

NASW-NYS Nassau/Suffolk County Monthly Division Meeting and (Steering Committee) Agenda & Minutes (Steering Committee)

Date: January (Wednesday 1/18/23 7- 8pm) 2023

- Introductions: Steering committee members
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- Our mission/goals (please refer to separate document shared with you)
- What brings each participant (interests) to the meeting
- Future events
- Lunar new year begins on 1/22/23: The Year of the Rabbit
- NASW NYS Events: Awards, Social Action Day
- Dr. Jewett and the event at Nassau Community College which our division will be sponsoring
- Ending the meeting with a reminder of monthly meetings and the agenda for each, minutes listed on the website

Attendance: (12)

Kari Tabag (Nassau Director) & Charles Briscoe (Suffolk Director)

NASW-NYS VP: Silas Kelly (Nassau/Suffolk)

Steering Committee Members: Orval Jewett (Nassau), Bushra Husain (Nassau), Kimberly Garrett (Nassau)

Participants: Terry Becker (Suffolk), Jihan Chen (Nassau), Seeta Ramprasad (Nassau), Stephanie Reid (Nassau), Germaine Ruffin (Suffolk), Suzanne Velasquez (Suffolk)

Minutes:

- Members introduced themselves: Names, backgrounds, where they work, reasons for joining the division and attending the monthly meeting (some new to the profession and recently joined the NASW,
- Reviewed and amended the mission/goals of the division (Bushra, Dr. Velasquez, and Silas)
- Discussed the NASW and NASW-NYC calendar of events
- Discussed Capital Action Day on Feb. 14th in Albany with NASW-NYS
- Kari posted links in chat:
- <https://naswnys.org/nyssocialworkawards/>
- <https://naswnys.org/nasw-nys-calendar/>
- <https://naswnys.org/>
- Kari mentioned the Lunar New Year on 1/22/23 “Year of the Rabbit” wishing those who celebrate a happy new year and also recognized the previous Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

- Dr. Jewett discussed his upcoming event on Critical Race Theory at Nassau CCC on March 31st and how it relates to social work. NASW Nassau/ Suffolk to assist with advertising, sponsoring, and attending the program. NASW to assist with CEU documents. Kari mentioned how it is a wonderful opportunity for networking, support, and resources for social work practitioners, students, and so on.
- Kari asked the members what they aim for in joining the division
 - Germaine shared thoughts on changes to the field during the COVID pandemic
 - Orval shared the importance of in-person meetings and networking at different host locations (rotating)
 - Dr. Velasquez shared how she would like speciality groups to be developed in this division as it will help with networking and resource building
 - Dr. Velasquez also shared about the division posting PSAs to promote the social work profession, justice, and mental health issues to residents on LI
 - EMails: Members shared their emails with the participants

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Copied from the chat:

18:57:31 From NASW-NYS Divisions to Waiting Room Participants:

We will begin in 3 minutes. Thanks so much for your patience.

19:26:36 From Dr. Bushra Husain, DSW, LCSW-R (she/her) to Everyone:

Can we add - empower individuals and influence social policies and promote social justice

19:29:55 From Dr. Kari Tabag, Phd, LCSW-R w/NASW-NYS Divisions to Everyone:

The NASW-NYS Nassau/Suffolk Division is a group of social workers dedicated to promoting and improving social work and the delivery of services to Nassau and Suffolk county residents. On a fundamental level, the division seeks to reduce stigmas against social work and delivery of services, thereby empowering social workers and communities by promoting greater awareness of the social, cultural, political by influencing social policies and promoting social justice, and at times oppressive forces that have historically impacted marginalized populations' mental health and access to education. The division aims to support social work pedagogy and the use of educational materials (e.g., research, webinars, workshops, fact sheets) that are culturally-informed, empirically supported, and specific to social work. The division will strive to (1) encourage educators and students to engage with social work issues in academic, clinical, and community settings; (2) provide educational resources and training support for soc

19:31:28 From Dr. Bushra Husain, DSW, LCSW-R (she/her) to Everyone:

be right back

19:38:12 From Dr. Kari Tabag, Phd, LCSW-R w/NASW-NYS Divisions to Everyone:
<https://naswnys.org/nyssocialworkawards/>

19:40:03 From Dr. Kari Tabag, Phd, LCSW-R w/NASW-NYS Divisions to Everyone:
<https://naswnys.org/nasw-nys-calendar/>

19:41:02 From Dr. Kari Tabag, Phd, LCSW-R w/NASW-NYS Divisions to Everyone:
<https://naswnys.org/>

19:42:36 From Dr. Kari Tabag, Phd, LCSW-R w/NASW-NYS Divisions to Charles
Briscoe(Direct Message):
Please help with minutes

19:44:13 From Dr. Kari Tabag, Phd, LCSW-R w/NASW-NYS Divisions to Everyone:
<https://naswnys.org/cad-2023/>

19:44:41 From Dr. Kari Tabag, Phd, LCSW-R w/NASW-NYS Divisions to Charles
Briscoe(Direct Message):
Thank you SO much!

19:49:15 From Dr. Kari Tabag, Phd, LCSW-R w/NASW-NYS Divisions to Everyone:
A wonderful networking opportunity

19:52:07 From Dr. Kari Tabag, Phd, LCSW-R w/NASW-NYS Divisions to Dr. Suzanne
Velazquez, PhD, LCSW {SBUSSW}(Direct Message):
Thank you SO much for your help! Really appreciate you!

19:55:13 From Charles Briscoe to Everyone:
I agree

20:00:56 From terry becker to Dr. Kari Tabag, Phd, LCSW-R w/NASW-NYS Divisions(Direct
Message):
Nice to meet everyone and be part of this group. I have to hop. See you at the next
meeting.

20:01:21 From Charles Briscoe to Everyone:
the 3rd Wednesday 7-8pm

20:01:26 From Charles Briscoe to Everyone:
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20:01:36 From Dr. Kari Tabag, Phd, LCSW-R w/NASW-NYS Divisions to Everyone:
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20:01:42 From Germaine Ruffin to Everyone:
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20:02:35 From Silas W Kelly LMSW to Everyone:
NASWNYs.BoardVP@gmail.com Silas W. Kelly