Central Division and Southern Division Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2021

Present: Bertha Jacobs, Ocesa Keaton (chair), Randy Stetson, Najah Zaaeed

I. Introductions

Bertha- Longtime member of NASW has been active in the local chapter. She has held different board positions and served on committees. She is a graduate of SUNY Stonybrook and has had various social work positions throughout the state. Bertha provided historical background of local division

Najah—Assistant Professor of Health Promotion and Wellness. New NASW member. Works with immigrants and refugees. She previously served as a mental health specialist for Interfaith Works of Central New York and continues to address the mental health needs of immigrant and refugee communities.

II. Braining Storming

Need to engage with social workers and allied professions on multiple levels

* Organizations
  + SU, Upstate (Mark?)
* Community Groups
  + Partner on events
* Individuals
  + Own personal network

Central Division Townhall (invite Samantha)

African Americans in Social Work

Social Work Café

* Supervision
* Technology
* Social work in age of COVID-19

Possible theme phrase “Moving Forward”

Questions about distribution of flyers

Update Central Division webpage

Next meeting Tues February 9, 2021