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The 2016 regular legislative session is underway. The state of the economy is now seen as being in a recession because of the significant drop in oil prices. The state's budget situation was somewhat righted with the passage of several revenue generating actions that partially plugged the whole for the current fiscal year; however, at this writing it is estimated that there is still a shortfall of an estimated \$600 million dollars.

We are also happy to report that we now have a social worker serving in the Legislature. Representative Joseph Bouie, Jr., LCSW is from the New Orleans area. He is also chair of the Black Caucus. We are proud to know him and celebrate his social work background.

On April 12, 2016 we welcomed 50 students from four of our universities to Lobby Day. The students were able to watch testimony of Governor John Bel Edwards on the budget. They practiced speaking to legislators and reviewed some of the documents we had previously prepared on legislation.

We have an intensive legislative agenda that has kept us busy at the State Capitol.

HB 833 by Representative Walt Leger deals with student discipline including the creation of the Commission on Safe Supportive Discipline. At this writing, there will be some amendments to the bill. The issue of the extraordinary number of suspension from school is concerning to the profession and is seen as one of the contributing factors of "cradle to prison pipeline".

SB 324 by Senator J. P. Morrell deals with raising the age for consideration as a juvenile in the criminal justice system and creates the Louisiana Juvenile Jurisdiction Planning and Implementation Committee. Louisiana is one of only 9 states that treat 17 year olds as an adult for criminal offenses. We are seeking to join the rest of the majority of the states that has set the age at 18. This legislation is also part of the Governor's legislative agenda.

SB 254 by Senator J. P. Morrell provides that the Louisiana Equal Pay Act be applicable to men and private employers and requires government contractors to verify equal pay practices. This legislation is also part of the Governor's legislative agenda. This issue appears each year and we have worked with other stakeholders to move this initiative forward.

HB 719 by Representative Valerie Hodges provides relative to transportation of children to be admitted to a treatment facility under a physician's emergency commitment certificate. The legislation seeks to permit the parent, foster parent or agency representative to accompany a juvenile who have been PEC'd during the transport that may occur in a police car or emergency transport and can take several hours.

HCR by Representative Robert Billiot will be filed shortly that will extend the life of the Youth Aging Out of Foster Care Task Force. The work of the Task Force has been very informative thus far and we are hopeful that the product to be developed through the extension will provide a programmatic framework that could eventually be implemented in Louisiana.

We are currently tracking over 500 bills. If you want to see the list of these legislative instruments, go to our website, www.naswla.org. Click on the tab at the top of the page titled Legislation. We have sorted the bills under broad categories.

Proud to be a professional social worker



As NASW-LA ends its 2015-2016 fiscal year, it is important to reflect on the diversity of issues and activities that the Chapter Office remains involved in. We encourage you to join us to send a positive message to the Legislature and Congress about the importance of the vital programs for mental and behavioral health and to oppose legislation that would stop our progress. We enjoyed having so many members and students join us at Legislature Day this year, and hope you will lend your voice to advocacy efforts staying abreast of the issues that affect your community and those populations that we serve.

Please remember to vote for your 2016-2017 Board of Directors. This newsletter has information about how you may petition to be added to the ballot. Please exercise your right to make a difference in your professional organization by voting.

NASW-LA is seeking input from the membership

in regards as to what is happening in your community.

Send in articles that would be of interest to your fellow social workers around the state. Perhaps someone in the social work field was featured in the local news or was singled out for helping in the community.

Send that information to the Chapter Office at admin@naswla.org with contact information so that approval for re-printing the information can be obtained.

There are so many of us out there doing the little things each day to make this a better place to live and we need to tell their stories. By doing this we not only are acknowledging their service, but it could possibly help someone else in their community.

Let us hear from you.

Message from your Regional Chairs:

The regions have begun to make plans and arrangements for the upcoming years regional meetings.

Interested members that would like to help in their region, please contact your regional chair for further information.

Anyone interested in presenting at their own regional meeting or another region, please contact the respective regional chair.

Continue to check the NASW-LA website at www.naswla.org under Regional News to see the most updated information on your regions meetings. You will note that many of the regions do not hold regional meetings in the summer months.

Thank you to all of our regional chairs for their hard work and the support that they give all of us.

Dear Colleagues,

“Career Protection” is having a professional association with the resources to protect the practice of social work. Why is malpractice insurance not enough? Because your malpractice insurer will not do the following - but NASW at the national level and through the Louisiana Chapter will:

- ◆ Provide highly discounted quality Continuing Education programs that are presented at regional locations and an outstanding Annual Conference.
- ◆ Provide consultation on ethical, practice, and career issues.
- ◆ Deliver critical, up-to-date information on laws and regulations that affect your practice.
- ◆ Continue to be a vigilant voice for Social Work practice and the profession at the Louisiana State Capitol and in Washington, DC.
- ◆ Work with stakeholders that have similar focus on issues that are important to the social work profession.
- ◆ Serves as a key resource for the profession of social work on issues and practice concerns.

