

9/30/21 Central Division Steering Committee Meeting

Attendees: Najah Zaaed, Gina Corona, Erin Cooney

Discussed social workers concerns, specifically related to OMH boundaries with caseloads and how it affects the morale and effectiveness of practice.

Discussed methods to engage with fellow social workers, to support each other regardless of membership status.

Erin: Past events were scheduled in the North Country/ Watertown area but few would show. There are two OMH clinics in the area

Gina- Most social workers feel forgotten, not getting a response. They want to be heard, need to see change and response.

We discussed the need to educate social workers about the need to check with HR about membership reimbursements.

We discussed having smaller and local events, potentially during the lunch hours during a workday, offer CEU as an incentive and maybe even lunch or snacks to participants (have it delivered). We will call it NASW On The Go or NASW On The Road.

Self-care was also a concern, maybe offering a session about that.

Need to put administration on the forefront. Reach out to social service and related organizations (Brownell, Arise, St. Joseph's, Helio Health, Carthage Behavioral Health, Samaritan Behavioral Health, etc).