Society for Transplant Social Workers

annual conference | october 5-8, 2016
Please join us for the 31st Annual International Society for Transplant Social Workers Conference and relax in charming, sunny San Diego. We encourage you to arrive early or stay later to experience the beautiful beaches, parks, shopping, and tourism. You will find many ways to explore, relax and enjoy yourself. Your colleagues from the San Diego transplant programs will be happy to help you plan your visit.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort

The conference will be held in lovely Coronado, at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort, located across the Big Bay from downtown San Diego. The resort is located on a private 15-acre peninsula surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and Coronado Bay. It is only 20 minutes away from San Diego International Airport and 15 minutes away from downtown San Diego and the famous Gaslamp District.

ROOM RATE
$199 per night
Discounted rate only available from Oct 4 - Oct 9. Book ASAP.

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Program Highlights

California is the home to 22 transplant centers, four of which are located in San Diego. We are pleased to have Jose Maldonado, MD, FAPM, FACFE, professor of psychiatry, medicine, surgery, and emergency medicine at Stanford University as our keynote speaker. He will discuss and provide updates on the Stanford Integrated Psychosocial Assessment for Transplant (SIPAT).

In keeping with our theme, relaxation/self-care, Melissa McCool, LCSW, will be speaking to us about Symptom Targeted Intervention (STI) Engagement Matrix to prevent professional burnout.

This year’s conference will have topics suited for new social workers as well as the seasoned transplant social worker, covering all organs, adults and pediatrics, as well as other topics such as mechanical circulatory support (MCS), ethics, living donation, pregnancy after transplant and xenotransplantation.

Networking & Socializing

We will kick off our conference with a Welcome Reception and Poster Session, October 5th, the night before the conference officially begins. Posters will highlight research conducted by some of our STSW members and other transplant colleagues. Enjoy appetizers, drinks and socializing before the start of our conference.

There will be many opportunities for you to network throughout the three day conference—during meals, breaks, and in the evenings. After the first full day of the conference we will hold our Annual Society Celebration. This opportunity for connecting with colleagues and informal learning is consistently rated as one of the most valuable aspects of the STSW conference. The next night, there are a variety of restaurants from which to choose to dine with other conference attendees.
Annual Society Celebration

The Annual Society Celebration will be held at the San Diego Maritime Museum Steam Ferry Berkeley on San Diego’s historic waterfront. We will enjoy a night of dinner, cocktails and socializing. The Berkeley is a California State Historic Landmark, and a National Historic Landmark. We will have full access to the lower deck, where there is a museum.

Parking & Transportation

Loews Coronado Bay Resort offers self-parking for $29 per day or valet parking for $33 per day. The San Diego International Airport is located 12 miles away. Airport shuttles will not be provided. We encourage you to utilize ride share services through Uber/Lyft or take a taxi.

Travel & Tourism

San Diego is widely known as “America’s Finest City”. If you are planning on expanding your trip, there will be much to see and enjoy. San Diego is the second largest city in California. It has many charismatic neighborhoods and communities, such as Carlsbad, Coronado, Del Mar, Downtown Gaslamp Quarter, Point Loma, Chula Vista, Old Town, La Jolla and North Park. San Diego has many
popular attractions such as Sea World, LEGOLAND, the famous San Diego Zoo, Cabrillo National Monument and Balboa Park to name a few. For more ideas please visit: www.sandiego.org.

Registration

The conference registration will begin in June 2016. For those of you planning ahead and trying to secure funding for the conference, the registration fee is $400 for STSW members and $550 for non-members. The 1 day rate (excluding Annual Celebration attendance) is $175 and the student rate (including Annual Celebration attendance) is $325. A $50 late fee for all levels of registration will be added if payment is received after September 14th.

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are offered each year to STSW members. Scholarship cover the conference registration fee. Scholarship recipients will be scheduled to help as moderators during the conference. Download the scholarship application on www.stsw.org/conference. Deadline to submit scholarship applications is June 17, 2016.

Questions or Concerns

Please contact any of the San Diego committee members if you have any questions or concerns. You may also find additional information on the STSW website (www.stsw.org).

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welcome reception

wednesday, october 5, 2016

4:30 - 6:30  Registration

6:30 - 8:30  Welcome Reception (complimentary) & Poster Sessions – Loews Coronado Bay Resort. Come socialize and enjoy appetizers and drinks, with a beautiful view of the bay.

day one

thursday, october 6, 2016

7:00 - 8:00  Breakfast

8:00 - 8:30  Welcome and Opening Remarks; Exhibitor Presentation

8:30 - 9:45  Keynote Address: Performance of the Stanford Integrated Psychosocial Assessment for Transplantation (SIPAT) During the Post-Transplant Period Among Solid Organ Transplant Patients – Jose R. Maldonado, MD, FAPM, FACFE

9:45 - 10:15  Morning Break (snacks & meet with exhibitors)

breakout session one

10:15 - 11:15  A) Stop Feeling Guilty: Helping Your Patients Understand the Positive Impact Donation Has on Donor Families – Lara S. Moretti, LCSW, CT and Rebecca Simon, LMSW

B) Using Symptom Targeted Intervention to Improve Psychosocial Outcomes of Solid Organ Transplant – Gracie Moore Greene, BSW, MSW, DrPH; Patricia Voorhes, BS, MSW; Joseph Merighi, BS, MA, MSW, PhD; Melissa McCool, LCSW

