With the last two sessions being greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2022 Maryland General Assembly session was back to being primarily in person. Additionally, since 2022 is the last session of the four-year term, there was an effort to address several important issues.

The two highest profile issues addressed this session were the legalization of cannabis and creation of a family and medical leave program. Contingent on voter approval in November, cannabis use will be legal for adults over the age of 21 years old. NASW supported this legislation but also successfully advocated for requirements that a significant amount of the revenue generated by legalization would go toward communities harmed by the war on drugs. After nearly a decade of advocacy, the General Assembly passed the Time to Care Act, which will provide for 12 weeks of paid medical and family leave for employees of whose employer employs 15 or more people.

Marylanders:

Several of NASW-Maryland’s practice committees participate with the Chapter’s Legislative Committee and weighed in on various pieces of legislation of interest to its members. This year:

- The Aging Committee supported a successful bill to create a process for individuals to remotely apply for temporary protective orders (Senate Bill 280/ House Bill 296);
- The Children, Youth, and Families Committee worked with legislators to pass a bill to ensure that students are able to have absences related to behavioral health needs excused.
- The Social Workers in Schools Committee worked with legislators to pass a bill to ensure that students are able to have absences related to behavioral health needs excused.

Finally, there has been a growing recognition of the need to address healthcare workforce shortages. NASW supported two successful pieces of legislation to help address this issue. The first (House Bill 97), creates a workgroup to develop recommendations on ways to increase the diversity of the behavioral health workforce. The second piece of legislation (Senate Bill 440), creates a commission to study ways to address healthcare workforce shortages throughout the state. NASW will continue to monitor the implementation of these bills because both the workgroup and the commission will have several opportunities for input from healthcare professionals.

NASW-Maryland is proud of its work with law makers and the progress we have made over the years to develop relationships with them, based on our reliability as a trusted resource. We welcome the participation of any of our members in this essential part of our work.
No one would debate that these are challenging times. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way everyone does day-to-day business. Social work is no exception. Workforce issues have led to high caseloads and burnout. Telehealth has given us more opportunities for independent work, but also has led to feelings of loneliness and isolation. Many of us are also dealing with our own issues of depression, anxiety and grief from loss or health issues. The great resignation in the social work industry has forced employers to go to extremes to attempt to hold onto their staffs. Some have even gone to questionable means to keep people from resigning such as charging them exorbitant fees to obtain their supervision hours for licensure. Others have declined to provide supervision in retention for employees who give their notice. These situations and others are why membership in NASW matters now more than ever. Having a professional organization where you can call to consult with and receive support is invaluable in times like these. We have over 20 committees of experts who are there to consult with on areas of aging, child welfare, private practice, macro issues or many more specialties. We have heard you when you have said that you are waiting six months to get approved to sit for an exam. As a result, we are advocating for social workers in Annapolis for accountability in quicker response times in processing licensure applications by the Board of Social Work Examiners. We are also working for better pay and reimbursement rates with insurance companies. Social workers are the number one provider of mental health services in the State of Maryland, and their pay and the respect they receive needs to reflect that. The NASW Maryland Chapter also offers over 2,000 CEU events a year, at a discounted rate for our members. We make it easy for you to get your CEUs in an easy, fun, convenient environment, whether it is virtual or in-person. We have already done the work for you and know the Board of Social Work Examiners requirements for re-licensure. We offer connection, mentoring and ethics consultation all in an environment that creates emotional safety and in a community that is diverse and welcoming to all. If you are looking for ways to get more involved or you have new ideas, we want to hear from you. Do not hesitate to reach out to me at mdemartino.naswmd@socialworkers.org. Thank you.

The Time is Now

By Gail Martin, LCSW-C

Suddenly, everyone wants social workers. Our profession finds itself in an unexpected confluence of post-pandemic trauma, skyrocketing behavioral health needs, private-sector wage increases, stressful inflation rates that only a few of us have experienced before, and a sudden awareness and appreciation of the rich skill set of social workers. It’s about time.

There just that aren’t enough of us to go around.

