

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

Date: March (Wednesday 3/15/23 7- 8pm) 2023

- Check ins and introductions of new members
- **Nassau Division** (Kari)
- **Suffolk Division** (Chuck)
- Ending the meeting with a reminder of monthly meetings and the agenda for each, minutes listed on the website

Attendance: (9)

Kari Tabag (Nassau Director), Charles Briscoe (Suffolk Director), and Silas Kelly, VP (NASW-NYS Division)

Steering Committee Members: Kimberly Garrett (Nassau), Student: Michael Stashin /tashinmike@gmail.com (Nassau, LIU SSW),

Participants: Suzanne Velasquez (Suffolk), Stephanie Reid / stephanierid720@gmail.com (Nassau)

Minutes:

- **Nassau Division** (Kari) Future events: Event at NCC on 3/31/23, event at Molloy on 3/21/23
 - Kari asked members to register and share/post the information and will email the information again to everyone
 - Kari shared notes from her meetings with Dr. Newland (Molloy) and Dr. Robin DeLuca-Acconi, and Mara Kasdan
 - Kari asked for members to take on some of the items included in the action plans established during the aforementioned meetings
 - Suzanne and Kimberly to work on
 - **Suffolk Division** (Chuck): Chuck informed the division that he is stepping down from his role
 - Kari and Silas will discuss procedures in forming a student steering committee. Michael will be a student liaison.
 - We continued our discussion on how we can support social workers on LI. Suzanne spoke about how other professions are able to get reimbursed by insurance companies (medicaid) vs LMSWs not able to participate in private practice and get reimbursed. We also discussed the licensing exam and the accountability and what do you do to protect the public and if we lose the license (LMSW) we are not protecting the public. NY is one of 6 states that does not license BSWs. We spoke about what our division can do to organize and advocate.
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- Division established an action plan:

1. Priority is a mentoring event involving student engagement to be held preferably at NCC (?) at the end of April/mid May 2023. Kari to discuss with **Orval and Seeta**

-Kari will connect **Michael** (LIU) with his SSW student club president (counterpart) at Molloy. **Kari** (Adelphi), **Orval and Seeta** (NCC), and Suzanne (Stonybrook) reach out to student clubs to connect with Michael.

-From Suzanne: For a student rep from SBUSSW -- tap Sarah Allen - she is BSW Student of the Year for Suffolk Division! 😊 Like Michael said, the student orgs are still "coming out" of pandemic, so I will speak with the EBoard, but Sarah will already be a good "peer resource" to talk with students about NASW

-**Bushra and Stephanie** will be helping (TBD)

-Kari to make sure all are connected at first and then will proceed in further organizational tasks

2. **Suzanne and Kimberly** to work on document Kari to bring to the BOD regarding SW licensing and exam concerns. **Charles** will guide/advise as he is involved with his division.

3. Long Island School Social Work Summit: SW students from all schools of SW on LI (committee to contact schools and their respective SSW clubs) to take place in Fall of 2023/early October