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Policy & Advocacy Committee	
Date April 29, 2021	Time 9:30-11:00 a.m.
	Location Virtual Meeting
Attendees	Beverly Buckles, Vida Castaneda, Tory Cox, Gabriela Fischer, Kathryn Kietzman, Stuart Oppenheim, Tina Paddock, Katie Perry, Susan Roll, Carolyn Shin, Deborah Son, Jennifer Tucker-Tatlow, Cheryl Whittle
Agenda/Topics	
Introductions	Everyone introduced themselves and named a policy topic they are watching on the national, state or local level and included: All things social work, police violence / police reform, canceling student debt, census numbers/redistricting, AAPI violence, homelessness, Native Peoples day to replace Columbus Day, gun control, voter suppression, child care, title protection for social workers, vaccine requirements on college campuses, equity in child welfare services, HERF funds & CARES Act, Master Plan for Aging, and older adult mental health.
Follow-up from February	Reviewed and approved the February 2021 meeting minutes.
News & Updates from NASW – Deborah Son	<p>Deborah gave an overview of things NASW is tracking and advocating on NASW-CA has started a Council on Aging</p> <p>Highlights on legislation NASW is tracking and working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lobby days bills – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AB 256 Racial Justice Act for All ▪ AB 1400 Single-payer ▪ AB 71 Bring California HOME ○ AB 118 Crisis Act – alternatives to police ○ SB 224 Mental Health Education ○ Social Workers are Essential ○ SB 537 Requires that Child Welfare agencies collaborate with DV agencies <p>Additional policy topics NASW is working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Title Protection ○ Internship stipends <p>Discussion on paid/stipend internships – Maxwell Davis joined to weigh in on this topic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is going on with MHSA/Mental Health stipend funding? This has been tasked to the Regions. CalSWEC Report on outcomes coming soon. ● There are new stipends being piloted for working with older adults. ● Possible federal funding coming.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maxwell is leading the evaluation of the older adult stipend – developing a proposal for a statewide iteration. • Resource shared: MSW students cite unpaid field positions as contributor to financial instability https://www.michigandaily.com/academics/msw-students-cite-unpaid-field-positions-contributor-financial-instability/ <p>Additional updates from NASW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Work Policy Consortium – launched, may use this group to advance macro social work. • Resources shared: Special Commission to Advance Macro Practice in Social Work https://www.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=789392&module_id=335370 • Vaccine forum – went very well. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The idea for the forum came from this group! Great work, how else might we work closely with NASW on these kinds of programs? • NASW Lobby Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Big success – 1300 registered participants. ○ Possible professional Lobby Days – ideas welcome.
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Discussion – the Committee had two breakout rooms for deeper discussions

Breakout Group

Land acknowledgment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft a Land Acknowledgment from Social Work/CalSWEC (Carolyn Shin suggestion). • Carolyn provided some background and starting places for this work.
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Breakout Group

Post-pandemic practice challenges and opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccine requirement at CSUs and UCs • What are the implications for partners agencies, especially the counties? • What is the role of social work in a pandemic? Add on to Code of Ethics? • New focus on Disaster Case Management - collaborate with Public Health? • Telehealth – what are the implications for practice?
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Resources shared

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Commission to Advance Macro Practice in Social Work https://www.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=789392&module_id=335370

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline