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Questions about your state license? Contact the Department of Community Health Bureau of Health Professions, at 517.335.0918, bhpinfo@michigan.gov or www.michigan.gov/healthlicense.

Questions about continuing education requirements or how to become a continuing education provider? Visit www.socialworkcec.com or Contact Robin Mingus at 517.487.1548 Ext. 17, rmingus@nasw-michigan.org.
**Regional Programming**

Region 1 - Upper Peninsula
Region 1 social workers interested in professional support or networking are invited to contact Shelley Ovink! Contact her at 906.486.8020 or dvip-mqt@hotmail.com. Welcome back Northern Michigan University students!

Region 2 - Northwestern Lower Michigan
Network with other Region 2 members on LinkedIn today!

Region 3 - Northeast Lower Michigan
Region 3 social workers interested in professional support or networking are invited to contact Judith Thompson, Region 3 Board Representative, at family_connections@live.com or 989.358.9393.

Region 4 - Western Michigan
This group will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:00pm at Project Reach Services Counseling & Personal Growth Center (3501 Lake Eastbrooke Blvd., Suite 110, Grand Rapids, MI 49546). This center is located in the Lake Eastbrooke Professional Building on the corner of Lake Eastbrooke and Camelot St, across the street from AMF Eastbrooke Lanes. All social workers & students are invited to attend. To RSVP for the meeting, please contact Lisa Townsend, Region 4 Board Representative, at ltp.reach@sbcglobal.net.

Region 5 - Central Michigan
Region 5 social workers interested in professional support or networking are invited to contact Kim Johnson, Region 5 Board Representative, at ksjohns2@svsu.edu.

Region 6 - Ingham, Eaton, Livingston, Clinton, & Shiawasee Counties
Region 6 welcomes a new Board Representative, Sara Stech! Contact her at sarastech938@gmail.com. Region 6 welcomes back all students, faculty and staff of Michigan State University.

Region 7 - Genesee, Lapeer, St. Clair, Tuscola, Sanilac & Huron Counties
Region 7 social workers interested in professional support or networking are invited to contact Anita Anderson, Region 7 Board Representative, at lmswcmh-work@yahoo.com. Region 7 welcomes social work students from the University of Michigan-Flint.

Region 8 - Oakland & Macomb Counties
Region 8 social workers interested in professional support or networking are invited to contact Susan Wotring, Region 8 Board Representative, at js_wotring@yahoo.com. Region 8 is looking for new sites to host regional meetings. If you know of a great space please contact Susan Wotring at js_wotring@yahoo.com.

Region 9 - Southwest Michigan
The next Region 9 networking event will be Wednesday September 19, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Plainwell Counseling Center in Plainwell, MI. Contact jweckel@geriatricconnections.com for more information. Region 9 welcomes Andrews University social work students and faculty.

Region 10 - Jackson, Washtenaw, Monroe, Lenawee, & Hillsdale Counties
Region 10 welcomes a new Board Representative, Bonnie Holiday! Contact her at bonnie.holiday@arbor.edu. Region 10 welcomes new students from Adrian College, Siena Heights University, Eastern Michigan University, the University of Michigan and Spring Arbor University.

Region 11 - Wayne County
Thanks to all of the Wayne County social workers who attended the August meeting! Region 11 will meet next in November. Also, welcome to all of the BSW & MSW students from Marygrove College, Wayne State University, Madonna University and the University of Detroit – Mercy.
Did You Know...

* Since the first social work class was offered in the summer of 1898 at Columbia University, social workers have led the way developing private and charitable organizations to serve people in need. Social workers continue to address the needs of society and bring our nation’s social problems to the public’s attention.

* According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are over 650,000 social workers across the United States.

* Social work pioneer Jane Addams was one of the first women to receive a Nobel Peace Prize, which was awarded in 1931. Known best for establishing settlement houses in Chicago for immigrants in the early 1900s, Addams was a dedicated community organizer and peace activist.

* Frances Perkins, a social worker, was the first woman to be appointed to the cabinet of a U.S. President. As President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Secretary of Labor, Perkins drafted much of the New Deal legislation in the 1940s.

* According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), professional social workers are the nation’s largest group of mental health services providers. There are more clinically trained social workers—over 190,000 in 1998—than psychiatrists, psychologists, and psychiatric nurses combined. Federal law and the National Institutes of Health recognize social work as one of five core mental health professions.

* Over 40% of all disaster mental health volunteers trained by the American Red Cross are professional social workers.


* Social worker and civil rights trailblazer Whitney M. Young, Jr. became the executive director of the National Urban League while serving as dean for the Atlanta School of Social Work. He also served as president of NASW in the late 1960s. A noted expert in American race relations, Time Magazine acknowledged Young as a key inspiration for President Johnson’s War on Poverty.

* Other famous social workers include Harry Hopkins (Works Progress Administration), Dorothy Height (National Council of Negro Women), and Jeanette Rankin (the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress).
Welcome to NASW

The Michigan Chapter would like to welcome the following new members who have chosen to support their profession and participate in advocating for social work values. We hope that, as new members, you will consider sharing your experience and perspectives with the Association by joining a committee, attending a board meeting, or participating in a local program.

