

Social Work Advisory Board

Lewis-Clark State College

Mission:

The mission of the Lewis-Clark State College Social Work Program Community Advisory Board shall be to function as a professional resource to the students and faculty of the Social Work Program. The Board shall assist in the maintenance of high standards for the program through their involvement in curriculum overview, student practicum placement, and as a representative of the hiring committee of the Social Work Program. Further the Board shall assist in advancing the Lewis Clark State College Social Work Program and Social Work Profession through recruitment and fostering of community relationships.

About Us:

One of the Program's greatest assets is the Social Work Community Advisory Board. The Board is composed of practitioners in the community, students, and alumni. Many members of the Board serve as Field Instructors and the Board serves as a valuable link to the professional community and the community-at-large. A member of the Advisory Board serves on all faculty search committees, and members of the Board are invited to attend the candidate's teaching demonstration. A number of Board members are generally present for these demonstrations and provide additional feedback for the search committee to consider.

Meeting monthly during the academic year, the Board is a forum for discussion of programmatic and curricular issues as well as current issues important to the social work profession in the area. To keep the Board up to date on the current curriculum, faculty members are attending Board meetings for the purpose of providing a summary of the courses they teach. The faculty is currently engaged in a process of presenting two courses each month. This has permitted the Board to remain current on recent trends in social work education and allows the program to get important feedback on the relevance of course content to social work practice. Lively discussions generally ensue as part of the process. As many of the Board members serve as Field Instructors, attention is given to any potential gaps in the curriculum. For example, in the past, one of the Board members represents law enforcement in the community, and expressed concern about social workers as courtroom witnesses. The Law of Child and Family as well as similar content was added to the Macro Practice course. When the faculty determined that a course in the biological basis of behavior should be included in the curriculum, the Board was consulted. An outline of the course and its purpose in the curriculum was presented to the Board followed by a discussion of how practitioners could utilize the knowledge in various fields of practice.

The Board receives annual reports on the state of the program including all assessment information and the Board has been active in the Reaffirmation process through discussions and review of components of the self-study. Student members report on the activities of the Student Organization of Social Workers and other issues of student interest and concern to the Board. Boise State MSW students provide additional information on their program and student involvement in the field and community. Several times a year a group of students attend the Board meeting to present information about special projects or student events. Through the relationships built with the Community

Advisory Board, members participate in the life of the Program by attending LCSC Social Work Program functions, including the Senior Banquet. The Board also purchases the LCSC Social Work Pins given at graduation and assist in fundraising for student scholarships. Board members volunteer as guest speakers in social work classes serving as an important link between the classroom and world of practice.

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