

MARCH 2011

Dear NASW WI members:

I hope you are all enjoying the beginning of spring in Wisconsin! I begin this letter with several deadlines occurring this week.

LOBBY DAY DEADLINE: MARCH 30TH

Are you angry about the proposed 2011-2012 state budget? If so come to Lobby Day on April 13th and express your concerns directly to your State Senator and State Representative. The registration deadline is tomorrow March 30th. You can register on-line at <https://www.eplevents.com/Event.aspx?l=1&c=1&evt=9444cb40-8638-4212-851f-a1ff2941ca72>

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS DEADLINE MARCH 31ST

Do you have an expertise that you would like to share in a workshop at our 2011 annual conference? If so please send in the Call for Abstracts by March 31st to the chapter office. If you need more time, please contact me marcherstand@tds.net

REIMBURSEMENT FOR CAPSW'S WORKING AT STATE REGULATED OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS COULD BEGIN IN APRIL

NASW WI has been told by a DHS (Department of Health Services) staff member that they hope to have procedures in place in April to begin reimbursement of CAPSW's (Certified Advanced Practice Social Workers) and other "qualified treatment trainees". NASW WI had requested this change from DHS in order to increase access for clients as well as work opportunities for entry level MSW graduates.

IF YOU WORK FOR MORE THAN ONE CLINIC AND ARE A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER: PLEASE READ!

The newly implemented MA coverage for LCSWs outside DHS certified clinics has been complicated by: 1) the need to use only individual NPI #'s and not clinic NPI #'s on claims; and 2) the subsequent rule that providers that work for more than one employer, must choose only one at which to receive reimbursements. That is, you cannot be a Medicaid/Medical Assistance provider at more than one clinic.

NASW WI's Professional Standards & Regulation Committee wants to fight this new rule or procedure. If this rule affects you, please send a letter of concern to me at marcherstand@tds.net and I will deliver a packet of letters of concern on this issue to the Department of Health Services

NASW WI OPPOSES GOVERNOR WALKER'S PROPOSED 2011-2013 STATE BUDGET

NASW WI has registered in opposition to Governor Walker's 2011-2013 state budget. NASW WI is concerned about the disproportionate impact of the budget on low and moderate income families. Governor's Walker's budget bill includes major cuts to; Medicaid, school aid, the Earned Income Tax Credit for low income wage earners, child care for low income wage earners, local transit, family planning services and support for W-2 families. The state budget is one of the 2011 lobby day priority issues

VOTER ID BILL

NASW WI submitted written testimony in opposition to the Voter ID bill (Senate bill 6 and Assembly Bill 7) which would require Wisconsin residents to produce a picture ID in order to vote. This bill could disenfranchise and/or create huge barriers to voting for students, elderly, poor and minority residents who don't have a Wisconsin driver's license. The bill, unlike previous bills, will not accept student photo ID's. For more information on this bill contact Jeni Frazier at the NASW WI office toll-free at (866) 462-7994 or (608) 257-6334 or by email at naswwiintern@tds.net.

CONCEAL CARRY LEGISLATION

NASW WI and the Wisconsin Anti-Violence Education Effort (WAVE) have recently formed a statewide coalition to oppose and/or obtain training and exemptions to expected legislation that would allow Wisconsin residents to carry a concealed weapon. If you would like to help efforts to oppose conceal carry legislation, or if you would like to see an exemption so that a concealed weapon cannot be taken into your agency, please contact either Marc Herstand at the NASW WI office at marcherstand@tds.net or by phone at (608) 257-6334 or contact Heidi Rose or Jeri Bonavia at WAVE in Milwaukee at (414) 351-9283 or wave@WaveEdFund.org

NASW WI ORGANIZES COALITION IN OPPOSITION TO BILL UNDERMINING MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

NASW WI is leading an effort to organize a coalition in opposition to a proposed bill by State Senator Leah Vukmir and State Representative John Nygren that would have the effect of eliminating almost all health insurance mandates under Wisconsin law including mental health parity, autism treatment, diabetes treatment, kidney disease treatment, breast reconstruction after a mastectomy, HIV/AIDS treatment and others. Under NASW WI's leadership, members of the New Day Coalition have been contacting agencies and association that focus on these and other health conditions and asking them to join efforts in opposition to this bill. If you would like to help, please contact me at marcherstand@tds.net.

JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES STATEWIDE BUDGET HEARINGS

The Legislative Joint Finance Committee has announced the following public hearings on Governor Walker's 2011-2013 state budget:

April 7: Stevens Point (10:00 am - 6:00 pm)

University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point
Less S. Dreyfus University Center
Melvin R. Laird Room (Room 230)
1015 Reserve St.
Stevens Point, WI 54481

April 8: Minong (10:00 am - 6:00 pm)

Northwood School
Richard's Auditorium
N14463 Highway 63
Minong, WI 54859

April 11: Milwaukee (10:00 am - 6:00 pm)

Wisconsin State Fair Park
Expo Center, Hall A
8200 W. Greenfield Ave.
West Allis, WI 53214

April 13: Arcadia (10:00 am - 6:00 pm)

Arcadia High School
Auditorium
756 Raider Dr
Arcadia, WI 54612

WISCONSIN SOCIAL WORKERS PAC ENDORSES KLOPPENBERG, RECALL OF REPUBLICAN SENATORS

Wisconsin Social Workers PAC, the political arm of NASW WI, has endorsed Joanne Kloppenburg in the April 5th Supreme Court race. For more information about Joanne Kloppenburg, go to <http://www.kloppenburgforjustice.com/>

Wisconsin Social Worker PAC has also endorsed the recall of the eight Republican Senators who voted for the budget repair bill and the elimination of collective bargaining rights for local, county and state employees. If you would like to assist in the recall efforts, go to <http://www.recalltherepublican8.com/>

2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS CONFIRMED

Jeane Anastas, the national NASW President-elect and Leslie Ann Howard, the Executive Director of United Way of Dane County, have been confirmed as the 2011 NASW WI annual conference keynote speakers. NASW WI's 2011 annual conference will take place on September 12-14, 2011 at the Sheraton Madison Hotel, 706 John Nolen Drive, Madison. Registration for NASW WI's 2011 annual conference will begin in July.

2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE TOWN HALL MEETING TO FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION AND SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

What is considered ethical social work practice with undocumented immigrants in Wisconsin? What is the focus of the immigration rights movement in Wisconsin today? How is immigration affecting communities throughout Wisconsin? These are some questions that will be addressed at NASW WI's 2011 "Town Hall Meeting", which will take place at the 2011 Annual Conference on Tuesday September 13, 2011 at the Sheraton Madison Hotel.

CEH OPPORTUNITIES IN WISCONSIN

The Rice Lake Round Table will meet on Wednesday evenings at Lehman's Supper Club in Rice Lake. Meetings will be held every other month on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:00PM. The scheduled dates are; May 18, July 20, September 20 and November 15. These meetings are open to all licensed mental health professionals. Modest fees may be applied for CEH certificates.

NEW REDESIGN OF NASW WI WEBSITE

We have completely redesigned our website (www.naswwi.org) to make it more attractive and user friendly. We welcome your input.

NASW PUBLISHES NEW PRACTICE PERSPECTIVES

The national office of NASW has published the following new practice perspectives that are available to members:

- Domestic Violence and Women of Color: Complex Dynamics
- Advocating for Clinical Social Workers: Highlights of 2010
- Practice Perspectives: 2011 Medicare Changes for Clinical Social Workers

To obtain copies of these practice perspectives go to NASW's website at socialworkers.org

NASW WI STARTS PILOT JOB LISTING SERVICE TO MEMBERS

Following our annual conference, NASW WI's interns started a job listing service for members. Any member who requests to participate in this job listing service will receive information on any job that gets emailed to us. If you are interested in participating in this service, please email Laurel Schmidt at naswwiintern@tds.net

WHAT HAS NASW WI DONE FOR ME RECENTLY? WE HAVE YOUR BACK OR WHAT NASW WI AND ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DO TO HELP INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS EVERY DAY.

Many members are unaware of the many services provided to NASW WI members by the Wisconsin Chapter and me. They may also be unfamiliar with the many activities conducted by NASW WI on behalf of its members. These two attachments, which can also be read on the NASW WI blog, address these questions.

TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN'S ISSUES

The Task Force on Children's Issues is a forum for discussion among NASW WI members with an interest in issues affecting children. The primary vehicle for discussion is the Facebook group, where members can post information, discussion or events. If there is momentum to get more involved in an issue ad hoc phone or in-person meetings can be held to delve more deeply on a topic and/or plan potential advocacy. Once you are confirmed as a member of NASW WI you will be given access to the group. For more information on the Task Force, please contact co-chairs Raelene Freitag RFreitag@mw.nccd-crc.org or Karen Jick kjick@sbcglobal.net

NASW WI TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN'S ISSUE AND CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM

The NASW WI Task Force on Children's Issues will act as the liaison for NASW WI to the Child Death Review (CDR) Team of Wisconsin. The team is an appointed multidisciplinary advisory body comprised of pediatricians, social service administrators, attorneys, state agency representatives, health care professionals, child advocates, coroners and medical examiners to review all child deaths in the state. Each county or coalition of counties is to host its own team at the local level.

The CDR team is currently working on new legislative policy and has invited NASW –WI to assist in supporting and promoting the legislation to have statutory status for the CDR, to collect uniform data, to provide local teams with improved access to critical information and to support prevention activities.

For more information please contact Task Force co-chair Karen Jick at kjick@sbcglobal.net.

NASW WI TO SWITCH TO ON-LINE NEWSLETTER

In order to be more environmentally conscious and to save money, NASW WI will switch to an on-line newsletter in 2011. Those members who are unable to receive our e-newsletter can still receive a hard copy of the e-newsletter, upon request.

HOW TO UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IN THE NASW DATABASE

In order to receive this e-newsletter and other critical emails from the Wisconsin Chapter of NASW, your correct email must be in the national NASW data base. To update your email or other information on the national NASW data base, please following the directions listed below:

Go to www.socialworkers.org/membercenter
Enter your NASW username and password
Go to "Modify/Change Your Profile"
Click on "Your Personal Information" then "Edit"
Update your information and then click "Submit"

Or call Customer Service at 800-742-4089. Have your member number available when you call. You can also use this system to change other personal information such as name or street address.

NASW WI COMPILES LIST OF AGENCIES THAT HIRE CAPSW'S SEEKING 3,000 HOURS OF SUPERVISED CLINICAL PRACTICE

In response to a suggestion from the Wisconsin Social Work Business Summit, NASW WI has compiled a list of agencies in Wisconsin that hire CAPSW's who are seeking 3,000 hours of paid supervised clinical practice. If you are an NASW WI member and would like a copy of this list, please contact the chapter office toll-free at 866-462-7994 or (608) 257-6334 or email naswwi@tds.net.

MENTOR CONTACT PROGRAM

Are you a new social work professional seeking advice, support and/or information from an experienced social worker in your field? Are you a social work student who would like to learn more about an area of social work? Are you a social worker who is switching your area of practice and need some pointers? If so, NASW WI's mentor contact program can help you! Contact the NASW WI office by phone at (866) 462-7994 or (608) 257-6334 or naswwi@tds.net and we will send you a list of NASW WI members who have agreed to serve as mentor contacts. Once you receive the list you can contact the individual who you would like to serve as your mentor

SIGN UP TO BE AN NASW WI MENTOR!

Are you an experienced social work professional with expertise that you are willing to share with a social work student, new social work professional or social work colleague?

NASW WI has a mentoring contact program. This program is designed to provide a mentoring contact for social work students, new social work professionals, social workers moving to Wisconsin, social workers switching their area of practice and other social workers with questions in an area of expertise. Mentors are NASW WI members with expertise who are willing to be contacted via email or phone from a mentor list compiled by the NASW WI Chapter.

If you are willing to serve as a mentor contact please email me your contact information and area of expertise at marcherstand@tds.net. Please feel free to call me for more information

GETTING INVOLVED, STAYING INFORMED!

To help promote any of the issues listed in this Letter to Members, please call or email me or go to our website and join one of our committees. If you want more information on any of these (or other) issues, please call me toll-free at (866) 462-7994 or (608) 257-6334.

As always, I welcome your feedback and suggestions regarding this monthly e-newsletter or any other NASW WI program or service.

Sincerely yours,

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<https://www.socialworkers.org/membercenter/newsprefs.asp>