Region 1
Lori Johnson, Marquette

Region 2
Jamie Cameron, Manistee
Laura Mains, Traverse City
Sarah Pardee, Charlevoix

Region 4
Christine Baker, Grand Rapids
Brian Boeve, Holland
Jessica Givens, Holland
Amber Hendrick, Walker
Maria Schmieder, Ada
Cicely Wiers-Windemuller, Grand Rapids

Region 5
Alexandra Alba, Bay City

Region 6
Mary Hedbon, Haslett
Katherine VanArsdall, DeWitt
Zoe Zulakis, Okemos

Region 7
Emily Cutter, Imlay City
Natalie Dean, Port Huron
Idolina Doyka, Grand Blanc
Chelsey Gallagher, Memphis
Eileen Jay, Port Huron
Deborah Jones, Flint
Mira Kang, Grand Blanc
Katrina Parker, Fort Gratiot
Krystle Preston, Avoca
Erica Smiglil, Capac
Lindalee Stocks, Goodrich
Nicole Weber, Columbus

Region 8
Mandi Bowen, Sterling Heights
Ellen Brecht, Shelby Township
Lindsey Bryant, Southfield
Alexis Cartwright, Bloomfield Hills
Amanda Christenson, Clawson
Aaranisa Clay, Farmington
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Nicole Hess, Troy
Cheryl Hollingsworth, Roseville
Dominique Jackson, Macomb
Francine Jackson, Novi
Manjula Kaza, Huntington Woods
Tracey Kesler, Roseville
Christina Klos, Macomb
Jaclyn Kovacs, Clinton Twp
Megan Lapanowski, Rochester Hills
Megan Latimer, Saint Clair Shores
John McDowell, Farmington Hills
Mark Mitchell, Wixom
Odeta Muhamitaj, Sterling Heights
Erisa Naco, Troy
Esdona Neli, Macomb
Alyse Nyquist, Sylvan Lake
Maria Ortiz, Ferndale
Marie Perry, Shelby Township
Ruth Propst, Oak Park
Jaclyn Pylvainen, West Bloomfield
Caitlyn Samples, Royal Oak
Corey Saylor, Chesterfield
Katherine Schick, Clinton Twp.
Sally Schulman, Huntington Woods
Chelsea Schultz, Macomb
Sonya Sutton, White Lake
Amber Tirmizi, Bloomfield Hills
Anne Tucker, Royal Oak
Candice Twymon, Royal Oak
Samantha Viola, Rochester Hills
Kelli Warren, Southfield
Ashley Wells, West Bloomfield
Tamarie Willis, Mount Clemens
Jillian Yaqoub, Sterling Heights
Eeva Zayto, Warren

Region 9
Kimberly Forbes, Niles
Ashley Forker, Lawrence
Stacey Hughes, Battle Creek
Cindy Newberry, South Haven
Reema Sarkar, St Joseph
Alexandra Sassano, Stevensville

Region 10
Jamila Abdur-Rahman, Ann Arbor
Catherine Brenen, Ypsilanti
Samantha Bunting, Jasper
Tanya Faulhaber, Adrian
Deborah Fox, Ypsilanti
Lindsay Hayes, Ann Arbor
Amanda Huizenga, Tecumseh
Aimee Maples, Chelsea
Nancy Miller, Ann Arbor
Amy Okumura, Ann Arbor
Jane Parvin, Adrian
Christopher Pharion, Adrian
Matt Ragon, Saline
Daicia Smith, Ypsilanti
Matthew Waddell, Ann Arbor
Sekai Ward, Ann Arbor
Tracy Wharton, Brighton
Jenni Zadorski, Deerfield

Region 11
Nyia Alabi, Detroit
Shannon Barton, Westland
Brittany Broda, Detroit
Kristyn Bryson, Detroit
Hanadi Douhui, Dearborn
Kamila Dakroub, Dearborn
Dayries Donald, Detroit
Bethany Dudley, Westland
Christopher Fischer, Plymouth
Rayven Fuller, Detroit
Stephanie Gillespie, Dearborn
Heights
Lyne Green, Detroit
Rosa Guerrero, Lincoln Park
Athena Hatcher, Detroit
Laura Hoehner, Dearborn
Lance Igwe, Farmington
Angelica James, Detroit
Candace Jones, Detroit
Ernest Kalina, Grosse Pointe Farms
Amber Kingsley, Detroit
Laura Kivell, Grosse Pointe Park
Amanda Makhzoum, Dearborn Heights
Lanita McCotter-Tate, Hamtramck
Pamela Mullins/Clutchfield, Detroit
Tiffany Nelson-Mckay, Detroit
Crystal Quartz, Wyandotte
Mehnaz Rafat, Detroit
Samantha Santos, Plymouth
Erica Schuetz, Plymouth
Daniella Simon, Hamtramck
Stacey Sparks, Canton
Melissa Steigerwald, Riverview
Danielle Stevens, Detroit
Sadaf Syed, Canton
Brittany Tansil, Detroit
Alyssa Tate, Taylor
Stephen Wasilevich, Plymouth
Moray Wehab, Dearborn
Jessica Winalis, Grosse Pointe Park
Joanna Wojciechowska, Detroit
Sally Zarate, Westland
Vanessa Martinez, Berrien Center
Chelsea Wydick, Livonia

