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California Social Work Education Center

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<b>Meeting: Evaluation &amp; Research Committee</b>	
Date October 19, 2023	10:00 am – 12 pm
	Burlingame
Attendees	Tyler Arguello, Blake Beecher, Kari Beuerman, Shahla Craggs, E. Maxwell Davis, Cherilyn Haworth, Peter Allen Lee, Mavis Njoo-Lau, Leslie Ponciano
<b>Agenda/Topics</b>	
I. Welcome and Introductions	Chair Kari Beuerman welcomed the Committee.
II. Icebreaker	Kari led the icebreaker, “What are the origins of your name?”
III. Approval of meeting agenda for October 19, 2023, meeting	The agenda for today’s meeting was approved.
IV. Review and approval of April 27, 2023, minutes	The minutes from the April 27, 2023, meeting were approved. Thank you, Cherilyn Haworth, for taking the notes for this meeting.
V. Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for University co-chair. Kari discussed the need to identify a new university partner co-chair for the Committee, since Carolyn McAllister has stepped down as department chair and from her role on the Advisory Board.</li> </ul> <p>Maxwell provided updates on evaluation and research activities at CalSWEC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDSS is modifying its contract with CalSWEC for child welfare work, removing in-service training for child welfare workers but potentially expanding evaluation work focused on links between pre-service and in-service training in child welfare.</li> <li>• The CalSWEC IBH program will launch an MSW Fellowship program for recent MSW graduates who were unable to apply for any behavioral health training and stipend program support between AYs 2019-20 and 2022-23 due to the sunseting of the CalSWEC MHSA Stipend Program.</li> </ul> <p>Committee members provided updates on evaluation and research activities around the state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDSS is interested in what work is being done around including tribes in program and evaluation efforts. The Committee discussed various efforts and initiatives around the State that involve Tribal partnerships and focus on Tribal students and participants.</li> <li>• Peter Allen discussed efforts to increase recruitment of Native American students, leading to discussion of whether there have been increases in tracking/recruitment of Native students and graduates.</li> </ul>
<b>Discussion</b>	
VI. Major Points	The Committee discussed DEIBJ efforts in evaluation and research generally:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee discussed difficulties associated with getting student race/ethnicity data due to university concerns about releasing it and the result that this data is hard to access for evaluation purposes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Example: NASW’s current title protection advocacy efforts are being negatively impacted by lack of access to such data (they cannot demonstrate student diversities).</li> <li>○ BASSC has done some work around this for the Bay Area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Committee discussed the need to gather demographic data from practitioners: Discussion of the need to do a statewide workforce study.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some aggregate federal data is available, but it either includes only LCSWs OR lumps together all master’s level practitioners OR includes anyone whose job title is “social worker” regardless of degree, license, role, etc.</li> <li>• Sacramento State did a study 10+ years ago, but there is nothing current.</li> <li>• CalSWEC was working on developing such a project with NASW-CA before the most recent Executive Director of NASW-CA left her position. External funding would be needed.</li> <li>• Leslie shared that the National Science Foundation Build and Broaden grant might be a useful source for funding to conduct a statewide workforce study, to help increase research around demographics of social workers (next information session about this grant mechanism is on October 27).</li> <li>• The Committee agreed we should investigate this as a possible way to gather more unified demographic data and build a profile of what social work looks like in California.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee discussed related efforts to gather data across different CSU campuses: Agreement that more open discussion about projects/efforts underway at various universities and counties is needed so people are more aware of what is happening statewide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement that it would be great to create a space for partners to come together to discuss project ideas and efforts/opportunities to increase collaboration.</li> <li>• Peter Allen discussed using already established structures (i.e., Title IV-E Summit) to do this, increase outreach and possibly generate data.</li> <li>• Discussion of funding as a barrier to many of these projects moving forward.</li> <li>• Discussion of finding funding for this work within funding for various new HCAI programs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion of this as a way to work on developing connections/pathways that would support increased recruitment and enrollment of non-traditional and underserved students.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Discussion of Mentor Internship Program with the ability for agencies to apply for funding for stipends to be managed at the agency level.</p>
VII. Open forum: Questions, ideas, and updates from	

attendees	
VIII. Adjourn	Next meeting February 15, 2024

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Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Identify new University partner co-chair	All	Next Advisory Board meeting 2-15-24
Investigate the National Science Foundation Build and Broaden grant as useful source for funding to conduct a statewide workforce study		