

NASW NYS Northeast Division Steering Committee

02/16/2022

Attendees:

Martha

Vanessa

Karen

Jill

Natalie

Minutes

Important Announcements:

- Information brought to the division's attention related to CDPHP's transition away from LMSW reimbursement:
 - *"The health provider CDPHP is attempting to "phase out" reimbursement for LMSWs. This is particularly problematic for social workers in private practice in our underserved communities, as LMSWs are often hired under the supervision of LCSWs. This would create a barrier to care for the people we serve, as well as a barrier to social work entrepreneurship and success. Furthermore, there is a lack of information as to specific reasons for this change, and no clear response as to when and how it will occur. It seems to be specific to social workers, as mental health clinicians are not facing the same issue. I implore you to follow the link below to file a complaint on behalf of our fellow social workers and those we serve. Please share with others! Link to file [DFS complaint here.](#)"*
 - Will continue to follow up with NE division members.
 - Bring up at monthly Division Director meetings and March board meeting.
- Note from New York State Association for Rural Health (NYSARH):
 - **"Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)** is a telehealth initiative that our network is sharing resources about with local community partners. Eligible enrollees and dependents in the ACP may receive low-cost internet services that may help with broadband connectivity. "
 - Information is emailed out to NE division members.
- Capital Action Day Review
 - Vanessa attended and shared the highlights from the day.
- One of our members, Barry, is facilitating a special interest group, Seasoned and Retired Social Worker Special Interest Group, you can register [here!](#)

Future Events:

- Recruitment:
 - Ongoing:
 - Target Date: May
 - Business side of SWK
 - online date of **4/27/2021 via Zoom**
- Networking:
 - Next SCM meeting, 03/16/2022, will also be another Jeopardy night! Use the game we have created and advertise to students.
 - Martha will email out registration information to NASW NYS and Universities. Members are encouraged to spread the word!

Action Plan:

- Recruitment:
 - Connected with Genesee Valley Division Director, Misty Boldt.
 - 3 panelist
 - **Dr. Kim Evanoski Ed.D CMC MPA LMSW**
 - <http://caremanageforall.com/>
 - **Eva Forde, MSSW**
 - <https://www.richsocialworker.com/>
 - **CaTyra Polland, M.A.**
 - www.love4words.com
 - www.calendly.com/catyrapolland
 - Members review panelist bios and come up with potential questions for our Q & A portion of the event. To be explored at the 4/6/2022 SCM meeting.
 - 20 min for each panelist to present and 30 minutes for Q & A.
 - Will charge \$10 for event
 - Will pay speakers \$150-\$200

Additional questions/future areas to explore

- NASW NYS March Social Work Month
 - Google form to be created and send out to NE division members to facilitate sharing and connecting event.
- Part II of recruitment event TBA.
- CEU event looking at liability, ethics, and legalities in providing care to rural communities.

Proposed next meeting date: 03/16/2022, at 6:00 pm via zoom, register [here](#)