Want to get involved? Contact Duane Breijak, Director of Member Services & Development, at 517.487.1548, ext. 15 or dbreijak@nasw-michigan.org. There are so many ways to get involved and NASW-Michigan needs YOU more than ever! We look forward to working with you in our efforts to enhance and improve the social work profession.

www.nasw-michigan.org • NASW
NASW-MI will begin highlighting a non-profit each month doing great work in Michigan. This month we feature The Bottomless Toy Chest, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization devoted to delivering interactive toys, crafts and hands-on activities to children going through cancer treatment in local hospitals. Located in Bloomfield Hills, MI the mission of The Bottomless Toy Chest is to lift the spirits of young cancer patients by providing them with engaging, empowering activities while they are going through treatment.

For more information and to get involved with The Bottomless Toy Chest go to:

Website: [http://bottomlesstoychest.org](http://bottomlesstoychest.org)

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/bottomlesstoychest](https://www.facebook.com/bottomlesstoychest)

*If you would like your non-profit sponsored in an upcoming issue of The Bridge please contact advertising@nasw-michigan.org.*
Take a minute to learn a little more about the National Association of Social Workers:

* NASW is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world, with 145,000 members.
* Ninety percent of NASW members hold master’s degrees in social work. The average NASW member has practiced social work for 16 years and earns over $45,000 per year.
* Nearly 40% of NASW members say that mental health is their primary practice area. The health sector employs 8% of NASW’s members, and 8% practice in child welfare or family organizations. Six percent of NASW members say school social work is their primary practice area, and another 3% work primarily with adolescents.
* Ninety-three percent of all NASW members maintain some type of license, certification, or registration in their state; 70,000 also hold advanced credentials from NASW.
* There are 56 chapters of NASW, including chapters in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam and an International Chapter.
* NASW was founded in 1955 through a merger of seven social work organizations:
  1. American Association of Social Workers
  2. American Association of Medical Social Workers
  3. American Association of Psychiatric Social Workers
  4. National Association of School Social Workers
  5. American Association of Group Workers
  6. Association for the Study of Community Organization
  7. Social Work Research Group

Renew Your Membership Today!

Don’t wait until it’s too late, renew today! Go to www.socialworkers.org to remain up-to-date and active with NASW.

Members Receive:
~Free CE opportunities
~Affordable liability insurance
~Job assistance/career information
~Award winning publications
~Professional Credentials
~Continual advocacy for you & your clients
~Amazing networking

*If your membership has lapsed, if you have recently become unemployed or if you have retired call the national membership number at 800-742-4089 to get your membership up to date!
Reduced Dues – Students enrolled in a CSWE-accredited social work program pay only $48 per year for their membership while in school, a savings of 75%.

Transitional Member Dues – After graduation, NASW continues to help subsidize dues for students during the early years of their career with a transitional period: 2 years for BSW and 3 years for MSW. During the first two years of the transition period, BSW and MSW transitional members pay a reduced rate of $94 each year. In the third year, MSW transitional members receive the reduced rate of $143 for membership prior to their upgrade to full membership.

Access to Publications – Student members receive the NASW NEWS and the journal of Social Work free online, plus access to three years of archived NASW journals and 10% off any publication offered by NASW Press.

Access to the Social Work Career Center and NASW-MI Job Bank – Apply for a social work job, gain valuable experience through volunteerism, locate a social work leadership opportunity and learn about careers in social work.

Access to Professional Liability Insurance – Discounted professional liability insurance for student field placement and/or for the first two years of professional practice for NASW student members and eligible transitional members.

NASW-Michigan Student Center – Find out information on the process and requirements for licensure in Michigan, how you can get involved with Chapter activities, and help on building your resume, preparing for an interview, and finding a job.

U-Link Program – Opportunity to serve as a representative from your social work program, helping to create a stronger working relationship between the universities and the NASW-Michigan Chapter.

Leadership Opportunities – Students can be elected to leadership positions for the National and NASW-Michigan Board of Directors, Chapter Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification (CCNLI), Delegate Assembly, and other Chapter committees.

If you have questions about any of our member benefits, please contact our office at 1-800-292-7871 or office@nasw-michigan.org. If there are additional benefits you would like to see added, we welcome your suggestions.
As the Fall season rolls into full gear, students get lost in the maze of class projects, research papers, and field work. What I want you all, as students in BSW and MSW programs, to remember is to not lose sight of your goal to find employment at the end of your program. Learning how to position yourself for the job you want to obtain is the best way to land your dream position. Learning how to strategically market yourself — communicate your worth and skill set to employers is key to landing that first great job. Finding the right fit for you may seem daunting this early in the semester or in your academic career; however, there are many steps that you can take now to position yourself to land the best job for you. Below are some simple suggestions to guide you in the right direction toward success!

First, take time to develop a specific goal about your career direction. Ask yourself these simple questions: What type of job do you want to obtain after completion of your program? How do you want to make a difference in the field of social work? What are you passionate about? Taking time to think about what your goals are gives you a direction and baseline for developing a plan of action.

After you have a career goal in mind, the next step is to research how you will get there. Taking time to investigate the market will give you some insight into the job itself and the skills needed to be successful in that job. One highly effective way to research the market is to conduct informational interviews with key social work professionals doing the job you wish to obtain. Informational interviewing is the act of interviewing professionals about their pathway to obtaining their job and what skills they use every day. This can be done by phone, in person, or via Skype. Be prepared with about five questions to ask during the interview. Take time to interview several people. The best ways to connect with social work professionals are through your school’s alumni association and career services office, social media sites such as LinkedIn, developing connections at your field placement, or through faculty, and by attending workshops and conferences held by professional organizations such as the National Association of Social Workers.

Once you have an idea about what career you want to have and the skills needed to be successful in that area, make an inventory of your current skills and experiences. Then list those that you have discovered you need to obtain. Many of you already have some skills and experiences that are transferable and useful for your future career. This exercise also gives insight into what skills and experiences you need to build upon and learn in your program.

There are many ways that you can gain the skills and experiences needed for your dream job. Take time to discuss your career goals with your faculty advisor and field instructors. Your advisor may be able to suggest specific courses, special studies or ways to become involved in the school community that will help you along the way. Your field placement is a great opportunity to incorporate activities that will develop your skill set. Just ask! Do not forget that experiences can also be learned through volunteer and part-time work. Keep track of your accomplishments and learning as they relate to your goals and development as a professional. This makes it easier to re-assess and reflect upon your growth in skills and experiences as you progress through your program.

Now that you have spent time recording what skills you have obtained, you not only have an idea regarding your competency, you know what experiences led to your growth in those areas. You are now in a better position to communicate your strengths (skills and experiences) to prospective employers through your resume and cover letters and at interviews.

Knowing what career path you wish to take in the field of social work, how to get there, and what skills are needed to be successful in that position, is the best strategic way to land the job you want. It’s also a great way to navigate and get the most out of your social work program. With some careful planning, research, and assessment, you will be able to make the most out of your academic career and not lose sight of your goal — a great job in the field of social work!

Submitted by Michelle Woods, LMSW – Macro, Director of Career Services, University of Michigan School of Social Work
NASW Membership Benefits

Two-for-One Membership – Once you join, you immediately become a member of both the National Chapter and the Michigan Chapter. For details of what benefits you receive from the Michigan Chapter, read the next page.

Job Search Assistance and Career Information – NASW’s Social Work Career Center (SWCC) helps connect you with jobs, career information, and resources. Check out the SWCC at Careers.SocialWorkers.org.

Insurance Protection – NASW membership helps safeguard your professional career with affordable liability insurance and risk management workshops. Learn more at NASWAssurance.org.

Specialty Practice Sections – Specialty Practice Sections keep members up-to-date on practice-specific topics and trends, as well as opportunities to earn free CEs. Learn more at SocialWorkers.org/sections.

Continuing Education Opportunities – The NASW Lunchtime Series teleconferences and the online WebEd courses deliver state-of-the-art continuing education to increase your professional knowledge. Learn more at SocialWorkers.org/ce and NASWWebEd.org.

Award Winning Publications – Stay connected to best practices in social work through Social Work – the premier journal of the social work profession as well as NASW News and a variety of scholarly books and reference materials. Learn more at NASWPress.org.

Professional Credentials – NASW credentials are a one-line resume attesting to your commitment to advance your social work career. Learn more at SocialWorkers.org/credentials.

Advocacy for You & Your Clients – NASW is instrumental in assuring that the social work perspective is heard and incorporated into pending national and state legislation. To receive free Action Alert e-mails, visit SocialWorkers.org/pace.

Legal Defense Fund (LDF) – NASW provides financial assistance and support for legal cases and issues of concern to NASW members. Learn more at SocialWorkers.org/ldf.

Supporting the Advancement of Social Work – The NASW Foundation conducts and supports research, provides training and resources, offers scholarships and fellowships to NASW members pursuing graduate studies, and educates the public about social work. Learn more at NASWFoundation.org and HelpStartsHere.org.

Discount Programs – NASW provides members with discounts on products and services, including financial services, hotel stays and car rentals, and much more through its affinity programs.

Not a member? Join today at SocialWorkers.org/nasw/join.
Benefits of NASW-Michigan Membership

Ethics Consultations – NASW-Michigan members are able to call the Chapter office at any time to speak with a staff member or member of the Chapter Ethics Committee about an ethical situation that is occurring.

Legislative Advocacy – NASW-Michigan works closely with a full time lobbying firm to inform members of current legislation and develop new legislation that will impact their practice or affect their clients’ lives.

Website – Our website, nasw-michigan.org, features updated information and resources on licensure, CE workshops, advocacy efforts and more. The website also has a Student Center, member forum / discussion board, updated job bank and archive of Chapter newsletters.

Newsletter – Our monthly newsletter, The Bridge, features current cutting edge articles and information on social work issues, the political arena, regional meetings, CE workshops, classifieds and more.

