

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING & CLINICAL MEETING MINUTES 11/18/2024

Attendance: Elaine Rinfrette, Cheryl Eberl, Sylvia Gold, Jesse Grossman, Cheryl Mills, Wayne Brown, Chris Ramnouth.

1. OLD BUSINESS

A. NASW LAWSUIT

Elaine reports no new information on this topic.

B. SUPERVISION OF LCSWs by LMHCs

The chapter has sent a strong letter to Sam Berger outlining our disapproval of his proposal based on the unequal qualifications of LMHCs vs. LCSWS.

2. CURRENT BUSINESS

C, STUDENTS' ORIENTATIONS

Most colleges preferred a video to be presented during Social Work Month, March. Elaine will make a video for Fredonia, Daemen, and Niagara. We need to hear from UB and Buff State.

It was suggested that students in the Phi Alpha Honor Society at each school make a video for their peers advocating the benefits of joining NASW. Fredonia will pursue this. Buffalo State is considering doing so. Other schools will be contacted for participation. Benefits of joining NASW discussed by members. Elaine will compile a list and distribute it to members for review.

D. BUDGET AND SOCIAL WORK MONTH

As of 9/28/24 we have \$2,187.00 for programming and other division activities, along with \$200.00 for scholarships, according to Amelia. Discussion ensued on programs and ways to spend some money.

Suggestions were for activities for the members:

Continue breakfasts in different areas of the city, schedule a planning meeting for next year to include refreshments.

Massage Therapists. The school has not returned phone calls to Elaine or Jesse. We will try to ID other Massage therapists as part of our focus on self-care and reach out to self care presenters.

Presents for graduating MSWs.

There are approximately 450 graduates among the 5 schools. Could we give them a small token? Discussion on Outstanding Student Awards. What can we give them.? Elaine will ask for clarification on spending, Self care packages?

E. CEUS.

September 6 and September 23 were presented. As was November 9 by Dr. Mark Frank was well attended. Discussion on inviting him back for another presentation. October 10 and October were cancelled.

Discussion on refining topics to peak interest.

Fredonia is presenting 3 hybrid presentations in 2025:

FEBRUARY18, 1pm- 3pm on Creating Safe Spaces and Implementing Gender-Affirming Care, More than Just an Ally, by Lee Golembiewski

MARCH 14, 2:30-4pm, White People's Stakes in Racial Justice: Mutual Interest in a Framework for Social Work Practice, by Josie Diebold
APRIL 16, 12:00-1:00pm, Health, Disability and Justice: Intersections and Opportunities for Social Workers by Mike Clarkson-Hendrix.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. AGR

Cheryl Mills reports the next meeting is Thursday, November 21. They will vote on 2 issues: community/client focus, and member issues.

NEXT STEERING MEETING will be TUESDAY, JANUARY 7. 6:00-7:30

DECEMBER MEETING CANCELLED

NEXT CLINICAL MEETING IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00-7:30

Respectfully Submitted

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