

MPLP
Northern Task Force Meetings
May 11-12, 2010
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 \$93.75 per person (based on double occupancy or an additional \$17.50 based on single occupancy). This rate includes dinner on the 11th, breakfast and lunch on the 12th. If you are not staying for the entire meeting your rate can be adjusted. Rooms must be booked by **April 30th** 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 30, 2010.**

For more logistical or registration information contact Kerri Ferrari at 734-998-6100 x151 or email kdr@lsscm.org . For more substantive information contact Lorry Brown at x113 or lorryb@lsscm.org .

Agenda

Tuesday: May 11th
2:00pm - 5:00pm

- Consumer (Lorry Brown: lorryb@lsscm.org)
- Elder (Alison Hirschel: hirschel@lsscm.org)

5:00 Cocktail reception (Superior Room)
6:00 Dinner (pay on your own if not staying overnight)

7:30 Bonfire by the Lake

Wednesday: May 12th
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

- Housing (Jim Schaafsma : jschaafs@lsscm.org)
 - Family (Rebecca Shiemke: rshiemke@lsscm.org)

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 4:00 pm

- Public Benefits (Lisa Ruby - lruby@lsscm.org)
- CRP (Scott Ellis- scoellis@lsscm.org)

Registration for Task Force Meetings
May 11 -12, 2010
Higgins Lake, MI

NAME: _____

PROGRAM: _____

EMAIL: _____

DIETARY REQUESTS: _____

DATES ATTENDING: Tuesday (5/11) Wednesday (5/12) 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 30, 2010 TO:

Kerri Ferrari
Michigan Poverty Law Program
220 E. Huron Street, Suite 600 A
Ann Arbor, MI 48104-3000
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*******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 11 Task Force Meetings

2:00- 5:00

Consumer Law

1. Utility Shut-offs
2. Garnishment of Exempt Funds – Implementation of Michigan’s New Court Rule
 - Proposed Treasury Rule
3. Legislative Update – Consumer issues
4. Consumer Law Update
5. 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*

Elder

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. What will the new health care reform bill mean for seniors?
 - a. Issues regarding Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, home and community based care, and care coordination – David Shaltz, Esq., Chalgian & Tripp
 - b. Issues regarding Nursing Home Transparency and the Elder Justice Act—Alison Hirschel, MPLP
3. “Righting the Guardianship; Charting the Course—practical, effective affordable steps legal services advocates can take to avoid and address the injustices clients suffer in the guardianship system” -- Brad Geller, Esq., Asst. State Long Term Care Ombudsman
4. “Legal Tools to Combat Financial Exploitation of the Elderly,” Doug Chalgian, Esq., Chalgian & Tripp
5. Your comments, cases, and questions!

May 12 Task Force Meetings

9:00- 12:00

Family Law

Joint Session with the Housing Law Task Force – developments in issues at the intersection of housing and women’s rights, including VAWA and gender-based fair housing advocacy

- We’ve invited an attorney from the ACLU Women’s Rights Project to participate

Legal Updates

- Sexual Assault PPO – 2010 PA 19 amends MCL 600.2950a
- HB 5114 and petition drive – would require joint custody in all cases, with few exceptions
- “Anti-trolling” recommendation – would amend Rules of Professional Conduct to prohibit solicitation of clients
- FOC package (reminder) – amendments to Friend of the Court Act, Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act, Paternity Act and Family Support Act

PPO Discussion

- Issues with getting a PPO, motions to terminate or enforcing an order
- Restraining order instead of a PPO
- Some recent unpublished decisions

Case Discussions

- Please bring cases, issues and questions to discuss with the group

Upcoming Events

Housing Law

Joint Session with the Family Law Task Force – Developments in issues at the intersection of housing and women’s rights, including VAWA and gender-based fair housing advocacy (Sandra Park, an attorney at the ACLU Women’s Rights Project has agreed to participate in this session by phone)

Responding to unreasonable lease provisions

Recent federal and state administrative and legislative developments affecting low income housing, including updates about the Section 3 program and new HUD initiatives

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

May 12, 2010

1:00 – 4:00

Technology

This training session will focus primarily on helping you use the new and improved features in Pika 4.10. You are encouraged to email Scott with any topics on which you would like to be trained that are not related to Pika 4.10.

A few days prior to the training, you will receive an online survey asking you to rank the Pika-related topics that most interest you. Possible training topics will include:

1. Creating and saving mega reports;
2. Using the documents tab to manage form letters and files;
3. Customizing Pika notification flags;

Please email Scott as soon as possible if there are any Pika-related topic that you would like to see included in this list.

Public Benefits Law

Introductions

Update on Michigan's Budget

Stephanie Johnson, Capitol Services

Applying Online for State Emergency Relief and Update on the Food Assistance Online System

Lewis Roubal, Department of Human Services

Issue Alerts

Case/Matters Discussion