Advocacy Alert

Keep The Texas Social Work Code of Conduct Intact

Don't Mess with Texas Social Workers.

#StandWithTXSocialWorkers

The advocacy fight to keep anti-discrimination language in the Social Work Code of Conduct continues and we need YOUR help!

TOMORROW IS THE TSBSWE BOARD MEETING

(Agenda & Documents Here – includes log-in info)!

We need your advocacy in this fight. Check out our advocacy page for more background info, additional resources, and letters from various legislators and other groups to give you a brief overview of the background on the issue and our advocacy strategy. Watch the Stand With Texas Social Workers live press conference. Speakers included legislative champions. Sen. José Menéndez (District 26), Rep. Mary E. González (District 75), and Rep. Erin Zwiener (District 45). We also heard from advocacy leaders who #StandWithTXSocialWorkers and support the current anti-discrimination language.

Share Your Story with the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners (TSBSWE) on July 9th

On Friday, July 9th, 2021 the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners (TSBSWE) will hold an open meeting on Zoom to discuss a variety of issues. You do not need to pre-register. You can just log into the Zoom meeting at 8:30 am CST when the meeting starts.

Although there are some other issues that you may find interesting, there will be a chance for public comment at the end of the meeting.
If the Board RETAINS the anti-discrimination language: Keep it short and thank TSBSWE for retaining the language and for holding their legal autonomy! Honestly, the less said the better, although feel free to share why this is personally important to you.

If the Board decides to REMOVE the anti-discrimination language at a future date: Express your disappointment with the Board for proposing any rules that remove anti-discrimination protections. Share why you as a social worker do not want the language removed from the Code of Conduct. Review these talking points for more ideas. Please be considerate of the board members and don’t make attacks on their identities or roles; focus on any changes and the impact they will have on your work and clients.

Try Not to Repeat: If you do hear someone else share similar testimony you can always keep it short and say you agree with so-and-so speaker or change your own testimony to take a different path, especially if they retain the anti-discrimination language.

If you have questions you can reach out to Alison Mohr Boleware, the Government Relations Director at aboleware.naswtx@socialworkers.org.

If you’re a member of NASW, thank you! Your input and energy have helped fuel this fight. If you’re not, then please know that we’ll be working with our legislative partners to oppose many items on the agenda for the special session and we could use your support as members make that possible. You can always join here to receive the latest updates and participate in many different ways.

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