C) Unique Challenges with Advance Care Planning and End of Life Issues for the Total Artificial Heart: Case Study (Ethics CEU pending NASW approval) – Sara Morrison, LCSW, ACM; Megan Olman, LCSW, ACM
D) **Adherence Scorecard: Identification and Classification of Non-Adherence Risk for Patients in Kidney Transplant Evaluation** – Kathleen Daley, LISW-S

### breakout session two

A) **LVAD and Palliative Care Social Work: A Case Study** – Sarah Treado, MSW, LICSW, CCTSW; Anne Kelemen, MSW, LICSW, ACHP-SW; Karen Weingart, MSW, LICSW, CCTSW

B) **Increasing Peer Support as a Means of Improving Adherence in Adolescent Transplant** – Barb Luby, LISW

C) **Depression and Living Donation** – Sonia Scott, LMSW

D) **Liver Transplant in the Setting of Alcoholic Hepatitis** – Margo Wankoff, LCSW; Mary Brosnan, LCSW; Lora Thord, LCSW; Elizabeth Schubert, LMSW; Penny Spector–Shleyffer, LCSW; Felice Zilberfein, PhD

### Lunch

### breakout session three

A) **Ready…Set…Wait: The Time Between Listing and Transplant (Renal)** – Jeff Harder, MSW, LICSW, CCTSW

B) **Decision Making and Family Dynamics: A 49-year-old CF Patient Decides to Pursue Lung Transplant** – Susan Davis Long, MSW, LCSW, CCTSW

C) **Challenges of Support Group: Managing Group Dynamics While Enhancing Opportunities for Improved Experiences** – Anne P. LaFleur, LICSW, CCTSW; Karen Tanklow, LICSW, CCTSW

D) **Finding True Refuge in Stressful Times** – Dianna Shimkus, LCSW

### breakout session four

A) **When the Patient/Family Says No to Pediatric Transplant** (Ethics CEU pending NASW approval) – Molly Dugan, LCSW, CCTSW

B) **Implementation of a Live Donor Champion Program to Increase Living Kidney Donation** – Dana Parker, LCSW

C) **Pregnancy in Renal Transplantation** – Dianne McKay, MD

D) **Lung Transplant Horizon: A Matter of Life and Breath** – Kamyar Afshar, MD

### Afternoon Break (snacks & meet with exhibitors)

### 4:00 - 5:00

**Using Symptom Targeted Intervention Engagement Matrix to Prevent Professional Burnout** – Melissa McCool, LCSW

### 5:30 - 9:30

Annual Society Celebration
7:00 - 8:00  Breakfast
8:00 - 8:30  Welcome and Opening Remarks; Exhibitor Presentation
8:30 - 9:30  CMS Presentation – Michele Walton, RN, BSN; Bernice Wolfson, MSW, LCSW-C, CCM
9:30 - 10:00  Morning Break (snacks & meet with exhibitors)
10:00 -11:00  How Dare You Say No! Identifying and Presenting Psychosocial Contraindications – Annette Humberson, LISW-S, CCTSW

breakout session one
B) Pediatric Roundtable: Hot Topics in Pediatric Transplantation – Lauren Schmidt, MSW, LCSW, CCTSW; Denise Alloway, LCSW; Lisa Dodd, MSSW, LISW-S, CCTSW; SoYun Kwan, MSW, LICSW
C) Caregiver Burden in LVAD Patients – H A Tran, MD, FACC
D) Not Living, Not Dying … Staying in the ICU: Transplant SW in the Worst of Times (Liver) – Phyllis A. Yensan, MSW, LCSW, CCTSW

12:15 - 1:45  Lunch – Annual STSW Business Meeting

breakout session two
1:50 - 2:50  A) A Changing Appreciation of Long-Term Medical Risks for Living Kidney Donors – Robert Steiner, MD
B) Pediatric Palliative Care: Gentling the Journey Through Serious Illness – JoAnne Auger, RN CHPPN
C) The Lived Experience of Mothers of Children Who Have Undergone Kidney Transplant – Andrew Mantulik, PhD, RSW
D) Health Literacy and Transplant – Gloria Chen, LCSW, CCTSW; Penelope Loughhead, LCSW, CCTSW
day three
saturday, october 8, 2016

7:00 - 8:00 Breakfast
8:00 - 8:30 Opening Remarks; Exhibitor Presentation
8:30 - 9:30 Xenotransplantation: The Challenge to Current Psychosocial Knowledge – Jane Harrison, LCSW, CCTSW; Leah Colsch, MSW
9:30 - 10:00 Morning Break (snacks and meet with exhibitors)

breakout session one
10:00 - 11:00
A) Complex Pediatric Transplant Families – the Good, the Bad and the Adherent – Cindy DeSa, MPH, MSW, LCSW
B) Response to the Failure of a Living Kidney Donation: Individual Characteristics and Risk Factors – Bonnie Campbell, PhD, LCSW
C/D) Mentor Training – Nancy Arnold, MSW, MSSW, LCSW, CCTSW; Darshit Bakhai, LMSW; Amy DeCarlo-Frepan, MSW, LCSW, CCTSW; Pat Dennis, LCSW, CCTSW, CCSW-MCS; Deborah Evans, ACSW, LCSW, CCTSW; Anne LaFleur, MSW, CSW, CCTSW

breakout session two
11:15 - 12:15
A) When Advocacy Becomes Personal – Jill Giordano, MA, MSW, LCSW
B) The Keys to the Kingdom of Those Living with Cystic Fibrosis – Tina Fisher, LCSW
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12:15 Close/Certificates (15.5 CEU’s will be offered pending NASW approval)