Personalized Assistance / Services – NASW-Michigan staff members are available to provide consultation and individualized assistance via email and over the phone on several topics including licensure, continuing education, Chapter events, and resource identification.

Committees & Special Interest Groups – Members are welcome to participate in various committees and Special Interest Groups, designed to help you connect with colleagues and influencing policy, practice, and education.

  o Legislative & Social Policy Committee
  o Program Committee
  o M-PACE Steering Committee
  o Chapter Ethics Committee (CEC)
  o Chapter Committee on Nominations and Leadership (CCNLI)
  o Finance Committee
  o Conference Task Force
  o Aging Special Interest Group
  o Healthcare Special Interest Group
  o Child Welfare Special Interest Group
  o Physical & Sexual Violence & Women’s Issues Special Interest Group
  o Private Practice Special Interest Group
  o Addictions & Recovery Special Interest Group

Education – Members receive discounted pricing on the Annual Conference, Legislative Education and Advocacy Day (LEAD), and all in-person continuing education programs sponsored by NASW-MI and members-only pricing in the NASW-MI CE Learning Center, which contains continuing education courses that you can take in the comfort of your own home or office.

CE Tracking Service – NASW-Michigan offers a Continuing Education (CE) Tracking Service that helps prepare social workers to confidently respond to a State audit of their CE hours. NASW-Michigan members receive a discounted price for the use of this service.

Michigan Discounts – Members receive 10% off Best Available rate and Last Room Availability at the H Hotel in Midland, as well as discounted Detroit Zoo tickets.

If you have questions about any of our member benefits, please contact our office at 1-800-292-7871 or office@nasw-michigan.org. If there are additional benefits you would like to see added, we welcome your suggestions.
NEW NASW-MI Benefits!

Licensure Preparation Courses
NASW-MI is happy to announce a NEW STUDENT MEMBER BENEFIT! Student members around the state can enroll in the Social Work License Exam Preparation Course offered by Michigan State University School of Social Work at a reduced rate of payment. This ten hour exam preparation course features experienced and highly trained expert educators, nationally-tested test preparation materials, and up-to-date practice exams. Offered four times in 2012 (in Livonia, Grand Rapids and East Lansing), the course has had 100% satisfaction by participants; dates and locations in 2013 will be forthcoming. Eastern Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, and Western Michigan University are partners with MSU in offering this course. NASW student members are eligible for this discount rate for up to one year after graduation.

Free CEs for Working with Service Members & Military Families – As of August 2012, NASW- Michigan has begun a partnership with Army OneSource to provide members with free nationally accredited online trainings on the impact of combat stress and deployment on children and families, military culture and PTSD. We are excited to announced this greatly needed membership benefit and hope that you will take the time to explore this FREE continuing education series (1-2 CEs per course) and educate yourself on the needs of our service members and their families.

We Need Your Help NOW!

- Over one million Soldiers are returning to local communities.
- Almost a half million Service members will develop Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).
- Less than half of Soldiers who report PTSD symptoms get the care they need.
- More than 50% of military spouses report stress (up 20% in the last 4 years).
- Children of Service members are 2.5 times more likely to develop psychological problems.
- 44% of military children have moderate-to-severe emotional and/or behavior problems.

Register today at www.restofthewayhome.com
Angel Lynn Counts

Hometown: Hazel Park

College/University: Marygrove College (BSW Candidate)

Why did you go into social work?

When I was 14 years old I visited a homeless shelter in Chicago, Jesus People USA, and it was then that I realized I had a heart for the less fortunate than I. I am an advocate for any and all issues relating to Social Justice, and I feel that the social work core values just come naturally with who I am.

What do you want to do upon graduation?

My intentions are to begin a MSW program right away. I plan to apply to Eastern, Wayne State and University of Michigan.

Any other comments (major accomplishments, advocacy projects, etc):

I am a volunteer and advocate for the American Heart Association (AHA); I have participated in speaking engagements as well as writing my legislator on key topics surrounding heart disease. I am also a survivor (5/21/2010).

I am a volunteer at FernCare, a free medical clinic in Ferndale, MI. This clinic has also allowed me with the help of the AHA to have an open forum surrounding women and heart disease.

I am a Teaching Assistant at Oakland Community College in the Mental Health/ Social Work Program; this is my third year.

I belong to 3 organizations on campus and hold positions in 2. I am co-secretary of Phi Alpha National Honor Society, I am Secretary 2 of Network Organization and I am a member in good standing of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society.

I have organized a rally and open discussion forum relating to the Trayvon Martin case, a Florida teen that was gunned down in his neighborhood because of his race and the fact he was wearing a hoodie.

Angel was recommended by Debbie Hanselman, an Assistant Professor at Marygrove College. See Pr. Hanselman’s full recommendation at www.nasw-michigan.org.
Faculty Spotlight

Anton Babushkin

Place of Employment: Wayne State University (part time)

Why did you go into social work?
I am very passionate about helping people – I strongly believe that when we can help our clients work through the internal difficulties and barriers to improved emotional health, that process can unleash radical and transformative potential. People who have been helped in this way often find stored away, innate abilities with which to take initiative, improve relationships with friends and family and become more interested and involved in the world around them. Psychoanalytic psychotherapy can be a very powerful and effective treatment that can bring healing to members of our community. Serving people and helping to improve the world around me are my reasons for being a clinical social worker.