I know that for some of you there has been concern regarding professional liability insurance and at least one carrier has suggested that social workers only need their liability policy to have practice protection. I do not know if your decision on joining or renewing membership is based on this issue but if that is the case keep in mind that no matter where you get your malpractice coverage, no insurer will advocate for you at the Legislature or with the executive branch. Protecting your career is more than having liability coverage; it requires having an organization that is working to protect the social work profession.

Without a strong NASW, our profession will lose ground, our jobs and practices will slowly erode, taken over by “related degrees” because everyone thinks they can do social work. As a practicing social worker “Career Protection” comes with joining and maintaining your NASW membership.

When your NASW renewal comes due, remember you are not just renewing a membership – you are buying yourself “Career Protection” from the best available source! Your NASW membership assures a strong Louisiana Chapter and a strong Louisiana Chapter assures that we are here to support you.

Sincerely,

Carmen D. Weisner, LCSW, ACSW
Executive Director

Licensing Board Information

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

18550 Highland Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge, LA 70809 * 225-756-3470 or 1-800-521-1941 (Louisiana Only)

Dates for 2016 LABSWE Board Meetings

(All meetings are held at the Baton Rouge Board Office - Call the Board Office for times of the meetings)

May 20 * June 24 * August 5 * September 9 * October 21 * December 2

Dates for 2016 LABSWE BACS ORIENTATION MEETINGS

May 21 * July 30 * September 17 * November 12

[Click here to visit the Licensing Board's website at www.labswe.org](http://www.labswe.org)

Regional News

ALEXANDRIA REGION

By: Janice Hill, LMSW, Chair

For more information contact the Janice Hill at

alexandrianasw@gmail.com

BATON ROUGE REGION

By: Courtney Eichelberger, Ph.D., LMSW, Chair

For more information contact Courtney Eichelberger, Chair or Rebecca Herbst Regional Representative at

naswbatonrouge@gmail.com

FLORIDA PARISHES

By: Carrie Mercke, LCSW, Chair

For more information contact Carrie Mercke, LCSW, Chair at carriemercke@yahoo.com

HOUMA THIBODAUX REGION

By: Peggy Bowers, LMSW, Chair

For more information contact Peggy Bowers, LMSW, Chair at midnight_1019@yahoo.com

LAFAYETTE REGION

By: Angel Huval, LCSW, Chair

For more information contact Angel Huval, Regional Chair at 337-852-4747 or angelvhuval@gmail.com

LAKE CHARLES REGION

By: Patti Gates, LCSW, C-SSWS, ACSW, Chair

Meeting are the first Friday of each month from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in the conference room of Heritage Square.

Contact Patti Gates, LCSW, C-SSWS, ACSW, Chair at pgates1@suddenlink.net

MONROE REGION

By: Antoinette Hoard, RSW, Chair

All meetings will be held from 8:30 am - 9:45 am at the Ouachita Parish Health Unit.

Contact Antoinette Hoard, RSW at monroenasw@gmail.com

NEW ORLEANS REGION

By: Rob Harrison, LCSW, Chair

May 12, 2016 / 5-7pm

Topic TBD

June 9, 2016 / 5-7pm

Topic: "School Discipline: Discussing the Problem and Exploring Policy Solutions"

Presenter: Jennifer Coco

*Location: All meetings will be held at Tulane School of Social Work / 127 Elk Place, Room 343 / New Orleans, LA 70112.

*Cost: Free for NASW-LA members, \$10 per CEU for non-members. CEU forms will be issued at the conclusion of each meeting.

*Parking: Allow time to arrive early to find parking and get to the building. There are several surface lots along Cleveland. The TSSW is located on the corner of Elk and Cleveland behind Joy Theatre on Canal Street. They are attached to the Saratoga Parking Garage, the entrance to which is on South Saratoga. Parking fee at the Saratoga is between \$4 - \$7 paid upon leaving (cash not accepted). If you park in the Saratoga Garage, go to the 2nd floor and the Elk Place Skywalk is across the parking garage from the elevators. The hospital skywalk is by the elevator; you have to bypass this and go out into the parking garage and follow the yellow posts out and to the left to find the skywalk over Saratoga Street entrance to Elk Place, then continue into the building and down the hall to the Elk Place elevator to the 3rd floor.

*Many thanks to TSSW (tulane.edu/socialwork/) for welcoming the NASW-LA New Orleans Region!

For more information contact contact Rob Harrison, LCSW, Chair or Mallory Lafargue, Representative at naswnola@gmail.com

SHREVEPORT REGION

By: Leesa L. Sitter, LCSW, DCSW

Our prayers go out to all those affected by the recent storms and flooding. In April Linda Grayson spoke at the monthly meeting on Play Therapy.

Rachel Scott was honored by the Women's Commission for her community work past and present on behalf of family violence. A reminder that the Edith Farrell annual workshop will be held June 17, 2016 on the topic Psychopharmacology: Rational Approaches for Medicating Children and Adolescents. For more information go the NASW-LA website at www.naswla.org and look under Continuing Education, Sponsored Wor



Congratulations to all of the social work graduates this year. We are very proud of you and look forward to you becoming a member of NASW-LA and becoming a part of your professional organization. If you would like to become involved with NASW-LA as a volunteer, please contact us for information on what positions are open.

