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We are days away from one of the largest elections of our times. Do you have a plan? Have you voted? How are you feeling? The stress and anxiety and constant feelings of what could or couldn’t be is exhausting. Just take time for you and practice some self care and compassion for yourself over the next few days and weeks. Reach out if you need support.

We just finished up with a beautiful annual conference. In a year when so much has changed, the NASW-PA staff have worked so hard to deliver an entire new conference experience. With the ideas from the 2020 conference committee, our staff created an excellent experience for the attendees, sponsors, and exhibitors. Although we were miles between, you could feel the compassion, kindness, and openness throughout the event. I’m so proud and honored to be part of this past week’s conference, it was an event I’ll always cherish to say I was apart of.

Special thanks to our NASW-PA staff and the 2020 Conference Committee! I’m so proud of the work you all did.

We are working hard to create additional programming, events, and support groups to better serve our members and social workers access the Commonwealth. If you have ideas we want to hear them. We are so fortunate at this time to work with some great technology, this has proven to allow us to connect with our members like never before.

Please remember, I am aiming to be accessible. Reach out if you would like to talk. I want to hear from you, your ideas, your concerns. I’ve heard from a few already and it’s been wonderful! Please let me know what I can do to serve you.

Best,
Kristie Jo

Thank You For Attending the 2020 Annual Conference!
NASW-PA wants to thank all of our attendees, students, and exhibitors for making this event possible!

Special thank you to our staff and conference committee members for all of the hard-work they put into making this event successful for our attendees.

Take a look at some of the fun we had!

**Beach Party**

**Exhibit Hall**

**Student Poster Presentations**

**CE Presentations**
Congratulations to this Year's Award Recipients!

PHYLLIS BLACK LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTED TO
Larry E. Davis, MA, MSW, PhD

PUBLIC CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTED TO
PA's Secretary of Health,
Dr. Rachel Levine

KRISTEN BOWSER EMERGING LEADER AWARD PRESENTED TO
Tanisha Bowman, LSW

SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD PRESENTED TO
Congratulations to PA's National Awardees!

On October 29th, NASW held its national Night of Awards, and Pennsylvania is honored to have two recipients to represent excellence in the Commonwealth.
CALLING ALL STUDENTS!

Join Us for a Student Round Table Discussion!

Join NASW-PA’s BSW and MSW Representatives as well as NASW-PA’s President, Kristie Jo King, in an engaging conversation. We want to hear from you!

**November 2nd from 8-9 pm and December 7th from 7-8:30 PM**

All students welcome. You do not have to be a member to be a part of the roundtable.

Bring your thoughts, ideas, questions, concerns!

Zoom information for November meeting -
Meeting ID: 974-389-9818
Passcode: 588149
Robert Wood Johnson Policy Fellowship Opportunity-
Applications due November 9th

Help us to disseminate a unique opportunity for mid-career social work practitioners and academics to immerse themselves in health policy over the course of one year in Washington D.C. The Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship at the National Academy of Medicine is the foundation’s longest running program that offers leadership and high level policy training to a transdisciplinary cohort of clinicians and academics interested in becoming strong leaders and more effective influencers of policy. Fellows receive a 3 months long orientation at the Academy of Medicine and spend 9 months working on Capitol Hill or at an executive branch office. There is no need for prior experience with health policy. For more information go to: https://www.healthpolicyfellows.org/about/ Applications close on November 9.

Liliane Windsor Ph.D., MSW is an Associate Professor at The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, School of Social Work and participated in this program and was the first social worker in a RWJ Health Policy Fellowship cohort since the early 80s. Thus, I am writing to ask that you please encourage qualified social work applicants.

ASWB Seeking Question Writers for Exams

ASWB is seeking qualified social workers to write questions for the licensing exams used in the United States and Canada. Deadline for applications is December 31, 2020.

Practicing social workers—item writers—write all the questions on the ASWB social work licensing exams. These writers are selected for their social work expertise and balanced to reflect diversity in practice area, geography, and demographics. Item writers work on a contract basis and are paid $1,500 for 30 questions approved for review by the ASWB Examination Committee. ASWB needs social workers from all categories of licensure with a variety of backgrounds in education and experience.

