation of a new administration for disability evaluation under the Ministry of Social Welfare and Youth. In addition, we are responsible for developing the disability evaluation legislation and working with the IT team to build the Information Management System. The proposed system will be tested in one region of the country during April-June 2015.

I have already conducted two field visits in Albania. The propos-

als of my team have been accepted by the leadership team of the ministry of Social Welfare and Youth who consider this project the most significant reform in the field of disability services.

The second project is with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Albania. In August 2014 I applied for and got the contract ALB- 118-2014 to develop the materials for and conduct a five day train-the-trainers (ToT) workshop for the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Albanian context.

The training took place from October 13th- 17th and its participants were 25 people: leaders of disability organizations and non-profit agencies, employees of the central government, faculty of the Tirana University and human rights lawyers. The feedback for the training was very positive.

As part of the contract, I also conducted a training on the rights of people with disabilities with the staff of the UNDP office in Tirana.

## Shippensburg University says NO MORE

### Elizabeth Hornbaker

*MSW Student & GA*

The NO MORE Campaign is a national movement dedicated to ending domestic violence and sexual assault. Shocking statistics provided by NO MORE ([www.nomore.org](http://www.nomore.org)) show the severity of this issue.

- 1/3 women & 1/4 men experience violence from their partners in their lifetimes.

- 1/3 teens experience sexual or physical abuse or threats from a boyfriend or girlfriend in one year.

- 1/5 women are survivors of rape.

- 1/2 women and 1/5 men have experienced some form of sexual victimization in their lives.

- 1/4 women & 1/6 men were sexually abused before the age of 18.

The NO MORE Campaign urges you to "Take the Pledge" – 1. Learn about these issues and talk openly about them. 2. Support survivors. 3. Speak up. 4. Donate.

Shippensburg University proudly supports the NO MORE campaign. Stephanie Erdice from the

SU Women's Center refers to our school's website on the issue ([http://www.ship.edu/No\\_More/](http://www.ship.edu/No_More/)) stating that it is "a centralized area on the Shippensburg University website that contains resources, guidance, policies and procedures concerning sexual misconduct. This new website houses the most up-to-date information and is designed to be a tool for students, faculty and staff to empower everyone to address sexual misconduct."

Join Shippensburg University. SAY NO MORE!



# 2014 - 2015 MSW Field Placements

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<b>Student</b>	<b>Field Agency</b>	<b>Field Instructor</b>
Kirsten Baehr	Central PA LGBT Center Coalition	Louie Marven & Cecilia Luna
Amy Baker	Shook Home	Jeff Truhan
Dana Beavie	Sunshine Center Family Visitation	Shana Matthews
Tammy Blymire	United Way of the Capital Region	Tim Whelan
Marva Brown	ARC/Shaffner Detention Center	Jessica Coy
Karin Brownawell	Mazzitti & Sullivan Counseling Center	Andrew Schmitt
Lashea Brumbaugh	Safe Place Advocacy Center	Tammy Puffenberger
Amanda Cleaveland	Shippensburg Head Start	Linda Butts
Rachel Clifton	Franklin Family Services	Joni Fulkerson
Jill Cox	True North Wellness Services	Erin Glenn
Jillian Culler	Pinnacle Health Center	Rhonda Hylton
Kristine Detwiler	Gaudenzia Common Ground	Dana Morgan
Liz DiNunno	HRC Manor Care	Pat Fogle
Lisa Driver	CAIU - Elect Program	Melissa Rosado
Megan Durf	YWCA - Homeless Unit	Debbie Bauer
Jessica Eichelberger	United Way of the Capital Region	Tim Whelan
Ashley Fisher	Roxbury Treatment Center	Allison Flythe
Brittany Graham	Franklin Family Services	Brett Gillam
Kathryn Hannah	Tuscarora School District	Amanda Hollingsworth
Brynn Hetrick	Domestic Violence Services - Cumb/Perry	Suzanne Hoedemaker
Laura Hoffstetter	CAIU - Hill Top Academy	Brandon Barnhart
Elizabeth Hornbaker	Episcopal Home	Mary Grace Shearer
Susan Irvine	Domestic Violence Services - Cumb/Perry	Suzanne Hoedemaker
Katelyn Jenkins	Jewish Family Services of Greater Harrisburg	Marjorie Koch
Rebecca Kennedy	Washington Co. DSS	Ligia Teodorvici
Delyara Mamedova	Central PA LGBT Center Coalition	Louie Marven & Charlene Natcher
Kelly Moriarty	Lebanon VA Center Domicillary Program	Karen Madrigal
Megan Murphy	CAIU - Hill Top Academy	BethAnn McConnell
Autumn Ricker	CONTACT Helpline	Kelly Gollick
Stephen Russell	South Mountain Restoration Center	Mary Alleman
Mary Sheleski	Bethany Village	John Bowen
Amanda Smith	CASA	Courtney Dowding
Jodi Smith	Tuscarora School District	Krista Bard
Diana Stewart	Easter Seals Adult Day Services	Ann Freysz
Jim Telesky	Center for Independent Living - Central PA	Theo Braddy
Alyssa Toth	CAIU - Hill Top Academy	Erika Stiffler
Sean Travis	ReDCo Behavioral Health Services	Suzanne Rutkowski
Sharon Waltz	Family Promise of Harrisburg	Krissy Marshall
Jessica Wallace	Loysville Youth Development Center	Brett Leamer
Milton Webber	Shippensburg Head Start	Linda Butts
Natasha Yoder	Chambersburg Hispanic American Center	Joe Carolin

# BSW field students finish the semester with senior presentations

On Thursday, December 4, twenty-six Social Work students presented their final research in the Tuscarora Room at Shippensburg University.