Congratulations again, great job!

Certification of Preliminary NASW-LA Slate 2016-2017

As President of the Louisiana Chapter of NASW-LA, I hereby certify that the following preliminary slate contains all the positions that are scheduled to become vacant on June 30, 2015, and that all possible combinations of candidates receiving the largest number of votes in the election will enable the chapter to meet its affirmative actions goals and representational mandates and all attempts to double slate the Statewide positions have been done.

The Board of Directors reviewed this slate at the March 16, 2016 Board Meeting.

Latonya Charles, LMSW, President

NASW-LA BOARD SLATE 2016-2017 STATEWIDE POSITIONS:

President Elect	Ron McClain
Vice President	Martha Forbes Carolyn Read
BSW Member at Large	Vacant
BSW Student	Ginnipher Spencer
MSW Student	Jasmine Wilson

Regional Positions:

New Orleans Regional Rep	Vacant
Florida Parishes Regional Chair	Adrienne Garner
Baton Rouge Regional Chair	Vacant
Lafayette Regional Chair	Vacant
Lake Charles Regional Chair	Vacant
Shreveport Regional Chair	Vacant

CCNLI - (Chapter Committee on Nominations & Leadership Identification):

New Orleans Region	Vacant
Florida Parishes Region	Carrie Mercke
Baton Rouge Region	Vacant
Lafayette Region	Tracy Auzenne
Monroe Region	Courtney Payton

If you are interested in being considered for the Nomination Slate, the process is as follows:

The petition process allows members to add their name to the slate by submitting a petition to the CCNLI Committee within 30 days of the announcement.

PETITION PROCESS REQUIREMENTS:

- For a statewide position, the petition must include signatures from at least 2% of the total number of chapter members. Of that total, 2% must come from each of a majority of the branches in the chapter.
- For a branch position, the petition must include signatures representing 2% of the total number of branch members.
- The CCNLI must verify that petition signers are members of the Association, the chapter, and in the case of branch positions, the appropriate branch.
- The CCNLI must verify that the petition contains the number of eligible signatures required for the specific position for which it has been submitted.

ASI's Member Care Unit

Starting Monday, June 2nd, we will bring to our headquarters in Frederick, MD., the call center operations for our Professional Liability Insurance, now called ASI's Member Care Unit.

Our phone number will remain the same (1.855.385.2160), however there will be a few changes that will add great value to our phone operations:

- ◆ Our members will now be able to be transferred directly to a Licensed Insurance Specialist for additional assistance, or to one of our policy administrators for group insurance information.
- ◆ Our hours of operation will be Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am- to 5:00 pm Eastern Time, and members who need after-hours assistance will have the option to email us for urgent matters.

Ethics Questions & Dilemmas

As a service to members, the Office of Ethics and Professional Review (OEPR) provides ethics consultations for current NASW members. Ethic consultations are a resource for members who are experiencing an ethical dilemma. We do not provide advice or tell members what to do. However, we do guide them through the Code and point them to the areas of the Code that address their concerns. We provide dialogue and considerations that allow members to make ethical decisions. We may also refer members to the appropriate areas if their questions do not appear to be related to ethics but are more related to legal issues or standards of practice.

Hours & Contact Info
(800) 638-8799 ext. 231

Beginning Monday, January 5, 2015, ethics consultations will be provided as follows:

Mondays & Wednesdays
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (ET) Ext 223

Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00 am - 1:00 pm (ET) Ext 231

RENEW ONLINE! Fast, Easy, Convenient



NASW members can renew their memberships online. If your membership expires within the next three months, you are eligible for online renewal.

1. Go to www.socialworkers.org
2. Click on "Member Log In."
3. Enter your NASW username and password.
4. Click on "Member Center."
5. Click on "Renew your NASW Membership Online."

You can also renew by phone at 1-800-742-4089.

New Member Application and Renewal Notice Changes

Recently the National Office made changes to the mailing address and fax number on the New Member Application form. A new application is available on the National website at www.socialworkers.org or via the link on the Louisiana Chapter's website at www.naswla.org. The new address is: P.O. Box 791343, Baltimore, MD 21279-1343 and the fax number is 888-551-6096. Please note that membership applications must be mailed to the National Office at the address above.

NASW National Member Center

Your Membership Information Is Important to Us! Help us better serve you by keeping your contact information up-to-date.

If there are address, telephone, or e-mail changes you need to make, designations you need to add, or you need to list your specialty practice, go to the National NASW webpage: www.socialworkers.org and make the changes online.

How can an NASW Member update their Membership Information On Line?

The national office of NASW has announced that an NASW member can update their membership information on line and help to keep your information up to date and current.

The steps are as follows:

Go to www.socialworkers.org

Click on "member's login" and log in.

Click on "update your member profile".

Click on "edit" to update.

Make the changes and click "submit" to complete the process.

By each member making the necessary changes to their information, this will not only make sure that they receive the information from the National office in a timely manner, but from their Chapter office also as we receive your address information from National on a monthly basis.

