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Dear OHCFR members:

This newsletter is being sent to keep you abreast of the workings of the Ohio Council on Family Relations (OHCFR) advisory board. The Advisory Board believes that keeping our members informed helps to strength our state affiliate.

***Congratulations*** to Advisory Board student member, Rachel Arocho, who successfully defended her dissertation in June. Dr. Arocho has accepted a position in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and will be leaving the OHCFR Advisory Board. Dr. Arocho will be missed as she has been a contributing member of the OHCFR Advisory Board since December 2014.

The Advisory Board met on June 9 at the Vermilion Library to conduct old and new business with eight of the nine board members present. A summary of the business conducted is reported below.

The Advisory Board reviewed plans for future webinars with the intent to provide a webinar in each of the four quarters, January – March, April – June, July - September, and October – December. Some of the suggested topics were The Family and Grief, Sex Trafficking, Trauma, Compassion Fatigue, Resource Management, and Sexual Assault. Various advisory board members volunteered to find speakers for the aforementioned topics. Dr. Scott Tobias, OHCFR advisory board member and faculty member at the Kent State-Stark campus, and his father, Dan Tobias, who is a funeral director, are recording information for a webinar entitled "The Family and Grief" which is projected for Quarter 3. A previous webinar, Provisional to Professional CFLE, has been recorded and will be posted shortly on You-tube and linked to the OHCFR website. The Advisory Board welcomes suggestions from OHCFR members and CFLEs regarding topics of interest to them. Each one-hour webinar has provided .1 CEU from NCFR.

Courtney Walsh and Rachel Arocho reviewed information about engagement of individuals with OHCFR's social media pages (Facebook) as well as continuing plans for the Community Spotlight. The Community Spotlight has highlighted members of the OHCFR Advisory Board over the past year. Plans to expand the focus to OHCFR members is being explored. If you wish to nominate someone for the spotlight, please contact Courtney Walsh ([cwalsh11@kent.edu](mailto:cwalsh11@kent.edu)).

A Qualtrics survey regarding how NCFR professional and student affiliates engage students was developed and emailed to the President of each NCFR affiliate and the advisors of student affiliate groups. Two of the 11 presidents and 5 of the 25 advisors had responded by June 1. Audrey Kraynak is in the process of summarizing the data and will be sharing it with Bethany Cox of NCFR. Some interesting suggestions were provided by the respondents regarding how they structure their student groups. Many student affiliates provide a range of activities in which members participate. Examples include altruistic activities such as sponsoring a children's home, collecting food/supplies, and helping with a Thanksgiving dinner. Some groups provide professional speakers at monthly meetings or have a faculty member, graduate student or professional alum mentor or review resumes. Among the social activities reported were a welcome reception, sporting activities, pizza party and a reception for graduating students. One question regarding how frequently student members joined NCFR as professionals suggested the frequency ranged from rarely (0-25%) to sometimes (50-75%). Rarely is there on-going communication with former student members after graduation.

New business included reports on the following:

- Dr. Tobias contacted Diane Cushman, NCFR Executive Director, regarding ideas for affiliates' fundraising efforts and had not heard back from NCFR's accountant at the time of the June meeting. During the ensuing discussion, it was mentioned that NCFR has not raised the amount of the rebate provided to the professional affiliates. Currently, affiliate professional groups receive \$5.00 of the dues paid to NCFR.
- During a working lunch, the board reviewed the terms of office for each of the advisory board members. Due to Rachel Arocho's moving out of state, there will be a student representative vacancy on the board. There is also a possibility of vacancies at the professional and new professional levels. A call for nominations will be sent to members in September with elections to occur in October. Please vote when the ballot is emailed to you. New reps to the Advisory Board will be expected to attend the December meeting.
- OHCFR is in the process of trying to identify student groups at campuses with a Human Development/Family Studies, Family Consumer Studies or Family Ecology emphasis as well as other fields of study that focus on individuals and the family. OHCFR would like to reach out to a representative at each college/university as a means of engaging students. A suggestion was made that OHCFR hold informational meetings at various campuses and provide pizza for students and faculty who attend. Ways to engage and promote student membership will be revisited at future meetings.
- A pilot project is being developed to engage students in building their knowledge of family issues and resources. Dr. Tobias will draft a rubric for grading student projects that requires the students to build a project for a community partner in a video format. Carmen Irving and Patrice Powers-Barker volunteered to develop a video to use as an example.
- The proposed Ohio Prevention Credential was discussed. More information regarding this credential will be provided at future meetings.

A phone conference for advisory board members will be held on 10/19 while the next in-person meeting will be on Dec. 14, location to be announced.

Check the [OHCFR Facebook page](#) or watch for emailed information about registering for future webinars.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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