Each student presented for ten minutes on their research project, internship opportunity, future plans and thank-yous to those who most impacted them throughout their college experience.

In addition to the presentation, each student was required to create a research poster. The posters contained in-depth details about the student's research project.

During the day, there was a half-hour allotted to those who attended senior presentations to ask graduating seniors about their internship and their research project.

The Social Work & Gerontology Department would like to thank the Dean's Office of the College of Education & Human Services for providing lunch, the Social Work Organization for providing doughnuts and flowers for each graduating senior, and the Social Work Advisory Council for their scholarship, dedication and commitment to the

Social Work & Gerontology department.

This event allowed the students to formally acknowledge their appreciation for their field supervisors, the faculty, each of their families and any other supports during their undergraduate career.

The department would like to wish each graduate good luck in their future endeavors.

## Congratulations to the Fall '14 scholarship recipients

Morgan Livingston and Jerome Williams were the recipients of the Robert L. Hewitt Vision for Excellence in Social Work Scholarship for 2014-15.

Morgan is graduating in December 2014 and Jerome will graduate in May 2015. This year the awarding of the scholarships was made by Dr. Hewitt himself. Dr. Hewitt, who retired in 2008 after over 20 years of service to our department, has remained active in service to his community of Chambers-

burg. It was through this service that he mentored Jerome and encouraged him to join the social work profession.

Having Dr. Hewitt presenting the awards made it a very special event. Each scholarship is awarded in the amount of \$500.

This scholarship was created by the Advisory Council to the Department. This is the 19th year we have been able to award the scholarship. In the last three years, due to the long term growth

of the fund, we have been able to award two scholarships per year.

If you would like to contribute to the support of this scholarship through the SU Foundation it would be greatly appreciated. Online donations may be made through the Foundation webpage at: <http://www.sufoundation.org/opportunities/funds>.

The APSCUF-SU Awards from the Department of Social Work and Gerontology were also presented at Senior Presenta-

tions this semester. Lonna Zimmerman, graduating in Dec. 2014 and Kathleen Prest, graduating in May 2015, were the awardees this year. The Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculty, APSCUF-SU, is the state-wide faculty union chapter at Shippensburg. The funds for the awards, of \$100 each, come from the dues of union members who want to recognize outstanding students within each department of the University.





## GSWO prepares for upcoming events

**Amanda Smith**  
*MSW Student & GA*

The Graduate Social Work Organization (GSWO) began in 2006 with the hopes of providing MSW students with additional opportunities for personal and professional growth.

With this in mind, GSWO has continued looking for opportunities to provide additional community outreach. During the meetings, there is continued brainstorming for opportunities to be involved.

For the second year, GSWO will be participating in Washington County Coalition's Homeless Outreach Day in Hagerstown, Maryland on March 7,

2015. MSW and BSW volunteers will have the option to volunteer.

If you are interested in participating and helping out a local community, please contact Amanda Smith (ak3601@ship.edu). This opportunity to come together as a Social Work program is exciting and will benefit this homeless community greatly.

In addition, GSWO will be holding office elections in spring 2015 for positions of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2015/2016 school year. In addition, GSWO is also looking for members.

If you are an MSW student and interested in becoming involved, please contact Dr. Dorlisa Minnick (djminnick@ship.edu).

## SCRC completes community assessment

**Amanda Smith**  
*MSW Student & GA*

The Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC) is a collaboration that includes community and university partners to provide quality social services and youth programs that are accessible and safe and that recognize the dignity and worth of each person. The goal is to help community members reach their full potential.

The SCRC has had incremental success over the past few years by reaching out to its network of supporters to obtain resources and expand programming in the Shippensburg area.

Shippensburg University students have supported all of the following accomplishments. This partnership is a critical component of the success of the SCRC.

The SCRC completed the first comprehensive community assessment to identify strengths and needs related to youth programs & social services in Shippensburg.

The Summer Lunch Program has provided free lunches and activities to children during summer months for the past three years.

Learn more at: <http://shipresources.org/> or contact Dr. Liz Fisher at eafish@ship.edu.

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## Research Club works hard on future presentations

**Kayla Fyfe**  
*BSW Student*

The Social Work & Gerontology Research Club consists of four members: Kayla Fyfe, Kathleen Prest, Kira Beard and Jerome Williams. As a student group, the Research Club comes up with projects that interest the group

and conducts the research from the beginning with the research question until the end, which is interpreting the data.

This year's research project is the second year of a two-year project focusing on Undergraduate Social Work students and faculty and their understanding of the following

Social Work models: Institutional, Residual and Social Development.

After the research is completed, the Research Club presents at conferences. Research Club presented at the Pennsylvania Association of Undergraduate Social Work Education (PAUSWE) conference on November 8.

In addition to presenting at PAUSWE, the goal of the club is to present at the International Social Development Conference that will be held in Singapore in July.

The Research Club continues to apply the Social Work profession to their research on the Social Work models.