If you have any problems with the online update, please contact the National office at 1-800-638-8799 and ask for Membership.

If you do not have access to a computer to update your information online you can call the Louisiana Chapter office at (225)346-1234 or (800)899-1984 or email them at info@naswla.org, with the information that needs to be changed or fax the information to (225)346-5035.

Please act now! We need to know how to find you!

Thank You, The Staff and Board of the Louisiana NASW Chapter

National Social Work Finder – Important Update

The Finder connects consumers with licensed social workers quickly at www.HelpStartsHere.org. The Finder is free to the consumer and is an excellent opportunity for licensed social workers to promote their services, practice and organization. Listings cost \$25.00. This fee is waived for social workers with a current Qualified Clinical Social Worker (QCSW) credential - another benefit for NASW members.

It is important that Licensed MSW and BSW social workers register on the [National Social Worker Finder](http://www.HelpStartsHere.org) online search tool and take advantage of the benefits. The success of the Finder will help ensure the success of the new consumer Website – www.HelpStartsHere.org – and the National Social Work Public Education Campaign.

The public benefits. Social workers benefit. Your chapter benefits.

Members Only Legal Consultation

The Office of General Counsel in the NASW national office has created a new members-only consultation phone line.

Members-Only Legal Consultation Calls: Calls are answered Monday through Thursday from 11:00 to 4:30 ET. All members should be referred through Member Services (800) 742-4089, or directly to the Consultation Line at (202) 408-8600, ext. 592. The member can leave a message, and the call will be returned from the Office of General Counsel. The member can also leave an email address so that resources can be provided if appropriate.

NASW-LA Welcomes New Members

Alexandria Region

Reese, Charlotte
Whittington, Brittany

Baton Rouge Region

Egge, Ryle
Hamilton, Suzanne
Hill, Carolyn
Langford, Jamie
Pooler, Shambrielle
Smith, Ernesha
Spencer, Ginnipher
Washington, Armisha
Williams, Mallori

Florida Parishes Region

Carter, Lori
Dewey, Caroline

Houma Thibodaux Region

Klingman, Catherine

Lafayette Region

Andrus, Laura
Hall, Chasity
Walsh, Mya

Monroe Region

Howell, Matthew
Jones, Toni
Venzant, Laketria

New Orleans Region

Bennett, Demetrica
Butler, Christine
Corley, Tabitha
Harrison, Isabelle
Mack, Nicole
Morales, Phoenix
Otto-Berglund, Morgan
Smith, Vurtonya
Thompson, Theodore
Weiss, Betsy

Shreveport Region

Dennis, Cassandra
Smith, Michelle

Welcome to all of our new members.

We look forward to meeting you at our regional meetings, sponsored workshops and the annual conference.

Check the NASW-LA website out at www.naswla.org.

Attend the regional meetings and get involved. Volunteer opportunities are available, check with your Regional Chair.

Benefits of NASW-LA Membership

- Be a part of the largest organization of professional social workers in the United States. We have over 130,000 in U.S. and Louisiana has 2,000 members.
- Since we are accessible on more of a local level, there is more opportunity to go to educational and networking meetings and conferences.
- Great way to build your network of colleagues and friends.
- Plus, for members only, you get many discounts and services, such as workshops and annual conference, car rental, hotel, credit cards, etc.
- NASW has a liability insurance that can cover you if there should ever be a time that a client may file a grievance.
- There is also other insurance offered including group term life, long-term liability, hospital daily cash, or accidental death & dismemberment.
- NASW gets involved in legislative issues that affect their members and the member's clients. We also, have PACE (Political Action Candidate Election) to help elect people to political office that has the same type of values that the social work profession needs.

Join NASW On-Line at www.socialworkers.org or call 1-800-638-8799 for a mailed application.



Social Workers
Help starts here.

National Association of Social Workers – Louisiana Chapter
700 North 10th Street – Suite 200 – Baton Rouge, LA 70802
225-346-1234 * (Fax) 225-346-5035 * 800-899-1984

Continuing Education Program

Karen D. Smith, Program Director

Work has begun on the 2016-2017 NASW-LA CEU Program. Call for Proposals have gone out and are due back to the Chapter Office by June 1, 2016. Location and Dates have been established and the workshops are being assigned to the various regions. If you or someone you know would like to participate in the CEU Program, have them visit the NASW-LA website at www.naswla.org under Continuing Education, Sponsored Education and then click on the 2016-2017 Call for Proposal.

We are in the last two (2) months of the 2015-2016 Program and many of the workshops are filling up. If you still need to obtain your CEUs prior to June 30, sign up now.

Thank you to everyone that has participated this past year and we look forward to next year. Thanks for your support.

Annual Conference 2016

Karen D. Smith, Program Director

Thanks to everyone that attended, presented, volunteered and worked the 2016 NASW-LA Annual Conference. All of the CEU Reporting Forms have been processed and mailed to the attendees that submitted theirs either at the conference or mailed them in. We show that approximately 60 have not submitted their forms for processing and their certificate. If you are one of those 60 please send yours in now so that we can process and get your certificate to you prior to June 30, 2016.

