



Conference Comments

Louisiana Conference of Health and Social Services

**2006 Annual State Conference
March 8-10, 2006
Bossier City**

State Conference

The annual LCHSS State Conference is scheduled for March 8-10, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Bossier City located at 2501 Old Minden Road, Bossier City, LA. Reservations can be made by calling 318-742-9700. Please reference Louisiana Conference of Health and Social Services when making your reservation. Reservations should be made by February 28, 2006 to get the rate of \$64/night. You may pre-register for Conference by mailing the registration form found on the last page to LCHSS, P.O. Box 3607, Shreveport, LA 71133, or downloading the form from our website and e-mailing it to Virginia Cardot at vcardot@dss.state.la.us.

Directions: From I-49 Northbound, take I-20 East. Take exit 21(Old Minden Road). Take a left and go under the interstate. Hotel is on right. For more information about the hotel, check out their website at www.hibossiercity.com.

Registration begins at noon on Wednesday. Elections will take place during registration. The President's Reception begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by the dance. See the agenda for the remaining Conference events.

Attend Conference FREE!!!

Everyone attending Conference this year, who registers and pays for the Conference, will have a chance to have all Conference fees, hotel room for two nights, and membership fee for one year paid by LCHSS. Tell your friends. You do not need to be a member prior to attending conference. All name tags of those who meet the above criteria will be placed in a drawing that will be held Friday morning. You must be present to win. Someone has to win; it could be you.

Since the silent auction was such a hit at State Conference the last two years, we are doing it again. Bidding

will end promptly at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday. No exceptions!!

Elections

Elections will take place at Conference. If you do not plan to attend Conference, you may vote by requesting a ballot from Wendell Young no later than February 16, 2006 and returning it to him no later than February 28, 2006. Wendell may be reached by e-mail at wyoung@dss.state.la.us or by mail at 926 Hwy 190, Eunice, LA 70535.

Priorities

Scholarship Our permanent priority project is the \$500 scholarship award given to a student who is the child of an active LCHSS member. You may join LCHSS and submit a scholarship application. The deadline for submitting the scholarship application is February 24, 2006. You can download an application from our website or request an application from Julie Miller. Julie can be reached by e-mail at jmiller1@dss.state.la.us or by mail at P.O. Box 1686, Ponchatoula, LA 70454. Join us at Conference to witness this year's scholarship award.

LCHSS continues to support two priority projects. Our social priority project is **Habitat for Humanity**. We donated \$500 last year to Habitat for Humanity. Our health priority project is **American Diabetes Association (ADA)**. We donated \$500 last year to the ADA.

The \$100 bill raffle funds each of these worthy projects. See your Regional chairperson to buy your raffle tickets and be a part of the team of those LCHSS members supporting our priorities.

Delegate Assembly

Delegate Assembly was scheduled to take place in Gonzales on October 5-6, 2005, but was cancelled due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. These hurricanes affected everyone in Louisiana, not only those residents from Southwest and Southeast Louisiana.

We want to hear from you!!

LCHSS wants to hear from you. We want to know what you think about LCHSS. What workshop topics would you like to see in the future? What aspect of conference do you like? What would you like changed? What speakers do you want to see? Where and when would you like State Conference to be held? There will be a questionnaire at State Conference for you to complete to share your thoughts and ideas.

George Freeman and LCHSS Distinguished Service Awards

The George Freeman and LCHSS Distinguished Service Awards are presented at the LCHSS State Conference in March. The George

Freeman award memorializes the late Mr. Freeman, a Shreveport businessman, who made an outstanding contribution to human welfare in Louisiana. The George Freeman award is awarded to an individual, who above the requirements of employment, demonstrates a committed and continuous service to the broad field of social welfare by playing an active role in defining and mitigating various social problems and needs. The LCHSS Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated committed, continuous, and exceptional service to LCHSS.

Membership report

Alexandria	8
Baton Rouge	47
Hammond	32
Lafayette	113
Lake Charles	46
Monroe	17
Orleans	16
Shreveport	35
<u>Thibodaux</u>	<u>39</u>
State Total	353

Your membership renewal date is located at the bottom of your mailing label. Please remember to renew your membership. You can also renew your membership at Conference.

Have you checked out our website lately? Go to www.lchss.org. The website is full of information about

LCHSS. See our bylaws, past Distinguished Service Award and George Freeman Award winners, our priorities, pictures from Conference last year, and more. The website is updated periodically.

