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Policy & Advocacy Committee	
Date February 4, 2021	Time 9:30-11:00 a.m.
Location Virtual Meeting	
Attendees	Vida Castaneda, Gabriela Fischer, Tina Paddock, Katie Perry, Susan Roll, Carolyn Shin, Deborah Son, Jennifer Tucker-Tatlow
Agenda/Topics	
Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves and named a policy topic they are watching on the national, state or local level. Some included Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), student debt, Family reunification, title protection, and support for Adult Protective Services.
Follow-up from October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed and approved the October 2020 meeting minutes. Shared the Updated California Master Plan on Aging https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/master-plan-for-aging/
News & Updates from NASW – Deborah Son	<p>Deborah gave an overview of things NASW is tracking and advocating on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 Governor’s Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for Initiatives on Aging, i.e. No Wrong Door Policy, California Master Plan, Alzheimer’s resources Behavioral Health – Project Room Key, Expanding MediCal eligibility Legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Child Care SB 224 Mental Health education in schools COLA for Foster Family Agencies AB 256 California Racial Justices Act Social Work Title Protection Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NASW-CA: Healing Meditation & Yoga for Black Social Workers https://www.naswca.org/events/eventdetails.aspx?id=1483518 NASW-CA Student Racial Justice Town Hall: Hosted by NASW-CA Interns https://www.naswca.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1479494&group= More NASW Upcoming events https://www.naswca.org/events/event_list.asp Board of Behavioral Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telehealth Task Force – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key themes both access and quality

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACSW eligibility, allowable settings, supervision, transition time for clients who are new to the State
NASW Lobby Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby Days https://web.cvent.com/event/25d191db-755b-4af9-9515-1bfd2648eda3/summary – registration open • Bills for Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Racial Justice Act ○ What else? – Your suggestions are welcome!
Discussion	
Lobby Days	Possibilities for advocacy include:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 224 Mental Health education in schools – how could this also promote School Social Workers, lessen stigma • Students in Higher Education Basic Needs – Susan to look into • Vaccine distribution and access • Student Debt • OSHPD – mental health stipend support – Susan to follow-up with Maxwell
Vaccine Forum	Possibilities for NASW:
	The Committee discussed the possibility of NASW conducting a Vaccine Forum to educate social workers about the vaccine, myths and facts, how to reach hard to reach populations, how to talk with marginalized communities who have historical reasons for mistrust, unintended consequences of government policy, bolstering mask mandates, varying philosophies of who to vaccinate
Resources shared	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvard article on Vaccine Facts https://www.health.harvard.edu/diseases-and-conditions/preventing-the-spread-of-the-coronavirus • Resolution to Cancel Student Debt https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsGjeakwscgxcM0N5zGWN1EdW68If3IPLm8idZorr4r7SkPg/viewform • Committee Introduces Bipartisan Legislation to Strengthen Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse https://edlabor.house.gov/media/press-releases/committee-introduces-bipartisan-legislation-to-strengthen-prevention-and-treatment-of-child-abuse?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Lobby Days Students in Higher Education Basic Needs	Susan	
Lobby Days OSHPD – mental health stipend support	Susan to follow-up with Maxwell	