The staff have completed the Evaluations of all of the workshops and the Overall Conference. Overall the results show that the conference earned a 93% approval rating. Thank you to all of you that turned in your evaluation forms as this helps us plan for next year.

As we have done in the past we will address some of the most common comments from the evals. The one that got the most comments was in regards to the rooms being cold. We address this with the hotel each year and this coming year we will look at what the hotel set the thermostat on for 2015 and what they set it on for 2016 and come to a median. In 2015 we received onsite complaints that rooms were hot, especially the ballrooms and then this year all rooms were too cold. We will work on this to come to a happy median. Another issue was the parking cost at the parking lot next to the hotel. We were as surprised as the attendees to find out that they company that owns the lot, which is a private company had increase the charge for parking for our event. We do not know who talked to who and the price was reduced the next day, but we thank them and next year we will address this with the hotel and the private company ahead of time to see what can be worked out.

The third most frequent comment was in regards to the location of the conference. Two years in advance we send out a request for proposals to all of the hotels in the state that can accommodate a large group. In reviewing the responses, we take into consideration that the majority of the membership does not want to travel past Lafayette to attend the conference. Then some of the responses while they have meeting space for all of our workshops, they do not have onsite hotels to accommodate the attendees, thus many would have to travel to the conference site each day. In regards to New Orleans, we continue to work with the New Orleans hotels however, at this time there is not a hotel that has enough meeting rooms so that we can offer a conference where an attendee can get all of their CEU hours, nor do they want to reduce the price of the hotel rooms to what we are paying or lower than Baton Rouge as March is a high tourist time for them. Also, the parking in New Orleans is \$30.00 to \$45.00 a day. Many of your comments were in regards to the Marriott Hotel in Baton Rouge and why we don't change the location back to there. Well, first of all the Marriott has not submitted a proposal for a number of years, as they hotel had changes in management and needed some work. The Marriott has expressed an interest in us coming back to them and will respond for 2018 when the Request for Proposal goes out. They are upgrading the hotel throughout, however the 2nd Floor meeting rooms will continue to be two-tiered and the parking lot that we were able to use in the past has been sold and the new owner will be building another hotel on that lot. As we do each year, once the Request for Proposals are received and we analysis them against each other, we will submit this information to the Annual Conference committee and they will make a recommendation to the board and then the board will vote on which venue is best for NASW-LA.

We thank you all for your comments and suggestions and as we begin planning for 2017. We work very hard to incorporate all of the comments and suggestions into our planning and the overall conference and are very appreciative of the support that you all give us by attending and commenting. Thank you so much and we will see you in 2017 if not before. Take care.

2017 NASW-LA Annual Conference March 15 - 17, 2017

NASW Membership

Founded in 1955, NASW is the largest professional social work organization in the United States. Like the more than 130,000 members who call NASW their professional home, you can access resources that will enhance your professional growth in every phase of your career. From training and CE credits to credentials to ethical and legal guidance, NASW provides the information you need.

NASW BENEFITS	VALUE
Membership in your local NASW Chapter , with access to newsletters, events, and networking	\$95
10 issues of NASW News	\$35
4 issues of Social Work , the profession's premier journal]	\$107
Free or discounted CE credits through NASW online Continuing Education	\$450
Local and national discounts on conferences and events	\$100*
Discounts on HIPAA compliance training	\$30
Monthly national e-newsletter, MemberLink, covering advocacy, professional development, awards, member discounts, career opportunities, social work news and much more	\$41
Discounted rates just for members on insurance from NASW Assurance Services	
TOTAL SAVINGS	\$850+

*The value of some benefits will vary based on member usage. This example is based on average usage.

Visit the National NASW website at www.socialworkers.org for more information on Membership benefits, changes and payment options. Once there you will need to log in with your National NASW username and password. If you have forgotten it, you can call the National Office at 1-800-742-4089.

As an NASW member, you have access to tools and resources that will help you advance your career, protect your practice, connect with peers, and advocate for social work. Through membership, you have what you need to practice with confidence. Read the NASW News, search the Social Work Journal online, access HIPAA resources, forms and policies, reference Legal Issues of the Month, review SocialWorkers.org for practice updates, and visit your Chapter website. Take a minute to check out these free member resources to ensure you are getting the most for your membership. Best of all, your NASW membership is two for one, you receive the benefits of both national and your state chapter. Stay informed of the latest professional news and upcoming national and local events. Become a member or renew today. The benefits are endless.

LABSWE Ruling On Diagnosing A Child Without Seeing Them



LOUISIANA STATE BOARD *of* SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

APR 25 REC'D

April 19, 2016

Janice K. Zube, DOE Liason to CSOC
Department of Health & Hospitals
P. O. Box 629
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Dear Ms. Zube:

The Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners recently received an inquiry relative to school social workers diagnosing a child without ever seeing the child. The inquirer indicated that the Department of Education is using a letter written by the board dated April 10, 2012, in which we indicate that there are no ethical concerns with using behavioral health service codes and rates as set by Medicaid when billing Medicaid for services, to direct social workers to use information from the multidisciplinary evaluation and discussion with PA members to select the most appropriate diagnosis.

