

Minutes
NASWNYS Nassau Division Steering Committee Meeting
October 2022

10/12/22 – 6:00 p.m.

Format: Telephone

In attendance: Kari Tabag and Charles Briscoe

- Charles voiced interest in working with this division
 - Charles resides in Suffolk County (W. Babylon) and works in Nassau County and Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC)
 - Charles would like to get involved locally
 - He is on the NASW-NYS Advocacy and Government Relations Committee
 - Charles holds a Masters degree in public policy from SBU, is an LMSW, and graduated with his MSW from LIU CW Post
 - He is interested in getting people connected
 - He would like to focus on the macro piece at the political level
 - He would like to meet with local politicians and participate in policy writing and research
 - We both agreed that this division is not interested in assisting politicians with their campaigns via calling and door to door
 - Charles has not had any contact with any local politicians at this time
 - Charles inquired about division meetings and it was explained that meetings will take place monthly or bi-monthly once more contacts are in place
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10/14/22 – 9:40 a.m.

Format: Telephone

In Attendance: Kari Tabag and Silas W. Kelly

- Kari updated Silas on her meeting with Charles
 - Silas mentioned Kara Hahn and Debra Mule and perspectives to connect with Charles
 - Kari will be reaching out to Jessica Mitchell for more contacts
 - In following up on the previous meeting, we discussed Kari's reaching out to contacts at Adelphi and LIU CW Post while Silas will be reaching out to his connections at Suffolk Community College
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10/27/22 – 5:15 p.m.

Format: Telephone

In Attendance: Kari Tabag and Bushra Husain

- Bushra voiced interest in working with this division.
- Bushra resides in Nassau County on the north shore and works in the NYC metropolitan area
- Bushra is a LCSW and recently graduated with her DSW.

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- Bushra works at Sanctuary for Families, a gender-based violence organization in NYC.
- Bushra has a group practice, Nasiha Counseling, providing counseling services to the Muslim community.
- Bushra is an adjunct professor at Columbia University School of Social Work
- Bushra is interested in joining the local Nassau County NASW division and helping in any leadership capacity
- Bushra and Kari discussed working with the local colleges, particularly in her working with students to do speaking engagements in educating social workers about gender-based violence targeting hidden populations within Nassau County
- Kari to schedule a follow-up meeting with Silas and will then organize/begin monthly meeting with Charles and Bushra and any other interested parties