Major Accomplishments:
I was able to help raise about $1000 in donations to support the outreach and educational efforts of the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute, a non-profit organization focused on advanced clinical training for mental health professionals.

What are your future social work goals?
I am currently working at the Birmingham Maple Clinic, along with completing my doctorate in clinical social work through Smith College School for Social Work. My hope is to be closely involved in the communities where I live and work. I believe that many more people can be helped by psychotherapy if they were more knowledgeable about its potential benefits and knew where to seek effective services.

In the future I hope to be involved in many fundraising and advocacy efforts in order to make psychotherapy more affordable and widely available to people in our community. My dream is to help retell the story of mental health treatment – to help people understand that it is not a therapy for the “sick” and “unwanted” members of our society, but rather a very effective and thoughtful treatment that can truly change lives.

Anton was recommended by Carrie Krawiec, therapist at the Birmingham Maple Clinic. “Anton is a sensitive and insightful therapist that gives valuable and supportive feedback to his clients as well as to therapists in supervision. I value his clinical skills as a colleague and feel satisfied in the treatment provided to clients I have referred. He advances social work by balancing strong clinical skills in private practice with a desire to serve the community through volunteer work and educating future social workers.”
Worried About the Cost Of Education? Some Programs for Social Workers May Help!

Many student don’t have parents who pay our way through college. We go through school scraping by to make ends meet and have a lot of debt by the time we’re finished. The value of our social work educations, of course, is worth more than any price tag; yet, we each pay a specific dollar amount. The good news is, with some of the resources available, that dollar amount could be less than you think.

Under the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, social workers who provide services in specific communities which are in need of professionals can qualify to have their student loans repaid. The application cycle is closed for 2012, but you can sign up to receive more information and updates on the next application cycle at: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USHHSHRSA/subscriber/new?topic_id=USHHSHRSA_68.

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program discharges all remaining educational debt upon completion of 10 years of qualified full-time employment. Employment qualification is based upon the place of employment and includes non-profit employers which provide public services for individuals with disabilities, the elderly, public safety, school-based services, public health, and public interest law services.

Employment with an agency or organization which is designated tax-exempt by the IRS (under Section 501(c)(3)) also qualifies. For additional information, including the Employment Certification Package, which allows you to track and receive confirmation of your qualifying employment, visit the U. S. Department of Education’s website: http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/PSF/jsp.

There is also a program available which helps to lower your monthly payment and forgives part of your loan—the Income Based Repayment Plan (IBR). With this program, loan payments are 15% of monthly income for those who qualify. New legislation is always a possibility, as well. Changes to this program, for example, were included in a plan enacted by Congress in 2010, which has the IBR loan payment amount scheduled to decrease by 5% in the year 2014. Additionally, in October of 2011, President Obama asked that the plan, along with other changes to help reduce debt for students, be put into effect immediately. As of this writing, the IBR loan payment amount remains at 15% according to information on the U. S. Department of Education’s website. This example reflects the on-going process of change with legislation; which means it is important to stay informed, and is also one of the reasons advocating for better policy is important. Fortunately, NASW does on-going work in this area, promoting loan forgiveness for social workers!
This month NASW-MI features Surabhi Pandit, MSW in our new series In the Field, which will spotlight professionals working different areas of social work.

**Hometown:** Southfield, Michigan

**Current Employment:** Council of Michigan Foundation

**Why did you go into social work?**

Like most of my peers, I got into social work because I wanted to help people. I wasn’t quite sure how I planned on doing this, but something pushed me in the direction of pursuing an MSW—and honestly, it was the best decision I could have ever made. As much as I enjoy working with people on an interpersonal level, I have always been interested in understanding the complexities of the systems that maintain and oppress our society at large, as well as the individuals that comprise our communities. The educational experience at the University of Michigan School of Social Work challenged me, completely reframed my thought process, and helped me make it all make sense.

**What kind of work are you doing now?**

I work as the Public Policy Fellow in Governmental Affairs and Philanthropy. I help connect the work that over three-hundred foundations across the state are doing to the state government, in an effort to increase partnerships between the realms of public policy and philanthropy.

**Recent Accomplishments:** In another role I have, as Community Foundation Youth Project Coordinator, I recently traveled to The White House to give a presentation on the impacts of youth philanthropy in Michigan. The White House Young America Series was a nationwide event created in partnership by the U.S. Department of Education and the Millennium Momentum Foundation. The series traveled to 15 states and helped connect the Obama Administration to young people and the issues we are facing, with the goal of collaboratively strategizing solutions. When the series came to Detroit, I gave a brief presentation on youth philanthropy in Michigan and shared the story of how I got involved in grantmaking as a young person in my hometown of Southfield. I was later invited to represent the State of Michigan in a delegation that traveled to Washington, D.C. to share the issues and work of young people directly with the Obama Administration. Fifteen of my peers from across the country presented on the work they are leading to further empower young people and move issues forward in our local and global communities.
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The Importance of Grassroots Action

Nothing focuses the minds of the politically-active than an election, but unfortunately, for many people, the first and last time they are introduced to or “speak” to their legislator is once every two years in November. NASW-Michigan and its members are committed – both by the foundation of their education and ongoing commitment to their patients and families – to advocacy. And advocacy in this sense – articulating positions on legislation and influencing lawmakers – requires another thing Social Workers are prepared-for by way of their very profession: building and maintaining relationships. The cornerstone of advocacy is “relationship;” it is easier to do something for someone you know than it is to do something for a complete stranger. And if that “something” is a particular vote, the maxim counts even more.