Board Members

State Officers

Virginia Cardot, President
Kim Cezar, 1st Vice President
Lisa Trahan, 2nd Vice President
Wendell Young, Treasurer
Julie Miller, Secretary
Allison Shortess, Publicity
Sammy Guillory, Membership

Appointed Board Members

Debbie Arrant
Brenda Pikes
Peggy Reddoch

Members at Large

Anne Devillier
Mona Leblanc
Nancy Wright

Regional Chairpersons

Rayetta Thompson, Alexandria
J Funderburk, Baton Rouge
Tammy Davis, Hammond
Phoebe Landreneau, Lafayette
Carolyn Bolt, Lake Charles
Cheryl Kelly, Monroe
Leslie Vincent, Orleans
Karen Hackett, Shreveport
Maria Antonio, Thibodaux

Regional News

The *Alexandria* Region plans to have a regional meeting by the summer. They are looking for new members and encourage everyone to go to State Conference.

The *Baton Rouge* Region has their regional meeting scheduled for February 2, 2006 at the Baton Rouge Area Foundation. The theme is "Coming out of the Shadow". Speakers will talk about the impact of Hurricane Katrina.

The *Hammond* Region has their regional meeting scheduled for February 15, 2006 at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond.

The *Lafayette* Region had their regional meeting on January 19, 2006 at the American Legion in Abbeville. 88 people attended! The theme was "Dealing with Disasters". There was a meteorologist, speakers from Hospice of Acadiana, Eagle Federal Credit Union, and someone talking about identity theft. Gerald Butaud, Reggie Deviller, and Mona LeBlanc cooked lunch.

The *Lake Charles* Region plans to have their regional meeting in late Spring.

The *Monroe* Region plans to have a regional meeting when the weather is warmer and the evacuees have moved to a more permanent location.

The *Orleans* Region still exists. They have been given raffle tickets and plan to have them all sold and to attend State Conference.

The *Shreveport* Region is busy preparing for State Conference.

The new *Thibodaux* Region had their first regional meeting August 18, 2005. All pictures from the meeting were lost in the wake of Katrina. The theme was "American Pride". There was a speaker from Habitat for Humanity, Solutions to Poverty (STOP), Early Childhood Screening Services (ECSS), Options for Independence, and Lt. Colonel David Couvillon, who talked first hand about Iraq and American Pride.

A Message from the President

It's that time of year again! Time to be thinking about the enjoyable times you have had at previous conferences and looking forward to renewing friendships at the 2006 Conference! The Shreveport region is working very hard to provide you with an informative and fun-filled conference. For those of you who have not been to the Shreveport - Bossier City area in a while, you will notice many changes. For those who have never been here, now is the time to come! We welcome you and will show you a good time! Looking forward to seeing everyone,

Virginia

LCHSS STATE CONFERENCE
“Red Hot Time”
March 8-10, 2006
Tentative Agenda

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Registration |
| 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Board Meeting |
| 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | President’s Reception |
| 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. | Dance
Mike’s Light and Sound |

Thursday, March 9, 2006

- | | |
|-------------------------|---|
| 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Registration |
| 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. | Opening Session
Virginia Cardot, LCHSS President
Welcome to Bossier City
Invocation |
| 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. | DHH Agency Update
TBA |
| 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | DSS Agency Update
Veda Emerson |
| 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. | Update of the Louisiana Recovery Corporation
Brandy McNeill-Volunteers of America |
| 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Promoting Adult Literacy
Sue Lee-Executive Director, Literacy
Volunteers at Centenary College |
| 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |

- 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Eagle Louisiana Federal Credit Union
Lisa Westfall and Valerie Carville
- 1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Hula Hoop Contest
- 1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Micro-enterprise
Michelle Guillory and Entergy Corporation
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Improving Self Image – A Fashion Show
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Door Prizes
- 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Silent Auction
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Association Meetings
SSAS
LASSA
Parish Managers Association
- 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Hospitality Reception
Eagle Louisiana Federal Credit Union

Friday, March 10, 2006

- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Opening Session
Virginia Cardot
- 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. DSS Role in Disaster Recovery Efforts
Stacy McQuillen
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Hurry Less, Worry Less: Tools to Enjoy Each
Day More
Judy Christie
- 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Scholarship
Election Results
\$100 Bill Drawings
Door Prizes
Adjourn

Registration for LCHSS State Conference 2006

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

LCHSS Region (see map) _____

You must be a member to attend Conference. You may become a member when registering at Conference. See the fee schedule below. You do not need to be a member to attend the dance only.

New membership \$15 _____

Renewal \$13 _____

Retiree/Full time student \$7 _____

.....

Full Conference \$50 _____

Daily rates:

Wednesday \$20 _____

Includes reception and dance

Wednesday \$10 _____

Dance only

Thursday \$20 _____

Friday \$15 _____

Total \$ _____



Louisiana Conference of Health and Social Services
926 Hwy 190
Eunice, LA 70535