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FALL CONFERENCE PREPARATION IS IN THE WORKS

A Successful Spring Conference

'What Can Corrections Correct' was our topic, and we wish to extend our thanks to the presenters who provided conference goers with a diverse cadre of information regarding the mental health field. Additionally, we would also like to thank all those in attendance, and the Minneapolis Urban League for providing the space. Evaluation feedback included:

Lisa Eiche's presentation of resources for navigating through the mental health system was deemed as being extremely helpful.

Although Officer Ron Bellendier was unable to make the conference, he did send two officers in his place. Their demonstration in the use of the tazar gun was very informative and fascinating.

And finally, Dr. Gary Fischler provided information about diagnoses, their meanings, and practical strategies for working with clients who have mental health issues, and showing related videos. Evaluation comments included participants wanting the opportunity to see more of Dr. Fishler's videos, as well as time for more in-depth discussions regarding working with various client populations.

Fall Conference Information

Reserve a space on your calendar for a great conference on Tuesday, October 8. We will be holding this all day conference at the Women's Consortium which is located at 550 Rice Street in St. Paul.

The conference will feature the basics of Restorative Justice and its diverse opportunities and uses.

Watch for the brochure, its on the way..

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Presidents Corner

It's hard to believe that fall is around the corner and I will be ending my tenure as President of MAWCJ. I get excited about what has been achieved in the organization this past year, as well as hopes and visions for the future. I appreciate your continued support in our commitment to promote communication and knowledge of Criminal justice issues affecting women employees as well as offenders.

I would like to officially welcome Karin Mann from Hennepin Co. Corrections who joined the board in February.

As a reminder, we will be electing new board members at our Fall Conference in October. We hope to see you there.

Tracy Wilson, President

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