

MINUTES; NASWNYS DIVISION STEERING COMMITTEE ,DECEMBER 10,2022

PRESENT: Cheryl Eberl, Sylvia Gold, Jesse Grossman, Cheryl Mills

AGENDA: NASWWNYS AGR

Western Division Brochure

Potential new committee members

Difficulty signing in for Zoom

NASWWNYS AGR

Cheryl Mills reported on issue of salaries of state chapter social workers. The Capital Action led by Sen. Persaud reveals many disparities across cultural and ethnic classes. Especially White professional social workers are paid more than Black and Hispanic professional social workers and receive greater cost of living raises. Our committee raised the question of which agencies were included in this survey since State Social Workers earn more than those who work in Private-Not-For Profit agencies.

February 14, 2023 is the next scheduled in-person Capital Day. Information is available on the State website. Olivia Knox is seeking sponsorship from state senators on : Advocacy, loan forgiveness for social workers, ensuring every school employs a social worker, Reg. 163 defining who can diagnose - LCSW-R vs. LCSW, and social worker salaries.

WESTERN DIVISION BROCHURE

It is visible now on the Division Website. We are very pleased with the final product. Jesse has been communicating with Kate re: the printing where she learned the State Chapter does not do in-house printing and offered some options available in Albany. We were informed we needed to access funds from our budget to cover the costs. After discussion it was decided we would pursue printing locally. Cheryl E. volunteered to pursue costs and printers, specifically so we have access to the prototype and choice of paper. Jesse will communicate with Kate re: accessing money from our budget to pay for the printing.

Discussion ensued on how to distribute brochures to the local Schools of Social Work. An option is to send each school a few copies and inform them they are available on the Western Division website.

POTENTIAL NEW DIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING MEMBERS

We had 3 new inquiries and one new member who attended the most recent Clinical Meeting. Discussion on how to attract new members since we no longer meet in person nor have social events. The question arose on how other divisions address this situation. Jesse suggested we consider a book club event. It is under consideration.

DIFFICULTY SIGNING IN ON ZOOM

Several of our members reported they could not sign in on the link. They received the message "Administrator meeting already in progress". This occurs even when they previously registered for multiple meeting dates. We will report this to Kate.

NEXT MEETING DATES

CLINICAL: Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 6pm-8pm

STEERING: Saturday, January 14, 2023, 10am-12am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sylvia Gold