The purpose of this letter is to advise that it is unethical for a social worker to diagnosis a student without seeing the child. Board members asked that I provide you with Rule 111(G)(2), (3).

2. A social worker shall not represent by signature or any other means the extent of his/her participation in the provision of services (such as psychosocial evaluation, assessment, diagnosis, treatment plan, progress note or report) unless the social worker has formulated the psychosocial evaluation, assessment, diagnosis, treatment plan, progress note or report through direct contact with the client who provided the information included in the record.

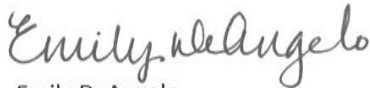
3. A social worker shall not conspire or collude with another person or entity to misrepresent by signature or any other means the extent of his/her participation in the social worker's provision of services.

18550 HIGHLAND ROAD, SUITE B, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809
Phone: 225-756-3470 or in LA 1-800-521-1941 Fax: 225-756-3472
Email: socialwork@labswe.org Web Site: <http://www.labswe.org>

LABSWE Ruling On Diagnosing A Child Without Seeing Them – Cont

Please submit any questions you may have regarding social work practice and ethics to the board office. It will be added to a board meeting agenda for consideration and a response.

Sincerely,



Emily DeAngelo
Administrator

ED

✓C: Carmen Weisner, LCSW
Executive Director of NASW-LA Chapter

NASW-LA School Social Workers Launch Facebook Page

NASW-LA has a facebook page which you can request to join. It is listed under: **Louisiana NASW**. We have over 1220 members.

The School Social Work Network of NASW-LA decided to create their own facebook page and it is listed under:

NASW-Louisiana School Social Work Network

There are 28 members at this time.

Join both today to keep up with current information and events in NASW-LA and/or the School Social Work Network.

Thanks!!!



Leading Mental Health Organizations Urge an End to Harmful 'Religious Freedom' Laws

April 20, 2016 – The nation's leading mental health professional organizations are expressing dismay over the spate of recent bills and laws that would allow for individuals and businesses to deny services, employment and housing to LGBT people under the guise of religious freedom. Other states are proposing and enacting laws that would require transgender people to use public restrooms based on their sex assigned at birth. Also of serious concern is a bill recently passed by the Tennessee General Assembly that would allow mental health professionals to deny services to LGBT people based on a counselor's religious beliefs.

These bills and laws run counter to the adopted policies of our organizations, which essentially state that we do not condone discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, or physical or emotional disability.

Discrimination Negatively Affects Mental Health

Studies confirm that discrimination, bias and prejudice have negative consequences on one's mental health and overall well-being. Specifically, research has linked anti-LGBT discrimination to increased risk of depression, anxiety and substance use. And studies show that lesbian, gay and bisexual youth are up to six times more likely to attempt suicide while 41 percent of transgender people report having made a suicide attempt.

It is important to note that several studies also show marked increases in overall physical and mental health when governments enact laws and policies, such as the executive orders recently signed by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf that strengthen equality for LGBT people. Community and family acceptance has also been shown to contribute significantly to fewer occurrences of depression, anxiety and suicidality for LGBT youth.

Our organizations have strong ongoing commitments to promote the health and well-being of LGBT adults and youth; to eliminate violence against LGBT people; and to support full equality in areas such as marriage, employment, housing, public accommodation, military service, licensing, parenting, adoptions and access to legal benefits.

We urge states to reject these harmful and discriminatory bills and to repeal such laws that have already passed.

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American Psychiatric Association:

The American Psychiatric Association is a national medical specialty society whose more than 36,500 physician members specialize in the diagnosis, treatment, prevention and research of mental illnesses, including substance use disorders.

American Psychoanalytic Association:

The American Psychoanalytic Association is a professional organization of psychoanalysts with approximately 3,300 active members. The Association is comprised of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, educators, researchers, and students who have an interest in psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic therapy. Visit www.apsa.org for more information.

National Association of Social Workers:

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW), in Washington, DC, is the largest membership organization of professional social workers with 130,000 members. It promotes, develops, and protects the practice of social work and social workers. NASW also seeks to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities through its advocacy.

American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work:

The American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work promotes psychoanalytic education, advances clinical social work, facilitates the production and dissemination of knowledge, and advocates for high standards of practice.

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Judge Sol Gothard Honored by Case Western Reserve University

Judge Sol Gothard (JD, MSW, ACSW) was inducted into the Hall of Achievement of the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University, where he earned his MSW. The Hall of Achievement honors those who have greatly impacted the school and fields of social work for the past 100 years. He was previously honored by Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences as "Alumnus of the Year." He is also a "People's Health Champion," sponsored by People's Health Insurance Company; recipient of the "Sol Gothard Lifetime Achievement Award" from the National Organization of Forensic Social Work; and "Social Work Pioneer" from the Foundation of the National Association of Social Work. Judge Gothard is also an adjunct Professor of Social Work and Law at Tulane University Graduate School of Social Work. Over the years he has lectured and written on behalf of our organization.

