With holiday greetings, we bring you an end of the year (news)letter!

When 2021 began ...

It is hard to believe that 12 months ago COVID-19 vaccines were just becoming available and we were hopeful, thinking we'd be able to get back to some kind of “normal.” Instead we spent a good part of 2021 continuing to work, live and visit in a virtual manner. While 2020 had a lot of challenging firsts, 2021 provided new opportunities for us to grow and learn through virtual events and thankfully NASW-Indiana was able to have a legislative success. As we prepare for 2022, we are optimistic and look forward to continuing to grow and learn – with the hope of holding in-person events as allowed and offering more virtual events and providing other services.

2021 began with a mix of apprehension and excitement as the 2021 General Assembly kicked off under COVID-19 precautions. While the session was unlike any other with social distancing, monitoring things from a distance and testifying in masks, we were excited that Senator Michael Crider (R-District 28) was filing our Mental Health Diagnosis bill – SB 82. The legislative session was unique, but with Senator Crider’s leadership and dedication, plus all of your support via letters, phone calls and emails, we were able to get SB 82 Mental Health Diagnosis passed. As of July 1, 2021, Indiana became the 49th state to allow LCSWs to independently complete a mental health diagnosis. A huge win for Indiana and we thank you all for your help and support!
The Time Is Right for Social Work

We have now spent almost two years working within the COVID-19 environment and while we have faced challenges along the way, social workers continue to provide services and support to our clients, communities and each other. Historically we have always been on the front lines of disasters and stressful events, but these past few years have tested all of us. During these challenging times, social work, as a profession, and all of you have demonstrated to the world the amazing work we do and what an amazing profession social work is. And in 2022, the time is right for social work!

We hope you all have a restful holiday season however you celebrate. Thank you for all you do for your clients, communities and each other.

NASW Indiana Chapter Staff and Board of Directors
A round of applause please ...

As we celebrate our 2021 Chapter Awardees above, we want to know who is YOUR Social Work Superhero? We are now accepting nominations for our 2022 awards for Social Worker of the Year, Community Partner of the Years and Social Work Students of the Year (BSW/MSW). Let us know who you think should be awarded in 2022. Click here to nominate your superhero!

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Thank you to our Annual Conference sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers and presenters!

Our 2021 Annual Conference once again utilized the virtual platform designed by Matchbox Virtual Media to great success. With over 300 attendees, 23 concurrent workshop sessions and three featured panels, we had the internet buzzing for two days! A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this conference a success, including our sponsors and exhibitors! The ads you see throughout this (news)letter are from our conference sponsors. Help us thank them for their support! Gold Sponsor, IU School of Social Work; Silver Sponsor, CareSource; Bronze Sponsors, Anthem and Ireland Home Based Services. And our Friends of the Profession shown below.
Announcements & Resources

- Congratulations to Dianna Cooper-Bolinskey who was recently appointed to the Behavioral Health and Human Services Licensing Board!
- A holiday treat from NASW Indiana Chapter: The three primary panel discussions from our 2021 Virtual Annual Conference are now on our YouTube Channel for all to view. This includes "BIPOC Mental Health Matters;" "The Unique Roles Essential Social Workers Play;" and "Self-Care and the NASW Code of Ethics." Happy viewing!
- New Ethics 8 Tip Sheet for members only: 8 Ethical Considerations for Upholding Privacy and Confidentiality in Social Work Practice.
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a Medicare final rule for Calendar Year 2022 that includes welcome provisions on telehealth and the Quality Payment Program (QPP). Read more here.

Events/News

Last chance to register! December 14 @ noon (EST)  
Register now

Region 9 Lunch & Learn rescheduled from November  
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Limited seats! In-depth training on Advance Care Planning  
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Useful Links

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