Traditionally, our work has been primarily in the public sector or in non-profit organizations whose income depends on public sector funding or already-established grants. These employers, who meet the needs of the least among us, find it impossible to compete with the wages and signing bonuses that the private sector is suddenly offering. Public sector social work jobs, from substance use treatment to child welfare to schools, just can’t match the appeal of the private sector wage increases, health needs, private-sector funding or already-established grants. These employers, who meet the needs of the least among us, find it impossible to compete with the wages and signing bonuses that the private sector is suddenly offering. Public sector social work jobs, from substance use treatment to child welfare to schools, just can’t match the appeal of the wages and signing bonuses that the private sector is suddenly offering. Social workers are the number one provider of mental health services in the State of Maryland, and their pay and the respect they receive needs to reflect that. The NASW Maryland Chapter also offers over 2,000 CEU events a year, at a discounted rate for our members. We make it easy for you to get your CEUs in an easy, fun, convenient environment, whether it is virtual or in-person. We have already done the work for you and know the Board of Social Work Examiners requirements for re-licensure. We offer connection, mentoring and ethics consultation all in an environment that creates emotional safety and in a community that is diverse and welcoming to all. If you are looking for ways to get more involved or you have new ideas, we want to hear from you. Do not hesitate to reach out to me at mdemartino.naswmd@socialworkers.org. Thank you.

federal education law—think school psychologists, speech/language pathologists, nurses, and of course school social workers. In the world of unintended consequences, Maryland has created a de facto two-tiered system for educational professionals working in our public schools. Salary “bumps” starting at $5,000 to $7,000 a year will be available to Maryland teachers at the start of the 2023 school year, current school social workers will continue to sit for an exam. Schools will have year-long social work vacancies (Montgomery County had 48 this school year), and students are the ones who ultimately will lose. At NASW-MD, we have been working for you to correct this. In this year’s General Assembly, we spearheaded, in partnership with other SISP groups, and introduced legislation that would provide similar provisions to attract and retain badly needed school healthcare professionals. While our bill didn’t pass this year, before next year’s MGA session we will work to advocate, educate, and address concerns that legislators shared with us. We will go back to the well as many times a necessary. This is an election year. Please write to your current Delegate(s) and Senator, as well as those running for their seats, to let them know that the unfilled vacancies created by a two-tiered salary system does not allow schools to meet address the needs that many students bring with them each day so that they can maximize their education and become productive citizens. Ask your colleagues to do the same. NASW says that “The Time is Right” for social work. I say that the time is now.
A View from the Field

Synchronicities, Scripture, Sweat, and Social Work at the Southern Border

By Larry L. Bucher, LCSW-C

Give me your poor, your tired, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.
- Emma Lazarus

“Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified,” says the Lord.
- Haggai 1:8 (ESV)

Caught between pre-retirement questions and my interest in doing something different, I responded to a sign several months ago outside the Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Office in Lititz, Pennsylvania which asked for volunteers to serve in Paradise, CA and Weslaco, TX. I was curious, and met with MDS personnel to discuss their involvement in supporting immigrants at the Southern border. After completing the two-week volunteer commitment, where I crossed into Mexico, saw the wall, and engaged with locals offering services to refugee and asylum seekers south of Weslaco, TX, I know that this experience was one of the most gratifying and grueling experiences I’ve had in my life.

Contextually, MDS was specific in its focus. In June, 2018, a storm dumped heavy rains onto the mesas north of McAllen, Texas which swept into tributaries of the Rio Grande River causing severe flooding to homes not in the designated flood plain. Volunteers would build new homes in response to this event, and assist La Posada Providencia in offering hospitality to asylum seekers who had begun the legal immigration process and were in need of shelter.

Conceptually, this opportunity raised many questions for me. Noting that experiences with table saws, miter saws, concrete pouring, wall construction, cabinet finishing, or palm-nailing were highly coveted, while painting and cooking skills were less so, I was left wondering how I might support the effort.

Politically, I was curious about what was occurring at the Southern border with Del Rio Border Patrol agents “reigning in” immigrants on horseback, the tent city under the bridge with its teeming numbers of refugees, and how politicians were addressing (or not addressing) credible ways to ameliorate “the problem.” I wanted to see it for myself.

