The following is a list of meetings and workshops being offered by the NASW-MA Pioneer Valley Regional Council. These are mostly held in Northampton, with a few in Greenfield. In addition, our **Private Practice Shared Interest Group** continues to meet in Greenfield. This group discusses the business of private practice and has developed a network of private practitioners over the years, to share expertise and support each other. Topics discussed include insurance reimbursement, how to get on insurance lists and networking for referrals between therapists. When attending a meeting, you can also join their Private Practice Listserv. For further information or assistance, contact our Western MA Regional Coordinator, Jeff Schrenzel, at 413-782-1757 or by email: jschrenz@wne.edu. We hope to see you at a number of these activities in the upcoming year!

**Northampton and Greenfield meetings:**

**7:15-7:30pm - Registration | 7:30-9:00 pm - CE Program**

**Free for NASW Members - $10 for Non-members**

Advance registration is not necessary. All workshops approved for 1.5 CEUs.

**Thursday, September 19, 2019:**

“The CBD Oil and Dementia” with Kathleen Angco-Vieweg, PhD, MSW, LCSW, Collaborative Care Consultants, and Adam Kinney CDP, CADDCT, Elite Home Care Agency & Training Enterprises LLC.

**Thursday, October 17, 2019:**

“Talking to Teens about Sex” with Ariel Pliskin, Adolescent Sex Educator, River Valley Counseling Center

**Thursday, December 12, 2019:**

“Contemporary Emotion Research and its Relevance for Clinical Practice” with Eva Hudlicka, PhD, MSW, LICSW, EH, Private Practice

**Thursday, February 27, 2020:**

“The ABCs of Medical Marijuana” with Leslie Tarr Laurie, MS, Regional Director, New England Treatment Access

**Thursday, March 26, 2020:**

“What is Therapeutic Action in the Era of Climate Destruction?” with Fanny Chalfin, LICSW, SEP, Private Practice, and Karen Nolen, LICSW, Private Practice

**Thursday, April 16, 2020:**

“Death with Dignity: Should Mass. Become the 10th State to Pass a Medical and Passionate Aid in Dying Law?”

John Berkowitz, Director, Western Mass. Death with Dignity

**Thursday, May 7, 2020:**

“Overcoming Color Blindness: Dealing with Issues of Race and Culture in Practice” with Anthony Hill, EdD, MSW, Associate Professor, Springfield College School of Social Work

All Northampton workshops will be in the Dewey Common Room at Smith College.

The Greenfield workshops take place at the Franklin Medical Center in Conference Room A.

The **Private Practice Shared Interest Group** (SIG) meets in Greenfield, from 9-10:30am, at the Baystate Franklin Medical Center, in one of the first floor Conference Rooms - usually Conference Room B. These meetings will be on Fridays:

10/4/19, 12/6/19, 2/7/20, 4/3/20 and 6/5/20. The Greenfield contact person is Janet Porcelli: Janetporcelli@gmail.com or 413-548-6217. She can also give you the topic meeting schedule. You can also contact her about joining their Private Practice ListServ. For further information, contact Jeff Schrenzel, the Western MA Regional Coordinator, at 413-782-1757 or jschrenz@wne.edu. Visit the NASW-MA website at www.naswma.org for additional information. To access Pioneer Valley workshop and other regional information, click “About Us” and then click “Regional Councils” then “Pioneer Valley.” You can join the Pioneer Valley Regional Council email list by contacting Jeff Schrenzel. You can join NASW at the website to be able to attend these workshops for FREE and to enjoy all the other benefits of membership.