Legal Issue of the Month: End-of-Life Decision Making

Social workers often play an integral role in promoting an individual's self-determination in end-of-life decision making. This Legal Issue of the Month discusses the NASW policy statement and some of the legal documents and terminology social workers may encounter when working with individuals and families facing end-of-life decisions. The article can be found on the Legal Defense Fund webpage at https://www.socialworkers.org/ldf/legal_issue/2015/End_of_Life_Decision_Making_FINAL.asp?back=yes

The Legal Issue of the Month articles are prepared by Legal Defense Fund legal staff to provide information to NASW members about legal topics of interest to social workers.

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NASW CODE OF ETHICS SUMMARY

The Code identifies core values on which social work's mission is based, summarizes ethical principles that reflect the profession's core values, establishes a set of specific ethical standards that guide social work practice, and provides the basis on which the public can hold a practitioner accountable. The Code of Ethics is available online in its entirety at socialworkers.org/pubs/code.

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I hereby affirm and agree that I will abide by the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers and agree to submit to professional review proceedings for any alleged violation of the same in accordance with NASW bylaws. I further understand that falsification of the contents of this application, conviction of a felony, or revocation of social work licensure may be grounds for rejection and/or termination of my Association membership and revocation of any and all benefits resulting therefrom.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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“I think this is a terrific new benefit for our members”, said Carmen Weisner, NASW-LA Executive Director. “Participating in EAPrefer can provide an excellent opportunity for our members to build their private practice or supplement their existing income, with a program tailored to fit their schedule.”

EAPrefer has made it easy for members to participate by prescreening and negotiating with select EAP network providers in Louisiana to provide fair compensation. EAPrefer has also reduced much of the paperwork and administrative burden by creating an easy system for members to sign up and begin receiving referrals.

To learn more about EAPrefer, requirements for participation, and to sign up please visit www.eaprefer.org or call 866-307-2325 to speak with a representative.

EAPrefer™ is a program of NASW Assurance Services Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW).

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS for FY 2016-17 National Appointed Leadership Positions

The NASW national office is seeking nominations for the national appointed leadership positions that will become vacant as of June 30, 2016. We are looking for a racially and ethnically diverse pool of applicants who are willing to use their knowledge and expertise to effect change. To submit a nomination or to nominate someone, please go to: <http://goo.gl/3w74we>.

Included is the list of committees/boards that will have one or more vacancies as of June 30, 2016. To learn about the responsibilities of each committee, please visit socialworkers.org/governance/default.asp and click on a committee to review its charge.

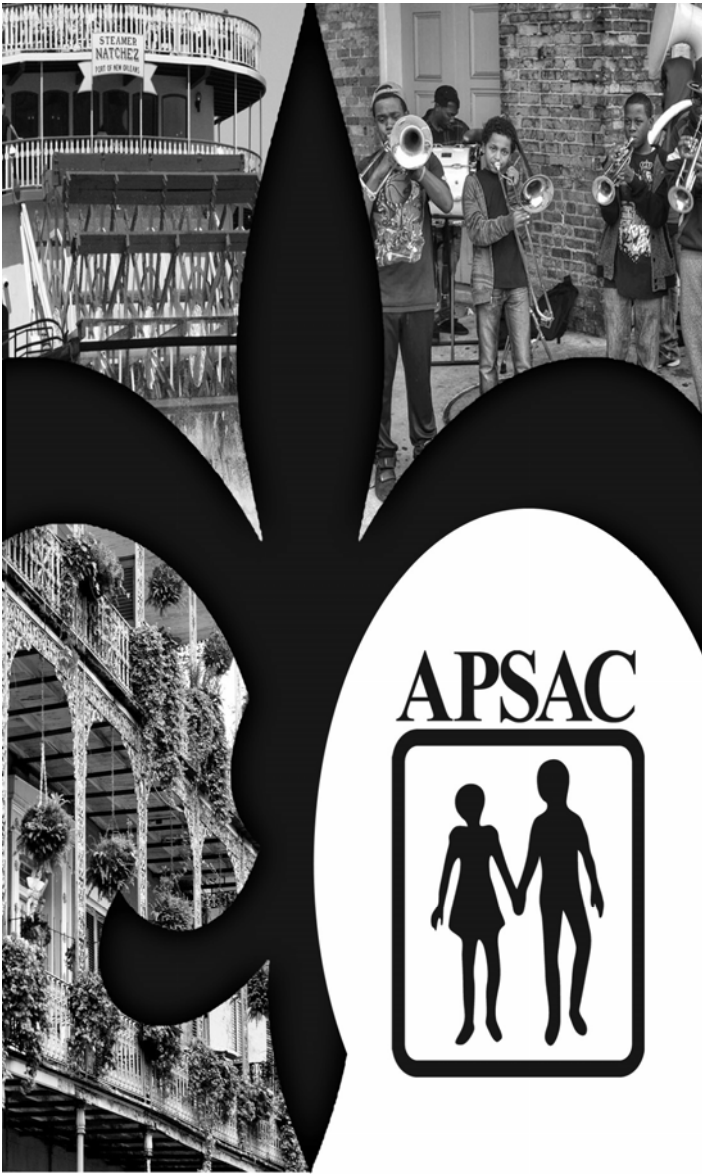
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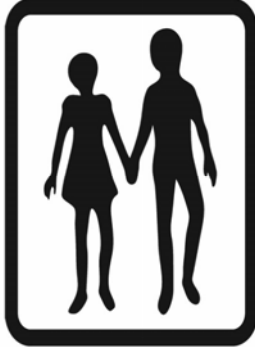
The deadline for receipt of nominations for this appointment cycle is June 30, 2016. Each nominee must be a member in good standing, i.e., their NASW membership must be current and there should be no pending sanctions.