Synchronicity is “the simultaneous occurrence of events which appear significantly related but have no discernible causal connection.” Jungian-oriented clinicians are familiar with the term. It didn’t require much time aboard a Saturday flight from Baltimore to Dal-
Experience: With our leaders, we parked in a shopping center due to concerns about vehicle safety and our appearance to “others.” Then we walked into Mexico across the Rio Grande. The roads were swamped with cars, trucks, vans, bicycles—in four lanes going nowhere. Horno blared. A turnstile took 4 quarters from each of us to enter. The Rio Grande flowed green, the walkway was enclosed with high fencing, and stored along the way were stacks of razor wire. In Mexico we initially encountered a glitzy 3-story casino. We walked past it to a large central round-a-bout yards away, that was teeming with over 2000 people, tents, children, teems on phones, narrow pathways through and around tents, clothes hanging on lines everywhere, and port-a-johns lining the entire length of one street. Mexico does not want these people; it has just cut off electricity to those living in the camp; the port-a-johns will be removed next. These immigrants are caught in vicious cycles of exploitation by coyotes who take their money to deliver them North, by cartels which charge them a ransom if they are kidnapped, by the U.S. which does not/cannot deliver responses to applications for refugee/asylee status in a timely manner, and therefore returns them across the river to wait—and this throws them back into a cycle of exploitation. Fear is everywhere. Abductions occur and rape is the cost paid by women and children for needed resources that are not delivered. Children have no place to play. Tents “house” families of 6-8 people. When it rains, water soaks everything and the tent city groans under the weight of mud. I didn’t feel safe. Making eye contact with people felt appropriate. Amidst the smiles, there was some laughter and curiosity, but there was also a sense of violating peoples’ intimate spaces just by being there. There was a disappointment—a frustration—not being able to speak or understand Spanish. There was little to do other than to bear witness. The day was hot. It cost one quart and a flash of my passport to re-enter the U.S.

After returning from the camp, I felt physically sick. Questions about hope invaded my thoughts. Four days later, MDS offered a 3-hour program in which several folks who work daily with immigrant/refugee-seekers around the area of the Southern border presented to us. A retired Catholic priest spoke about efforts to provide basic necessities—food, water, toiletries—to those people who wind up at the local bus station with nothing but days or weeks-old clothes on their backs. A Cuban immigrant spoke about his experience making the long and dangerous trip into the U.S. even with the support of family in Florida. A PhD social work candidate presented a slide show about the history of immigration, citing first the Hebrew people wandering the Sinai Desert for 40 years whose experiences, she suggested, mirror that of today’s Corriente. An economist spoke about the laws being added, and what it means for someone to be Abrams. Another spoke about how the children and women are often abducted and gang-raped for ransom monies by cartel members. Presentations about the realities affecting the people caught up in the “border crisis” were emotionally gut-wrenching.

As I tried to reconcile my experiences during the two-week experience, a number of thoughts arose: those of us who stay current with news reports and readings know little about what is truly taking place on either side of the border. It is the most negative or offensive news—not the uplifting personal interactions—that grabs our attention. The border crisis is a humanitarian crisis. Those involved have experienced unimaginable circumstances within their countries of origin, and now seek physical safety, food security, employment, and human dignity which they have not previously known. For U.S. agencies, paid $700.00 per child within their “care”, there is financial gain in delaying the determination of a person’s status or by taking extra time to reunite family members. Money remains the currency of the crisis, and everyone wants a piece of the financial action. Family members in the camp are instructed to travel together to the bathroom, showers, and to the store for fear that a child left alone can be abducted (and then a ransom must be paid).

Howard Buffett suggests in Our 50-State Border Crisis: How the Mexican Border Fuels the Drug Epidemic Across America (Hatchett Books, New York, 2018) that it is our addiction to drugs in the West (for which the cartels provide “resources”) that keeps us dependent upon them, supports their violence, and continues to fuel the crisis in which these immigrants are caught. The following journal entry was from 10/10/21 (the day after the camp visit):

In regard to what I’ve seen, the question remains: what has God wrought here? What are we doing to one another, and in whose name? For what reason? Depravity is one word for the conditions I saw; ‘humanitarian crisis’ is another term that seeks agency in the face of that “camp” and those who live there. It evokes images of Native American hovels, shanties on hillside outside Cape Town, RSA, shacks in Appalachia, tent cities on L.A. streets, and boarded homes in downtown Baltimore. For what reasons do such images persist? I don’t know, they just do -- and I don’t know what to do about any of it.

A more honest response, perhaps, is a question the Mennonites might articulate in the following way: For Christ’s sake, what are we doing to ourselves and to one another? What is my responsibility here?

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it.

-1 Corinthians 3:10

Note: Additional local resources supporting refugee- and asylum-seeking persons include: Mennonite Disaster Services, Lintz, Pennsylvania (www.MDS.org), An angry Tias and Abuelas.com, Asylee Women’s Enterprise (AWE) (info@asyleewomen.org), Intercultural Counseling Connection (www.interculturalcounseling.org/communityresources), and Refugee Immigrant Action Team (RIAT) (riat@firstunitarian.net). All would be most appreciative of any support. This writer also recommends reading American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins.
HONOREES

Jodi Jacobson Frey, PhD, LCSW-C, CEAP

2022 Social Worker of the Year.

Social Work Educator of The Year

Jodi Jacobson Frey, PhD, LCSW-C, CEAP is a Professor at The University of Maryland, School of Social Work where she chairs the Social Work in the Workplace & Employee Assistance Sub-specialization and the Financial Social Work Initiative. She is the Founder and Faculty Executive Director of the newly launched Behavioral Health and Well-Being Lab (BHWell Lab). She is also co-Chair of the University of Maryland Mental Health and Addiction Health Disparities Think Tank.

