AAIDD Interest Network Annual Plan & Yearly Report: 2018

Planning and reporting on Interest Network activities designed to fulfil their purpose. (See the Interest Networks Leadership Manual for the purpose of the Interest Networks.

Interest Network:
Social Work

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Annual Report
For the year that just ended (July 1-June 30), indicate objectives met, activities completed, and funds used.

1. To expand membership of the Social Work Interest Network.
   Worked to expand membership through emails and interactions with other AAIDD activities.

2. To recruit a co-chair and secretary for the SW interest group.
   We are still seeking additional leadership support.

3. To offer information through emails and a newsletter for all SW interest group members.
   We offered regular emails to members of the Social Work Interest Network.

4. To conduct a webinar- possibly in conjunction with the family special interest group on the topic of aging of people with IDD and their parents.
   We publicized webinars that might be of interest to our network members. Several highlighted webinars were from other interest networks.

5. To offer a scholarship to a student or early career professional for the 2018 AAIDD conference.
   We received proposals for conference presentations and scholarships. Members of the Social Work Interest network volunteered to review and rate the proposals. We selected Robyn M. Powell, MA, JD, is a 4th year PhD candidate at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University as well as a research associate at the Lurie Institute for Disability Policy. Ms. Powell’s dissertation will explore the intersection of the child welfare system and disability law.

6. To hold an annual meeting of the Social Work Interest Network.
   A business meeting was held in conjunction with the Family Interest Network at the AAIDD annual conference in St Louis. Twelve total members (including 7 social work members) attended the business meeting. Plans were discussed for the coming year.

Expenditures for the year were $600 for the student scholarship award and lunch.

Due July 31, 2018
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Annual Plan: Goals, Objectives, Activities, and Strategies
For the coming year (July 1-June 30), describe the planned objectives, activities, and proposed expenditure of funds.

1. To expand membership of the Social Work Interest Network.

2. To recruit a co-chair and secretary for the SW interest group.

3. To develop a website / social media platform to improve membership access to each other.

4. To continue with quarterly emails with news, educational opportunities, and to spotlight individual members.

5. To hold an annual business meeting in 2019 at the AAIDD conference in conjunction with the Family Interest Network.

6. No proposed expenditures at this time.