Apply Here

Reimagining Policing: Strategies for Community Investment

The recent killings of unarmed Black people such as George Floyd and Breonna Taylor at the hands of police has further exposed systemic racism in our nation’s law enforcement. A new NASW Social Justice Brief, “Reimagining Policing: Strategies for Community Reinvestment,” is a social work resource that identifies and discusses national models and innovative ideas to transform policing to meet the needs of our increasingly diverse nation and end racism in policing. The brief also discusses the growing “police abolition” movement and why it should be considered.

Photo by Gayatri Malhotra for Unsplash.com.
Read the Statement Here

NASW Texas Applauds Behavioral Health Executive Council (BHEC) Decision to Keep Full Anti-Discrimination Language in Social Work Code of Conduct

The BHEC vote on the 27th was the right decision. It would not have happened without the collective strength and unity of voices from social workers nationwide, countless advocacy groups, federal and state legislators and all others voicing their grave concern against the changes.

Your continuous advocacy about removing protections for people with disabilities & LGBTQIA+ Texans was heard far & wide!

Read More from NASW

Announcing the Pennsylvania Chapter's PACE Endorsements for the
2020 Election

Election Day is coming November 3rd, and we would like to share NASW-PA’s PACE endorsements for the 2020 election for your consideration. NASW-PA endorsements were made based on a variety of factors, but primarily upon a questionnaire filled out by candidates that assessed their support of identified social work priorities such as telehealth, mental health, social justice, and workforce issues in the social work profession. NASW-PA is a non-partisan organization. When reading these endorsements, they are meant to be used as a guideline to supplement your own research as you vote in alignment with your personal values. No matter how you vote, we encourage ALL social workers to make their voices heard in November and VOTE!

View Endorsements Here

COVID-19 Updates and Resource

Re-Opening Guidelines for Pennsylvania Social Work Practices

Now that most counties have moved to yellow status or will be soon, and others are transitioning to green, NASW-PA has received several questions regarding when and how to re-open practices safely. We’ve put together a list of helpful resources.

- Pennsylvania Guidelines for Businesses
- CDC Workplace Decision Tool
- CDC Guidelines for Small Businesses
- CDC Resuming Business Toolkit

NASW and NASW-PA's Resource Pages for COVID-19

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Monthly Webinar Information
November's Webinar

Title: Gratitude: Social Work Practice Implications

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (1 CEU)

Presenters: Dr. Selina Matis

Abstract: Join us before Thanksgiving for a presentation on gratitude. More information coming soon!

Register Now!

Are You Interested?

Are you interested in presenting a webinar? Webinars are on the last Wednesday of the month at 12 PM and are one hour long. We are currently scheduling webinars for the month of January 2021 and on.

Interested? Email Rachel

Upcoming Events

At this time, due to COVID-19, all in-person events have been canceled. Thank you for understanding.
ACT 31 Courses

NASW-PA is now offering two ACT 31 Mandated Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting Training Live Webinars on the following dates:

Thursday, December 3rd from 1pm-4pm

See the Community Calendar

Monday Movie Nights with the President

3rd Monday of each month
6-9 pm, 3 CEs,
$25 members/$50 non-members

Kristie Jo King
NASW-PA President

Movie Nights with the President

Join NASW-PA for our Monday Movie Nights with the President, Kristie Jo King!

Movies will be on the 3rd Monday of each month from 6-9 pm. They will be 3 CEs and just $25 for members. Non-members are also allow to join in on the fun for the rate of $50.

November’s movie is Just Mercy

Check out our upcoming movies!

November: Just Mercy
December: It’s a Wonderful Life (suicide prevention)
January: Prince of Tides (ethics)
February: TBD
March: Instant Family
April: Inside Out  
May: Spare Parts  
June: Love, Simon

See the Community Calendar

Register for November's Movie

Sisterhood and Self-Care Support Group

Join Sierra McNeil, MSW and Quianna Daniels-Smart, MSW, LSW for Sisterhood and Self-Care. This is a peer support group for African American female identifying members and non-members. These sessions will touch on topics that affect the intersectionality of being an African American female in social work and beyond. The next session will be on Monday, November 2nd from 6-7:30 pm. The zoom link is provided below.

Meeting Information -

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83257792872?pwd=ZFNGUVVaeVl4VjIwSC9VZDBKallTdz09

Meeting ID: 832 5779 2872
Passcode: 099560
NASW-PA would like to wish all of our members a safe and happy Thanksgiving!
We are thankful for you!

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