Dr. Frey’s research focuses on workplace behavioral health, including the impact of employee health and well-being on productivity and safety. She studies the effectiveness of employee assistance, work-life, and related programs for working-age adults and working families. She has dedicated a significant portion of her research and advocacy to suicide prevention and crisis response in the workplace.

Recent articles have been published in JAMA, American Journal of Addictions, Social Work, J. Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health, Research on Social Work Practice, and Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior, and Harvard Business Review. Dr. Frey regularly presents her work at international conferences and she serves as Co-Editor-in-Chief for the Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health. She is also the Co-Founder of the award-winning International Employee Assistance Digital Archive, housed at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Frey co-chairs the Workplace Suicide Prevention and Postvention Committee where she helped write and now co-leads the dissemination of the Nationally Recognized Guidelines for Workplace Suicide Prevention. She is also a past chair of EAP’s Subcommittee on Workplace Disaster Preparedness and Response and her leadership on this committee was recognized when she received the 2006 EAPA President’s Award for Excellence.

Prior to teaching, Dr. Frey provided workplace mental health and EAP services to NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, where she was recognized with several awards for her service to employees and family members. She continues to fuel her passion for workplace behavioral health and support for working families through her research, teaching and service to the social work profession.

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Pressley Ridge supports youth, individuals and families through life’s challenges with a full continuum of mental health services, foster care, and supportive services for transition-age youth.

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Schools is part of SESI|FullBloom, the nation’s largest licensure. Duties include individual and group counseling. Qualified candidates must possess a Maryland LMSW license for 2022-23 school year.

The Maryland Chapter also publishes a quarterly newsletter, The Maryland Social Worker.

The next issue of our newsletter, THE MARYLAND SOCIAL WORKER, is the Summer 2022 edition with an advertising deadline of July 8.

HELP WANTED

SOCIAL WORK SUPERVISOR - FAMILY SERVICES

County Department of Social Services is recruiting for a Full-time Social Work Supervisor, Family Services. $71,306.00 year with potential growth to $89,738.00 yearly

Duties:
- Administer and supervise Child Welfare Services, which include: Child Protection Services, Continuing Child Protective Services, and Alternative Response in order to protect children and provide services to community children/families

Minimum Qualifications:
- Education: Determined by the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners under the licensing requirements for Social Workers.
- Experience: Three years of experience providing child welfare services to vulnerable children, individuals or families.

Notes: 1. These requirements are established by the Social Work Administration by authority provided in the Health Occupations Article, Section 19-302 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Department of Budget and Management or the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene does not have the authority to accept substitutions or equivalents.

2. Candidates may substitute U.S. Armed Forces military service experience at a rank of Corporal/ Petty Officer or higher as a commissioned officer in Social Work classifications or Social Work specialty codes in the Social Science, Psychology, and Welfare field of work on a year-for-year basis for the required experience.

Please direct questions to Sara Donham, Human Resources Officer, via email sara.donham@maryland.gov

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS - MULTIPLE MD LOCATIONS

High Road Schools I SESI

School Social Workers are needed for the High Road School programs within Prince George’s County and St. Mary’s County, serving elementary, middle and/or high school students with learning, behavioral and emotional needs who have not found success in the traditional classroom setting. Part-time and full-time opportunities available now and for 2022-23 school year.

Qualified candidates must possess a Maryland LMSW license or eligibility for licensure or advanced degree. Duties include individual and group counseling, IEP development, classroom observation, behavior support & crisis intervention.

New MFWG Graduates welcome to apply. High Road Schools is part of SESI|FullBloom, the nation’s largest K-12 service provider.

School Social Worker - Columbia

Clinical Supervision is provided. Salary is competitive and includes a comprehensive benefits package (health, dental, vision, and life insurance). Must have current license as a Psychotherapist. Clinical Social Worker, LCSW-C, LMSW, LSW, LCPC or LCCP. Three years of clinical psychiatric experience preferred.

Counselors & Social Workers - Crisis Center

Choose FT or PT (with benefits). Supporting patients needing urgentassessment, treatment and discharge services at the Elkridge Harford Crisis Center. Ideal candidates will have a current LCSW-C, LMSW, LCSW, LGPC or LCPC. Three years of clinical psychiatric experience preferred.

