

## MEETING WESTERN DIVISION STEERING COMMITTEE

August, 6, 2024,

Attendance: Rolanda Ward, Elaine Rinfrette, Jesse Grossman, Cheryl Mills, Sylvia Gold,  
Excused: Cheryl Eberl

### 1. STUDENT NASW orientations

Elaine met with Berg Miller from Buffalo State Univ re: working with Phi Alpha Honor president, Logan: planned for 8/18/24.

Niagara Univ. Town Hall planned for Aug. 29 8-9:30 per Rolanda

Jesse and Sylvia planning to attend UBSSW orientation on Aug,23 , 8:30-9:30.

Elaine will contact Fredonia, Buffalo State, and Daemen for future orientations.

### 2, CEUs

We didn't get Garman Family Grant to fund CEUs in rural counties.

Our virtual presentations were successful in attendance and generating income for Western Division. The in-person CEU was cancelled due to low registration.

Berg Miller's and Steve Halady's presentation have been rescheduled to August due to confusion at Chapter office. They are rescheduled:

August 6. Steve Halady had a successful presentation 9-10:30 today.

August 15 2-5 pm Dr.Berg Miller, Buffalo State University, Department of Social Work,

Putting Intersectionality into Practice to Serve Marginalized groups.

### 3. RAFFLE

We earned \$124.00. It was felt it was a minimal return given all the effort and low participation. We will try something different.

### 4. ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 10

Four new members attended. Much discussion was generated on ways to attract new members and meet the needs of our members.

### 5. SPRING BREAKFAST May 6

There were 6 attendees who generated lively discussions and enjoyed socializing with one another.

### 6. NPR

60 second spots will begin airing September 3 for 2 weeks during morning and evening commutes. Jesse negotiated with NPR.

### 7. CHAPTER CHATS, future

Financial counseling providing free service to help people get out of debt.

Special interest groups. Mentoring new social workers in the field. Rolanda will pursue.

### 8. PAWNY

Interested in pairing with Western Division for a presentation. Amelia is reviewing PAWNY offer to co-sponsor a training in February.

### 9. CHAPTER ISSUES

There have been three major players leaving: Olivia, Katie, and Nelle. Amelia is now our contact in Albany.

The NYC chapter is now being absorbed into NYS chapter. Previously it was a separate entity. Shakira will serve as the Executive Director as well as NYS. This could impact on the divisions re numbers and budgets.

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### 10. MSW STUDENT

UB agreed to placing a student in our division. However Albany rejected that based on liability. Discussion ensued re ways to have UBSSW supervise student's involvement in identifying specific Western Division's activities. Previously UBSSW students have participated in Western Division activities. Further discussion is needed on this issue.

### 11. BUDGET REVIEW

CEUS helped us increase our income beyond NASW allocation.

### 12. AGR report

Cheryl Mills reported on Olivia leaving and committee in transition. A new person was hired and hopefully there will be a September meeting.

### 13. DIVISION PLANNING CHART

Those present brainstormed to identify goals and plans for 2024-2025 year.

### 14. CHAPTER STRATEGIC PLAN reviewed.

Mention made for Division Directors's involvement.

### NEXT MEETINGS: I ZOOM

September 3, Tuesday 6-8 Steering Committee

September 16 Monday 6-8 Clinical Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Gold LCSW-R