

CUWFA Board Member Candidate Form

YOUR NAME: Sue Sloop

TODAY'S DATE: 12/09/10

INSTITUTION: Grand Valley State University

YOUR TITLE: Work Life Consultant

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BIOGRAPHIC STATEMENT -

Sue Sloop came to Grand Valley State University 6 years ago to implement the Work Life Connections Program. This program has grown into a comprehensive holistic health and wellness program with the mission of addressing both the physical and mental well being of the faculty and staff at GVSU. Sue's experience includes 20 years with a local hospital system working as a Medical Social Worker in the orthopedics department. This position provided Sue with extensive experience in the field of elder care and helped in securing her current position as Work Life Consultant at GVSU. Sue has a BS in Human Services and is a licensed social worker in the state of Michigan. In addition, Sue has an elementary level teaching certificate and graduate work in the field of education. In the past 6 years, the GVSU Work Life Connections program has expanded to include an EAP usage rate of 14%, programming that addresses managing stress and support for life events such as elder care, parenting, financial and legal issues, implementation of flexible work arrangement guidelines, a summer weekly Farmers Market, development of a wellness program which resulted in the hiring of a Wellness Coordinator, various support groups on campus including an Alzheimer's Support group and the implementation of a tutoring program partnership with the Grand Rapids Public Schools.

Sue's areas of interest in the work life arena are flexible scheduling, family friendly leave policies and emerging trends related to an aging workforce. In addition, addressing the benefits and challenges of offering work life in partnership with wellness programming.