Counselors & Social Workers - Hospital

Clinical Social Workers - Hospital. Choose FT or PT (with benefits). These professionals are educators who serve the ED and Medical Units. Will perform crisis intervention, psychiatric assessments and treatment plans. Must have current license as a Psychiatrist Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, LCSW-C, LMSW, LCSW, LGPC or LCPC. Three years of clinical psychiatric experience preferred.

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Immediate positions available for clinicians currently licensed as Licensed Master Social Workers (LMSW) and practicing hours of supervision towards the independent Maryland state licensure as a Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical (LCSW-C).

Preferred candidates have an interest in working in a privatized practice setting. LMSWs receive supervision from some of the top Licensed Mental Health Professionals in the country.

Clinical responsibilities include psychotherapy for adolescents and/or adults. Evenings and/or weekend availability is a plus. Please include both vitae and cover letter indicating areas of expertise with your application via Indeed.

Job Type: Part-time, Contract Pay: $45.00 - $50.00 per hour

LCSW, LCSW-C

Restoration Center, Inc. is seeking therapists (LCSW, LCSW-C) to provide individual, couples, family and group therapy. Evening/Saturday availability and integrity in spiritual integration required. Resumes and questions: info@heartestore.com

LCSW & LCSW-C

Guiding Insight, LLC is Hiring LCSW & LCSW-C with evening hours. Please send resume to jobsfccc@firstcccenter.com or send resumes to jobsfccc@gmail.com

LCSW, LCSW-C

Mays Family Therapy LLC is a growing and established private practice, seeking an associate who works with children, adolescents and adults and is interested in growing a private practice. Practice is well known in the community and offers a solid referral base. Freedom to create your own schedule and work virtually, in person or both at your discretion. Beautiful fully furnished office in downtown Columbia with free parking and a great location. Peer supervision and knowledge about resources in the community from our team of caring professionals. Opportunities to develop your interests with consisdent support and referrals. Please send cover letter and resume to tgoldbergcsw@gmail.com

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Office Space available for rent in Historic Mt Vernon private practice. Beautiful space includes 3 therapy offices, yoga studio/group area, Reiki/ massage area, and shared waiting areas on 2 levels. Work from home. Set your hours. Free supervision. Contact Wendy@GuidingInsightLLC.com or www.GuidingInsightLLC.com/EmploymentOpportunity

LCSW-C

Well-established, supportive, busy psychotherapy practice, seeking an associate who works with children, adolescents and adults and is interested in growing a private practice. Practice is well known in the community and offers a solid referral base. Freedom to create your own schedule and work virtually, in person or both at your discretion. Beautiful fully furnished office in downtown Columbia with free parking and a great location. Peer supervision and knowledge about resources in the community from our team of caring professionals. Opportunities to develop your interests with consistent support and referrals. Please send cover letter and resume to tgoldbergcsw@gmail.com
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Beautiful offices available part time. Flexible Hours and Rates! Stunnign mental health suite located in Pikesville professional building. Plenty of Parking, includes amenities. Contact Dr. Zeiger at zeigermz@gmail.com or 443-220-8142

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Office for rent in beautiful sunny four office suite that includes shared waiting and kitchen area, and free WiFi. This is a supportive practice space for mental health and bodywork practitioners. Rent full and part time. Conveniently located near Rts. 29, 32, 95 and 40. Call for more details. 443-995-5045 or email at bjjohnsonlewis@yahoo.com

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COULD YOUR CLIENTS BE MAKING STRONGER CONNECTIONS?

Picking up the phone and calling a mental health professional or a social worker can make all the difference when someone is struggling. Maryland Relay ensures everyone can make important calls—including those who are Deaf, hard of hearing, DeafBlind, or who have difficulty speaking—with accessible calling solutions and equipment. Learn More at MoreInfo@MDRelay.org

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Restoration Center, Inc. provides group and individual supervision for all licensure levels, specializing in the integration of spirituality and religion into clinical practice. For more information, email: info@iwanttoberestored.com

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Everyone Has a Story: Tell Us Yours!

Do you have “war stories” from the field that you would like to share? The Maryland Social Worker is a good place to start. Members frequently tell us how much they would like to know what fellow social workers are experiencing. We welcome and encourage members to submit articles for publication.

Articles should be directed to:
Jenni Williams - jwilliams.naswmd@socialworkers.org
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SAVE THE DATES 2022/2023
• September 29 - October 1 – 17th Annual Clinical & Macro Conferences (hybrid)
• October 14 – Annual School Social Work Conference (face to face)
• November 5 – Annual Student Conference
• March 30-31, 2023 – Annual Social Work Month Conference
• May 5-6, 2023 – 4th Annual Ocean City Conference