

MPLP
Northern Task Force Meetings
May 13-14, 2009
Higgins Lake, MI

MPLP will be hosting our spring task force meetings up in northern Michigan. The meetings will be held from the northern shore of beautiful Higgins Lake at the rustic MacMullan Conference Center. Room pricing is \$90.50 per person (based on double occupancy or an additional \$17.50 based on single occupancy). This rate includes dinner on the 13th, breakfast and lunch on the 14th. If you are not staying for the entire meeting your rate can be adjusted. Rooms must be booked by **April 24th** to get the prices listed. **MPLP will be making the room reservations but payments for the rooms and meals will handled by the MacMullan Conference Center.**

The guestrooms are located in lodges (like dormitories) -plan on a camping type atmosphere. They do provide the linens and towels-plan on bringing soap, clock, and whatever other personal items you are accommodated too. You may check out there website for more information: <http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/ParksandTrailsInfo>

Materials will be provided. Please see tentative agenda below.

Conference center information located at the bottom of the last page. *No confirmation letters will be sent.* **Please submit your registration and payment no later than April 24, 2009.**

For more logistical or registration information contact Kerri Ferrari at 734-998-6100 x24 or email kdr@umich.edu . For more substantive information contact Lorry Brown at x32 or lorryb@umich.edu .

Agenda

Wednesday: May 13th
2:00pm - 5:00pm

- Consumer (Lorry Brown: lorryb@umich.edu)
- Public Benefits (Lisa Ruby - lruby@umich.edu)

5:00 Cocktail reception (Superior Room)
6:00 Dinner (pay on your own if not staying overnight)
7:30 Bonfire by the Lake

Thursday: May 14th
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

- Elder (Alison Hirschel: hirschel@umich.edu)
- Housing (Jim Schaafsma : jschaafs@umich.edu)

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 4:00 pm

- Family (Rebecca Shiemke: rshiemke@umich.edu)
- CRP (Benefo Ofosu-Benefo- ofosu@umich.edu)

**Registration for Task Force Meetings
May 13 -14, 2009
Higgins Lake, MI**

NAME: _____

PROGRAM: _____

EMAIL: _____

DIETARY REQUESTS: _____

DATES ATTENDING: Wednesday(5/13) Thursday (5/14) BOTH DAYS

Overnight accommodations needed: Yes No

double (I would like to room with _____)
\$90.50 includes dinner, breakfast and lunch single (extra \$17.50)

Payments for rooms/meals will be due to the McMullan Conference Center upon arrival.

Sessions you plan to attend (please check all boxes that apply): Technology Public
Benefits Consumer Elder Housing Family

RETURN APPLICATION NO LATER THAN April 24, 2009 TO:

Kerri Ferrari
Michigan Poverty Law Program
611 Church St., Ste. 4A
Ann Arbor, MI 48104-3000
Fax: 734-998-9125

*******Directions*******

Ralph A Macmullan Conference Center
104 Conservation Drive
Roscommon, MI 48653
989-821-6200

<http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/ParksandTrailsInfo>

The conference center is located on North Higgins Lake Drive on the very north tip of Higgins Lake. It is 4.5 miles west of I-75 off exit 244 and 1.5 miles east of US 27 off the Military Road exit. The entrance is on the south side of North Higgins Lake Drive and is marked by a large lighted sign just opposite the drive.

May 13 Task Force Meetings

2:00- 5:00

Consumer Law

Fair Credit Reporting Act: Employment, Tenant and Criminal Records

Student Loan Forgiveness Plan for Legal Aid Attorneys

Legislative Update – Consumer issues

Consumer Law Update

Cases and Issues Discussion

- *This is your opportunity to discuss your cases with other consumer attorneys – so please bring that difficult or interesting case you have been wrestling with*

Public Benefits

JET REQUIREMENTS/SANCTIONS –

conflicting notices when the recipient is seeking a deferral and found non-compliant

CHILDREN'S SSI –

a review of the eight recently issued Social Security Rulings on the functional domains of children's SSI disability evaluations

MEDICARE PART B-

When must one enroll? What are the penalties if declined?

ISSUE ALERTS

ISSUES/CASES

May 14 Task Force Meetings

9:00- 12:00

Elder Law

Mini-Training-- Cynthia Farrell, Program Manager, Adult Services & HIV/AIDS, DHS: *DHS's Adult Protective Services, Adult Community Placement, and Independent Living Services (Home Help): What DHS Can Offer Vulnerable Seniors and When You Should Call.*

Mini-Training: Sandy Mall, Mall, Malisow, & Cooney, P.C. *Medicare Coverage and Eligibility Issues and the Intersection of Medicare, Medicaid, and Private Insurance.*

Alison Hirschel, MPLP, *Ten Quirky Things You Should Know to Help Clients with Long Term Care Needs.*

Your questions, comments, and cases.

Housing Law

- Defending HUD housing evictions, terminations, and admission denials based on alleged criminal activity
- Housing conditions with health implications
- Recent federal administrative and legislative developments affecting low income housing
- Housing News Briefs - report about other developments in the realm of low income affordable housing.
- Judicial opinion review (of recent state and federal court opinions involving issues relevant to low income housing)
- Case and issue reports & discussion
- Other issues

1:00 – 4:00

Technology

New MPLP IT Support Ticketing System

LSCC/LSSCM Pika Pro Bono Module

LSSCM Pika Foreclosure Prevention Module

New Statewide Websites for Advocates and Clients – <http://mirp.mplp.org>

<http://miforeclosure.mplp.org>

Latest Updates to Google Apps

Family Law

Mini-Trainings

- Kent County Pilot Project – Cooperative Parenting Project
Leslie Curry, Legal Aid of Western Michigan
- Pro Se Assistance in Family Law cases – Chris Gilman, Legal Assistance Center of Kent County

Appellate Decisions: Summaries of recent family law decisions, including:

- US v Dupont – US Supreme Court decision regarding beneficiary conflict in plan documents and divorce decree
- Parent v Parent & Pierron v Pierron – joint custody and changing schools
- McIntosh v McIntosh – use of FOC recommendation in custody case
- Giancaspro v Congleton – custody case in same sex relationship
- Corporan v Henton – negative financial changes to support change in custody
- In re Contempt of Kathy Henry – contempt of attorney in divorce case
- Kane v Anjoski – award of custody following death of noncustodial parent

Cases and Issues Discussion

- Please bring your cases and issues to discuss