Minutes

Important Announcements:
● ANTI-RACIST CE SERIES: From Colorblind to Colorbrave

Future Events:
● Recruitment:
  ○ Part II of Entrepreneurship in Social Work Practice.
    ■ The in-person event is to be held in late summer in Saratoga, NY.
    ● Inquiry on budget, and start planning at the March meeting.
● Networking:
  ○ Aiming for get together in April in Saratoga.
    ■ Sunday, April 30th.
    ● Martha-research locations
    ● 10-15 persons
    ● Indoor
    ● $$

● CEU
  ○ School Social Work CEU events- in progress
  ○ Rural Social Work CEU event

Action Plan:
○ Summer Focus Group Results here
  ■ Mini series in February, then June to respond to summer focus group results.
  ■ Do we want to host another summer focus group? If so, ideas:
    ● Virtual “open house” and “office hours,” are preferred by division members as opposed to another summer focus group, as we will be completing the rural SWK CEU series.

UPDATE
● All four panelists confirmed for February/June
  ○ Allan Barsky, [website here](#) for 2/15/2023 at 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
  ○ Diane Bigler, [website here](#) for 2/22/2023 at 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
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- NASW Risk Retention Group, Inc., Website here for June.
- Shawn Lisa for June, 6/14/2023 6:00 pm-7:30 pm.
  - Validating our roles as school social workers and communicating with education staff and leadership.
- Martha will be meeting with Misty Boldt of the Genesee Valley Division to extend an invitation to collaborate on the rural SWK series.

Additional questions/future areas to explore
- A note on outreach:
  - Karen has sent a list of potential agencies/employers of social work staff (shared with past meeting minutes).
  - The draft for the narrative that will be sent to agencies and employers is below. Please review and provide comments for the last paragraph for the next division meeting.

“Writing on behalf of the National Association of Social Workers – New York State Chapter (NASW-NYS) Northeast Division. The NASW-NYS Chapter has 9 geographic Divisions across the state, each having its own membership with unique needs and cultures dictated by its region. A Division Director leads each Division, and I am the current Northeast Division director. Our divisions are an extension of our Chapter and are a critical component of our membership benefits, as they provide both educational, networking, and professional development opportunities for members at the local level.

Our mission is to promote and advocate for: the strength, unity, identity, and status of the social work profession; the enhancement of social work practice; and policies, services, and programs that promote social justice throughout New York State.

As a division, we facilitate several special interest groups. Special Interest Groups (SIG) are member-led networks of social workers across New York State and beyond, connecting like-minded social workers on topics, practice areas, client populations, and other common interests to share resources and further develop support systems through the New York State Chapter. A link to our special interest groups can be found here: Link for SIG. We also meet once a month via zoom to collaborate and organize events. Previously, we created continuing education opportunities on Rural Social Work: Collection of Social Worker Narratives, Entrepreneurship in Social Work Practice, and School Social Work Series: Best Practices, Ethics, Minimizing Liability, and Self-Care.”

Why employers/agencies should share this information among their social workers:

Notes for the last paragraph:
- For self-care
- Collaboration
- Connect with the code of ethics
- Life long learning
- CEU - offers free events for licensure renewal
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- No cost to the employer
- Best practices, up to date on relevant research and evidence-based practices
- Networking
  - Grant opportunities/research funding
  - Support
  - Resource
  - Networking with social workers across the 9 regions

Proposed next meeting date: 3/21/2023, at 7:00 pm via zoom, register here.

News and resources from our division:

1. Healthy Capital District launches: Co-Occurring Disorder (COD) Professional Development Series

2. 28TH ANNUAL ELDER LAW FORUM

3. NY ALCA Annual HYBRID More than Entitlements Seminar!

4. Click here for the List of Agencies and contacts for NASW Northeastern NY Continuing Ed Series

5. SUNY Plattsburgh Trauma-informed Learning Collaborative In the North Country (TLC-INC) (newsletter attached).