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Policy & Advocacy Committee	
Date February 10, 2022	Time 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Location Virtual Meeting	
Attendees	Vida Castaneda, Alana Dussell, Gabriela Fischer, Maria Gurrola, Sydney Matlock-Pettus, Stuart Oppenheim, Tina Paddock, Michelle Rainer, Susan Roll, Carolyn Shin, Deborah Son, Jennifer Tucker-Tatlow, Cheryl Whittle
Agenda/Topics	
Introductions	<p>The meeting began with everyone introducing themselves and sharing one policy topic they are watching and/or advocating around at this time.</p> <p>Things we are watching: ICWA, Workforce Development for social workers, AB 1400 – single payer health care, COVID/loosening of restriction/paid sick leave, campuses and schools, SB 908 – debt collection licensing, Tribal Pilot for CalSWEC, CalSWEC Probation partnership, Title Protection, Gerontology, Child Care / School – loss of workforce, Policy advocacy.</p>
Follow-up from October 2021 meeting	There were no corrections or concerns about the minutes- passed.
Land Acknowledgement	<p>There was a follow-up from the previous meeting’s discussion about the concerns regarding UC Berkeley’s collections of ancestors and artifacts from Native tribes. The committee and others have been exploring this issue and seeking ways to ensure the return of these native artifacts. In the CalSWEC Board meeting today there will be a presentation with an update on this critical issue.</p> <p>Related links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shellmound • NAGPRA • Letter from CalSWEC to Dean Burton
News & Updates from NASW – Deborah Son	<p>Governor’s Budget – big news! NASW Statement</p> <p>There were significant allocations in the Governor’s budget for social work, thanks to NASW and allies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$210 million allocated for social work training. \$90 million allocated for healthcare entry level workforce – may include MH stipend. • \$40 million for social work specifically. • \$60 million for multi-language jobs. <p>NASW is working with allied professions on how this will all roll -out, including SEIU and the Welfare Directors.</p> <p>Also, Deborah presented on a few key pieces of legislation in development:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCSW access being enhanced in the workman’s compensation system so that behavioral health treatment with a clinical social worker does not necessitate a physician referral - adds capacity for a system that is overtaxed. • Kaiser approached NASW to consider a bill to reduce the number of clinical hours required for licensure IF those hours are completed in a medical or healthcare setting – there was a discussion with many concerns shared on this issue, including concerns about reciprocity, over-emphasis of clinical practice at the expense of the broader social work skills, field hours are so varied in terms of skill development, many programs take a generalist approach, there are serious concerns about equity and access – both for the social workers themselves and those who can access services. It is clear that Kaiser has an agenda and that may be at the expense of our clients who do not have access to good healthcare. • Pay for interpreters to work with social workers (like they are for physicians).
Scope of Practice	<p>Finally, we discussed updating the current Scope of Practice for Social Work. NASW will be looking to work on this and will be seeking stakeholder input. The committee reflected on the current Scope and made recommendations for key stakeholders.</p> <p>Current Scope of Practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current scope, “reads like an old textbook.” • It is missing content around: Systems, Critical Race Theory, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Decolonizing social work. • How do we meet our community needs? • Does not reflect philosophical shifts – helper/charitable vs. agents of change. • Where are the voices of recipients of social work services and support? • How do we encapsulate the breadth of our profession? • How do we create a Scope of Practice that accurately represents our profession and is also useful and strategic for future legislation and legislative efforts? <p>Ideas for key stakeholder meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools of Social Work – maybe a class assignment. • Reimagining the future of social work (Jose Paez CSU Northridge). • Community practitioners – clinicians and community practitioners. • Community members.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline