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Executive Director’s Message

Members,
I hope you and your families are doing well as we adapt to our new way of life.

The cancellation of the Symposium in 2020 due to COVID-19 was disappointing. The South Carolina Board members and I believe this was the best decision given the uncertainties. Your safety and well-being are our priorities.

We have worked closely with the NASW national office to identify CEU opportunities for our members. I hope you can take advantage of the free CEUs offered to members as well as the virtual webinars and conferences put on by them. We have included a list on page 12 of the newsletter.

As we continue to monitor COVID-19 and the re-opening plans for our state, the board and I will assess whether an in-person and/or a virtual symposium for 2021 is best. We will keep you updated as we make progress in the decision making.

All online refunds have been processed for registrants. Other forms of payment are being processed daily. We anticipate having all refunds processed by the end of July 2020.

If you have not received your refund by August 1, 2020, please contact me at ddonahue.naswsc@socialworkers.org.

I would like to extend a ridiculously huge THANK YOU to all of you for supporting our 2020 Symposium!

Plan to join us at the 2021 Symposium.

Stay well.

In peaceful solidarity,
Debra Donahue,
NASWSC Executive Director
President’s Message

Hello South Carolina Social Workers,

I am your newly elected NASW SC Chapter President. I have been a member of NASW since 1999 and I have served on the South Carolina board in various positions. I currently reside in the Pee Dee area.

As I assume my new role, I am preparing to face the coronavirus pandemic and social justice issues impacting South Carolina. I am convinced as social workers we are equipped to meet these challenges. Challenges are what we thrive on in social work. During these times we must use our social work knowledge and skills to become change agents who encourage positive changes during this pandemic and for social justice issues in our society.

How do we stand strong and advocate for others? First, take care of yourself. As a social worker we must learn to access resources to help ourselves. Second, embrace the principles and standards of our NASW Code of Ethics. We should abide by NASW principles which include service to help people in need and address social problems, and to uphold social justice for all people. Let us be an inspiration to each other and other professionals as exemplary models of these principles.

In May 2008, Congress officially designated July as Minority Mental Health Awareness month. Mental health is an everyday occurrence. National statistics indicate that 1 out of 5 adults have a mental health issue and over 12 million adults in the US live with a mental illness (NAMI). Every 12 seconds, someone in America dies by suicide according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

To address mental health as social workers, we must educate ourselves and clients about mental illness and its influence on daily living. Unfortunately, minority communities are the most impacted. The COVID-19 pandemic limited access to mental health services and the stigma associated with receiving mental health services continues to plague these communities. We must work to eradicate this stigma through awareness, education, counseling, and advocacy.

Sylvia J Rogers, MSW, LMSW
President, NASW SC Chapter
Hello NASW-SC members!
As we move into a new Board year, I appreciate the opportunity to share some thoughts and reflections. 2020 has been a challenging year thus far, and more challenges are to come. COVID-19 continues to be a significant public health threat, impacting our daily personal and professional lives. Continuing social activism and protest demonstrations are making an impact on the issues of police brutality and institutional racism in our state. While I hope each of you remain healthy and safe, it is our professional roles I find on my mind. Specifically, leadership.

In times of crisis, we turn to leaders for guidance, for insight, for encouragement, for hope. We find many leaders on our televisions and in our newspapers, through social media, too. But we must not forget – we ARE these leaders as well.

As social workers, we are actively involved in guiding others. We offer compassion and empathy. We explore alternatives. We advocate for changes, large and small. And we do it, you do it, just by showing up. People need stability. They need consistency. They need to know they have a path forward. Social workers help light this path, every day. Because we show up. We listen. We speak up. We move forward. This is leadership at the core. Thank you for your commitment and your passion for social work! It is inspiring to feel a connection with so many leaders in our community!

Thank you for showing up!

Finally, I want to offer my thanks to some folks. I returned to the Board in 2019 during a time of change. I expected to remain interim VP-Finance, but soon found myself as interim-President. But in reality, it was a group effort. Brenda Hyleman (VP) and Sylvia Rogers (Pres-Elect, now President – Congrats!) were with me every step of the way over the last several months. It was a comfort and a strength to work with them and I look forward to continuing as I officially begin my term as VP-Finance. Thank you, Brenda and Sylvia.

While I had not previously met Debra (ED), she has strived to work with and support us all this year as she adjusts to her first year with us. Thank you, Debra.

Stacee Roberts is our newsletter editor – Thank you for sticking around for one more round at my request. We could not get this done without you!

Juliana Palyok. If you have had any interactions with our office in the 9 years, you have met our greatest kept secret! As the chapter Business Manager, Juliana has the primary job of herding cats...uh, organizing a group of social workers. She keeps us on task and is more organized than I have ever dreamt of being. Thank you, Juliana.

Take care everyone! The summer is finally here, with the high humidity and higher temperatures. Be careful out there and keep showing up!

-Mike
Member Spotlight

Janay Price is a native of Sabine Parish, Louisiana; however, she spent her most impressionable years in Spring Lake, NC.

Janay earned a Bachelor’s in Social Work from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NCAT) in Greensboro, NC and a master’s degree in Social Work from the joint Master of Social Work program at NCAT and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Janay is also a licensed clinical social worker in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Janay is an avid woman of service. She supports organizations promoting change locally and regionally. She is also an active member of the Columbia Urban League Young Professionals where she assists in the planning of the organization’s community service projects.

Janay is a social work entrepreneur. In the fall of 2016 after a conversation with her best friend over dinner, the vision for Premier Counseling was created. Premier Counseling is a geriatric specific mental health group practice which has teams of LISW-CPs and nurse practitioners across the state of South Carolina offering psychotherapy and prescriptive treatment to adults ages 62 and older in the places they identify as their home. Janay recognized seniors experience multiple barriers to mental health treatment which include lack of transportation, limited mental health resources within rural communities, and a lack of finances. Premier Counseling aims to remove all three of these barriers for the seniors of South Carolina.

*To nominate a member to be featured in a future newsletter, please contact ddonahue.naswsc@socialworkers.org
Congratulations!!!!!
SC Chapter New Board Members

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NASW SC Social Justice Statement

We, the Board members and Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, South Carolina (NASW-SC) chapter, remain saddened at the recent violent tragic loss of George Floyd. The senseless murder of him and others at the hands of police officers are terrifying reminders of the continuing presence of the institutionalized racism and brutality in our law enforcement and criminal justice systems.

Unfortunately, we are not shocked so much as outraged. Racism, discrimination, gaslighting, violence, and hatred are not new. The divisiveness and polarization in our world, in our country, and in our state are not new.

But we understand we cannot turn away in fear nor in pain. We must not. As protests and demonstrations continue around the country and here in South Carolina, we understand we are challenged to stand up and to speak out.

As social workers, our Code of Ethics calls on us:

To value social justice
Social workers pursue social change, particularly with and on behalf of vulnerable and oppressed individuals and groups of people. Social workers' social change efforts are focused primarily on issues of poverty, unemployment, discrimination, and other forms of social injustice. These activities seek to promote sensitivity to and knowledge about oppression and cultural and ethnic diversity. Social workers strive to ensure access to needed information, services, and resources; equality of opportunity; and meaningful participation in decision making for all people.

To stand against discrimination
4.02 Discrimination
Social workers should not practice, condone, facilitate, or collaborate with any form of discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, political belief, religion, immigration status, or mental or physical ability.

To advocate for and promote social justice and the general welfare of our communities
6.01 Social Welfare
Social workers should promote the general welfare of society, from local to global levels, and the development of people, their communities, and their environments. Social workers should advocate for living conditions conducive to the fulfillment of basic human needs and should promote social, economic, political, and cultural values and institutions that are compatible with the realization of social justice.

To advocate for and promote justice through social policies and public services
6.02 Public Participation
Social workers should facilitate informed participation by the public in shaping social policies and institutions.

To engage in social and political actions promoting the rights, equity and welfare of all people
6.04 Social and Political Action
(a) Social workers should engage in social and political action that seeks to ensure that all people have equal access to the resources, employment, services, and opportunities they require to meet their basic human needs and to develop fully. Social workers should be aware of the impact of the political arena on practice and should advocate for changes in policy and legislation to improve social conditions in order to meet basic human needs and promote social justice.

(b) Social workers should act to expand choice and opportunity for all people, with special regard for vulnerable, disadvantaged, oppressed, and exploited people and groups.
NASW SC Social Justice Statement (con.)

(c) Social workers should promote conditions that encourage respect for cultural and social diversity within the United States and globally. Social workers should promote policies and practices that demonstrate respect for difference, support the expansion of cultural knowledge and resources, advocate for programs and institutions that demonstrate cultural competence, and promote policies that safeguard the rights of and confirm equity and social justice for all people.

(d) Social workers should act to prevent and eliminate domination of, exploitation of, and discrimination against any person, group, or class on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, political belief, religion, immigration status, or mental or physical ability.

In South Carolina, social workers abide by these ethics and strive every day to improve the lives of the people in our communities.

We support these efforts and encourage continued advocacy for change in the societal systems which separate us, rather than bring us together.

We stand with victims of oppression and racism.

We support the voices of those who are determined to bring change to the stagnant and overbearing systems which obstruct the opportunities of African Americans/Blacks and other people of color.

We know we have a role in making our community stronger and more unified.

We look forward to engaging with advocacy groups, social workers, law enforcement, and legislators.

We want to hear your ideas for how we can support the growth and healing of our community.

There are many ways to become involved with advocacy around these issues and concerns. Here are a few (not an all-inclusive list of opportunities):

Campaign Zero
SC Progressive Network – It’s about democracy. It’s about justice. It’s about time.
Black Lives Matter: Home
Black Lives Matter SC: Home
SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE - Showing Up for Racial Justice
Emerge South Carolina: State Homepage
Not In Our Town
ACLU of South Carolina

We plan to raise our voice to support and advocate for needed changes in the coming year. We invite you to join us. Together, we can make our communities stronger.

Respectfully and with solidarity,
The Board and Executive Director of the NASW-South Carolina
NASWSC
Town Hall Meeting: Important Links for Social Workers and Social Care Providers in South Carolina

The current pandemic and social discourse of our nation have affected so much of our daily lives. As we practice social distancing, images and the tragic stories of Black men and women being murdered by police officers and vigilantes flood our newsfeeds. The Department of Social Work at Winthrop University is partnering with the SC Chapter of NASW to present a series of webinars. The purpose of the series is to help us all make healthy responses to the uncertainty and racism in the world around us and to begin to build a Social Work Call to Action to address disparities elevated during the pandemic.

We kicked off the webinar series with Taking Care in Crisis, which was facilitated by Sarah Hopkins, MSW, instructor in the Department of Social Work at Winthrop University. The webinar helped participants validate their grief and loss during the COVID-19 pandemic. We followed up with a Virtual Town Hall. Dr. Joi Anderson, assistant professor in the Department of Social Work at Winthrop University, and Debra Donahue, Executive Director SC-NASW, facilitated the panel discussion which addressed racism during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over 105 social workers across the country registered for the Virtual Town Hall.

We are planning to deliver more webinars later this summer and in early fall, which will focus on exploring the COVID-19 pandemic through the lens of Critical Race Theory and ethical considerations for Social Workers during the pandemic. I look forward to your participation in the upcoming webinars!

View the Town Hall Meeting here.

Anthony J. Hill, PhD, LISW-CP, CFSW, ACSW
Chair, Graduate Program Director and Associate Professor
Department of Social Work
Winthrop University
Webinar: Taking Care in Crisis

On Wednesday, June 24th, Sarah Hopkins, MSW, an instructor with the Winthrop University Department of Social Work presented “Taking Care in Crisis” virtually for social workers and social work students across South Carolina. This presentation offered education about J. William Worden, PhD’s 4 Tasks of Mourning with application of the Tasks to the COVID-19 Pandemic and recent increased Human Rights injustices. Participants were encouraged to take time to hit the pause button and reflect on their own loss and grief processes as they are helping others. If you missed the presentation, please find the link below. If you would like more information on how to support your agency/organization through loss and grief please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Hopkins at hopkinss@winthrop.edu.

Click here to view “Taking Care in Crisis” webinar and here for the PowerPoint presentation.
We want to express our gratitude to our 2020 Symposium Sponsors. We appreciate your support and understanding our decision to cancel this year’s symposium. I hope you will consider sponsoring our 2021 Symposium.

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Bag Stuffers  
Thompson Funeral Home, Charleston Counseling Center, Michelle Trask
NASW Free Online CEU Courses for Members

Please start with the following link: https://naswinstitute.inreachce.com/Account/Manage/#MyProductsTab

Listed below are the free online CEU courses available to all NASW Members.

1. Behavioral Ethics: A Lens to Examine Ethical Challenges in Social Work Practice, 1 CEU (Ethics)
2. Brief Interventions in Primary Care, 1 CEU (Clinical)
4. Cultural Competence: A Social Work Imperative, 1 CEU (Cross Cultural)
5. Family Well-Being Across the Lifespan, 1 CEU
6. Intersections between Trauma and Addiction, 1 CEU (Clinical)
7. Liberty and Equity in the 21st Century, 1 CEU
8. Social Work Ethics and “Everyday” Technology, 1 CEU (Ethics)
10. Transforming Foster Care: A Successful Model to Ensure Healthy Attachment for Infants and Toddlers, 1 CEU
11. What Works with Teens: Evidence Based Practice for Clinicians, 1 CEU

Plus, these ethics courses have been made free to members during the current pandemic:

12. Ethics and Integrated Health Care, 3 CEU (Ethics)
13. Faculty-Student Ethics Round Table, 1.5 CEU (Ethics)
14. New Practice Standards on Social Work and Technology: A Situation-Based Discussion on Best Practices?, 1.5 CEU (Ethics)
15. Official National Training on the Revisions to the NASW Code of Ethics, 2 CEU (Ethics)
16. Technology in Social Work Practice: Standards of Practice, 2 CEU (Ethics)
Congratulations to the 2020 Social Work Graduates!

University of South Carolina (USC) (All campuses)

South Carolina State University (SCSU)

Winthrop University

Columbia College

Limestone College

Benedict College
The PACE online fundraising tool has been officially launched! It can be found at:

http://socialworkers.org/Advocacy/PACE

There’s also a link to it from www.socialworkers.org. Please remember that all online contributions will be shared with the chapters, just like contributions we receive through membership renewals. So, it’s in our interest to promote the new online fundraising capability.

NASW SC encourages everyone to contribute noteworthy information for Chapter Update. All material should be typed and emailed to the Chapter Office. Chapter Update is published by the National Association of Social Workers South Carolina Chapter.

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