As you build a relationship with your lawmakers at the state and federal level, consider the following:

• Every lawmaker has either a district office or district office hours. It is a time they set aside to let you speak to them about issues important to you, in the district, in an informal setting. The easiest way to introduce yourself to a lawmaker and build a relationship: call their office and ask to be put on their email list. You’ll be kept up to speed on Lansing issues, and you’ll know when and where their district office hours are.

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• When the time comes to correspond with your lawmaker about a particular vote important to you or, say, NASW, the do take them time to do so! Here in the 21st century, email seems to work the best. Be sure to include your home address in the signature line so your lawmaker can verify that you’re a constituent. Real emails from actual constituents get answered!

• When corresponding with your lawmaker and their staff, either by phone or email or whatever medium you choose, the same “rules” for interpersonal relationships apply as in your profession. Even if you end-up in a fundamental disagreement about legislation, and just because they’re your lawmaker, negative reinforcement doesn’t work! Lawmakers can come around sometimes to your point of view; it may take time, it may be a slow process, but it won’t happen with trust and a positive relationship.

• Get to know the lawmaker’s staff, too. First and foremost, they are gatekeepers, masters of schedules and when their boss may or may not be available. They are also information-gatherers, tasked with understanding “both sides” of an issue – and how their constituents feel about an issue – and using that as a gauge for how their boss might want to vote.

• Silence means everything is OK. If you don’t make your voice heard, a lawmaker has no choice but to “vote with their gut,” or, go with the ideals that they feel got them where they are. If nobody says anything is wrong…or right…legislators and their staff have no way to gauge how the People feel.

• Find information about the content of legislation and where it’s at by going to www.michiganlegislature.org. For information about legislation of specific concern to social workers, of course visit www.nasw-michigan.org!

• Don’t know quite who your lawmakers are or their contact information, especially since many districts lines have just changed due to the last census? Go to www.senate.michigan.gov or www.house.michigan.gov and click “find your…” link.

For more in-depth discussions about legislation and the legislative process, consider attending NASW’s annual conference or NASW’s LEAD Day in April.
Documentary Tackles the Origins of Sexual Orientation

An Important Documentary Film about the Origins of Sexual Orientation titled Whom You Love is being planned by Marc Breedlove, a Michigan State University neuroscientist. Dr. Breedlove and many others have extensively studied the science of sexual orientation and their findings are critical to the understanding of people who have identified themselves as gay or Lesbian. There are years of research and publications which document the determinants of sexual orientation and their nuances. It is time for this information to be understood by all of us, including policymakers.

Dr. Breedlove’s current effort is to create a documentary film which will take this information to an audience outside academia with the power to promote understanding and preserve strong relationships among all people. Social workers are very familiar with the cost to our communities and society when a population is marginalized and vilified. The link below is to the Kickstarter website which allows everyone to learn about the project and pledge their support to this groundbreaking effort. 


Michigan Universities Rank Among the Nation’s Best

Congratulations to the following Michigan universities for being ranked within the nation’s top 100 social work graduate schools! Michigan colleges and universities are consistently educating and training some of the best social workers around the country and NASW is proud to be working in partner with all of them to push the profession to the next level.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Ranked #1

Michigan State University, East Lansing
Ranked #26

Wayne State University, Detroit
Ranked #37

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo
Ranked #66

Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti
Ranked #89

(According to U.S. News and World Report, 2012 rankings)
It is an honor and privilege for the Michigan Association of School Social Workers to present Susan Bogart as Michigan’s 2012 School Social Worker of the Year.

Ms. Bogart has been a Social Worker for over thirty-two years, practicing in the field of School Social Work since 1983.

Susan’s career as a School Social Worker has been enduring, varied and extensive. She began her career as a School Social Worker with Manistee ISD and provided direct clinical and consultative services for eight years. In 1993, Susan’s excellent clinical acumen and outstanding leadership skills earned her the position of a dual position of SSW and Least Restrictive Environment Coordinator followed by an eight year tenure as Supervisor of Special Education for Mason-Lake Intermediate School District. While she was highly effective as Special Education Supervisor, she found that she missed the provision of direct services to students and families and requested a return to a clinical position. Because she was so respected and valued, Mason-Lake ISD created a SSW position to accommodate her request and she happily resumed her clinical SSW career.

Susan was instrumental in developing the PBIS/MiBLSi Programs throughout the Mason-Lake ISD and became the Regional Coach in 2004. Susan has since worked as a State trainer and consultation to promote effective behavior intervention systems within schools.