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Presenter: Karlyn LeBlanc, LMSW, obtained her Bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University and her Masters from Tulane School of Social Work. Her career began 17 years ago, counseling and assessing for depression, anxiety, grief therapy, behavioral problems, anger management, chemical dependency, mental disorders, and other psychosocial issues. LeBlanc also supervised numerous licensed social workers, facilitated support groups, and coordinated local community outreach fundraisers and events for over a decade. Currently, Karlyn LeBlanc is an entrepreneur, motivational & professional development speaker, and bestselling author who speaks regularly at various conferences and events around the country.

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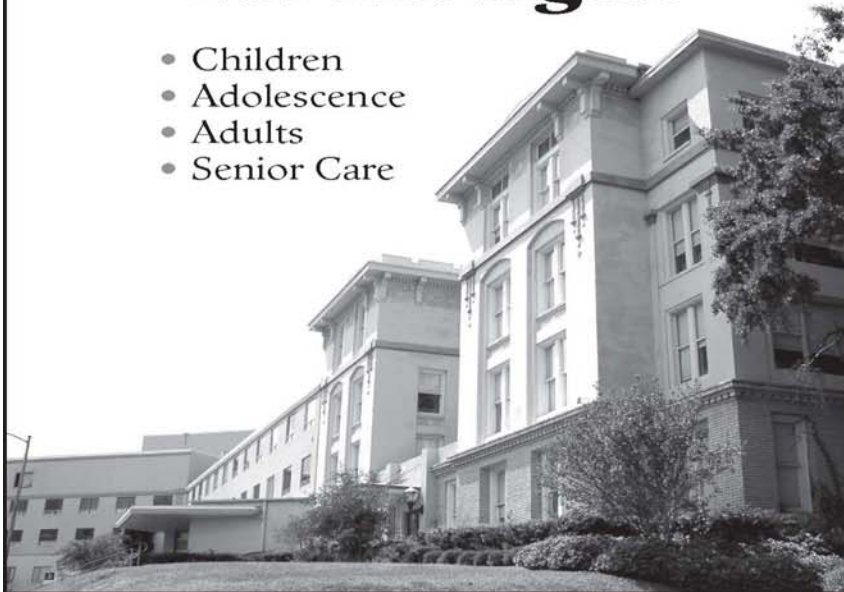
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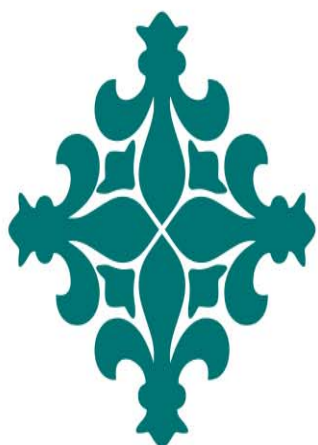
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Both websites can be accessed for information by going to www.socialworkers.org or www.naswla.org. However, some information and registering for workshops requires you to be a member and you must log in. You have a separate log in for the National Office and the NASW-LA Office. You can contact the National office by calling 1-800-742-4089 and you can contact the NASWLA Chapter Office by calling 1-800-899-1984.

The National Office updated their system at the beginning of July 2014. There was a small group of users whose logins/passwords caused an error during the process. These were passwords that were less than 6 characters. If you had a password with less than 6 characters or are having problems logging into the National website, then please contact call the National Office number listed above.

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- Provided a reference from an MSW colleague;
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- and Agreed to adhere to the NASW *Code of Ethics*, the NASW *Standards for School Social Work Practice*, and the NASW *Standards for Continuing Professional Education*, and are subject to the NASW adjudication process.

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DIA LEARNING PRESENTS: 5 NEW ON-LINE CONTINUING EDUCATION ETHICS COURSES FOR NASW-LOUISIANA

DIA Learning announces 5 programs now available in our ethics education series. Each course is approved for **12** Educational Hours for Social Workers by the NASW-Louisiana Chapter. The course topics are: Persistent Vegetative State (The Schiavo case), Patient Safety, Dying Well (End of Life Care), Stem Cell Research and NICU (Issues of Life and Death). The courses were developed with the busy professional in mind and contain high quality video documentary, text and quiz components. The courses can be accessed from any computer and completed at your own pace. The cost of each course is \$120. To sign up for or test drive the courses, logon to <http://ethicsprograms.com> or contact Dan Mueckl at danmueckl@dialearning.com or 314-533-4327.

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