She has been a PBIS/MiBLSi presenter/trainer since 2005, presenting at regional and statewide Conferences, including the MASSW Conference.

Since 2007, Susan has been a very integral and talented member of the MASSW State Awards Committee. She has devoted untold hours to the careful review and selection of the MASSW State School Social Worker of the Year. She has been a responsible, discerning and dependable Committee member.

Susan’s career has been one of depth and breadth. Throughout her thirty-two years of dedicated service, she has touched the lives of countless children, families and colleagues in her own profound and gentle manner. She delivers her services in a calm and nurturing style guided by the wisdom of practice she has carefully constructed over the course of her three-decade career. She is a stellar example of leadership, excellence, professionalism and commitment.
2012 Election Ballot Proposals

Last month’s newsletter discussed a number of potential ballot proposals that could make it to the November election. This is, of course, good and bad. It’s good in the citizens, if they really disagree with a law or truly and energetically see the need for one that’s missing, have an outlet to do so outside of a reluctant or hostile legislature. However, the downside is “legislation by referendum;” if a special interest group fails to clear a legislative hurdle, to the ballot they turn.

Not every initiative is a constitutional amendment. Some, like 2008’s medical marijuana law, are laws written by The People which the legislature has to enact (or repeal, if the referendum is to do so). However, some are constitutional amendments and one has to consider whether the issue at hand is worthy of amending the state’s manual for the operation of government in order to make it so that particular issue is virtually “untouchable” (save for another ballot initiative to modify or repeal it or a ¾ vote of the legislature, which is politically extremely difficult).

Below is the list of active ballot initiatives for this November, and where they are in the initiative process:

- Repeal of PA 4 – the Emergency Financial Manager law – called “Stand Up for Democracy.” The referendum has been approved and will appear on November ballot.
- Michigan Energy/Michigan Jobs Initiative (25/25 Renewable Energy Standard, meaning 25% of a power company’s energy must be renewable energy by 2025). The initiative has been approved and will appear on November ballot.
- Citizens for Affordable Quality Home Care - this initiative will amend the constitution. It will provide consumer information on home care workers (including complaints against or references for), training of providers, and some collective bargaining rights. This has also been approved and will appear on November ballot.
- Protect Working Families (previously called “Protect Our Jobs”)— this initiative will also amend the constitution and solidify collective bargaining rights. The Michigan Court of Appeals (COA) recently ruled that the initiative should appear on the November ballot, but opponents appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court, who heard oral arguments at the end of August (along with the three initiatives that follow below).
Michigan’s exchange authority; part of the Affordable Care Act is a requirement for states to develop the authority to build and maintain a health care exchange. SB 693 passed the Senate 25-12, meaning a scant handful of Senate Republicans joined Senate Democrats to move the bill out of the Chamber. Since that vote, conducted last November, 2011, the bill has been stuck in the House of Representatives Health Policy committee. Over the summer, there were rumblings that the House would take-up the legislation in the Fall, perhaps during the “lame duck” portion of session (the few days of legislative session after the election, before the end of the year). Even that time

**Governor Scraps Health Care Exchange – For Now**

As has been reported in the past, SB 693 (Senator Jim Marleau, R – Lake Orion) would create the “MiHealth Marketplace,” which is
before the end of the year). Even that time line was problematic, though, in that it was well-past the federal deadline for full-funding of an Exchange. However, Governor Snyder decided to pull the plug on SB 693, citing "opposition from House Republicans" and will instead pursue a state-federal partnership to create Michigan’s exchange. This is indeed an option the federal government has left on the table for states, but it also means the state will have to find more of its own funding to run the program. The pressure from the legislature to deny the fully-state-run exchange, and the Governor’s decision to move away from that model to the more-costly partnership model, seem counterintuitive; in the fully-state-run option, the state gets to define almost every detail of how the exchange will operate. In this new model, the state loses some control. If the anti-exchange sentiment is to leave control of health care to the state, then why fight the legislation that does just that? One answer may be that since the state-federal partnership requires more state funding, then to head in that direction gives the legislature the opportunity to then even deny the state’s share of funding the exchange, burying the issue even further. Cynical perhaps, but this smacks of cognitive dissonance. NASW-Michigan will stay attuned to the next developments in the MiHealth Exchange saga.
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Paul L. Wachtel, Ph.D. is CUNY Distinguished Professor in the doctoral program in clinical psychology at City College and the CUNY Graduate Center. He is the author, among many books, of Psychoanalysis, Behavior Therapy, and the Relational World (1997); Relational Theory and the Practice of Psychotherapy (2008); and Therapeutic Communication (2011).

Earlier versions of psychoanalytic thought and of cognitive-behavioral therapy were formulated in ways that presented serious obstacles to meaningful, coherent integration; newer versions provide opportunity for synergistic and logically consistent combinations. These new developments in each approach are often only sketchily understood by proponents of the “other” orientation, leading to continued caricaturing of each other and, even more important, to missed opportunities for more effective clinical work. The conference is aimed at practitioners of all orientations, and seeks to provide each with a better understanding of other approaches to clinical work and a better conceptual foundation for integrating cognitive-behavioral and psychodynamic approaches.

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