

Meeting: Policy a	nd Advocacy Committee	
Date: February 9, 2023		
Attendees	Alex Brown (NASW-CA), Vida Castaneda (Judicial Council of California), Marjorie Delgadillo (CalSWEC), Kathryn Kietzman (UCLA), Mikevia Kiles (CDSS), Michelle Rainer (Cal Poly Humboldt), Stephanie Schneider (CSU San Bernardino), Carolyn Shin (CalSWEC), Jennifer Tucker-Tatlow (Academy for Professional Excellence), Nick Watson (CSU San Bernardino)	
Agenda/Topics		
I. Welcome and Introductions	Members shared current policy/advocacy topics including the Governor's proposed budget, IDC rates on contracts, AB 2085, funding for the healthcare workforce, CalAIM, advocacy work on behalf of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), SERVE program, ICWA challenges, and AB328.	
II. Review and approval of October 2022 minutes	No edits/additions. Minutes approved. Motion by Vida Castaneda, second by Jennifer Tucker-Tatlow.	
III. Follow-up from last time	<ol> <li>CalSWEC Land Acknowledgement Draft         The Land Acknowledgment will be discussed and voted for adoption at the Advisory Board meeting. The group discussed talking points and recommendations to support CalSWEC schools in adapting this language including:         <ul> <li>Offering a succinct version to use for presentations/events that directs individuals to the full statement.</li> <li>Latest version articulates the land acknowledgment. The committee suggests a separate anti-racism statement to address those components more directly.</li> <li>Recommend CalSWEC develop a resource page to share more about Indigenous people in the state and present-day experiences and share those resources as a link in the document.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Other feedback:         <ul> <li>Connect with a local tribe for feedback on the Land Acknowledgement? Add as reflection during meetings? Pass it to Corrina Gould (Lisjan Ohlone) to look it over to see if anything should be added or changed – primary person for things like this. Start with her and her organization?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
IV. Updates from NASW-CA	<ul> <li>1) State budget updates: Projected deficit of \$22.5 billion for 2023-24. The legislature is committed to not making cuts; Governor is not proposing major cuts to key funding.</li> <li>Last year, the Governor's Proposed Budget also included \$210 million in General Fund dollars for social work training, which includes stipends and scholarships for social work students. This year, the Governor is proposing that under this Social Work Initiative, \$52 million scheduled to be awarded in 2022-23 and 2023- 24 to expand the number of social workers trained in the state would be delayed until 2024-25 (\$26 million)</li> </ul>	

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	<ul> <li>and 2025-26 (\$26 million). This also includes possible delay of the second round of new <u>HCAI SWECE funding</u> for MSW/BASW slots at CSUs and UCs. NASW-CA worked with CWDA and CADD advocating for these dollars and will continue to track progress. Will also share opportunities for participation in spring budget hearings.</li> <li>Resources: <u>https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/lqdqNJJ/naswcanews</u> NASW-CA Budget Article: <u>https://naswcanews.org/workforce-issues-in-the- governors-proposed-state-budget/</u> HCAI Funding Announcement: <u>https://naswcanews.org/hcai-issues-59-4-</u> <u>million-in-state-budget-under-social-work-education-capacity/</u></li> </ul>
	2) Social Worker Title Protection This is a top legislative priority for NASW-CA. Expect legislation to be introduced soon. There are several prominent social workers in the legislature: Corey Jackson, Carolyn Menjibar, Susan Eggman, Aisha Wahab. Once introduced, the bill will go to the Senate Business & Professions Committee (Senators Eggman and Wahab on the committee). Anthony Portantino is Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee – has also been friendly to NASW-CA issues. Other bills of interest:
	<ul> <li>SB 373 (Menjivar) – relates to individual addresses for registrants with the BBS. Currently developing a fact sheet supporting address protection for registrants for privacy/safety purposes. Feedback from the group: <ul> <li>Committee members in agreement, especially for individuals who live in small communities. Would city or zip code suffice?</li> <li>Judges have protection for their home addresses. Use this as a model?</li> <li>Resumes do not always list addresses now – from a different era. Most important to know that an individual's license is current. CEs only require your license number, not address. Vida commented on the use of resumes in conference materials. Most important to practice prevention/privacy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>3) Legislative Lobby Days, April 16 and 17: Dinner/events for volunteers.</li> <li>Blended event including conference at SAFE Union Convention Center and virtual meetings (due to State Capitol currently undergoing renovations). First in-person Lobby Days event in four years - hope you can join us!</li> <li>4) Legislative Scorecard for 2022</li> </ul>
	1) Transforming Practicum Language: <u>USC article.</u> Discussion about schools/organizations pivoting away from the use of "field" and replacing with "practicum." Language may be considered anti-black or anti-immigrant. NASW-CA also moving away from this language. The group discussed broader implications of this topic in our communities.
V. Discussion Topics	<ul> <li>2) Marjorie: CalSWEC IV-E Program recently offered the following workshop: Strengthening Families Using a Racial Equity Lens (January 2023), developed for affinity groups for African Americans. Dr. Jessica Price facilitated a lively discussion with students. Close to 200 attendees. Will share results with the group. Link to workshop video.</li> <li>3) Vida serves on a committee addressing prevention and education on Commercial Sexually Exploitation of Children (CSEC) education for Social</li> </ul>

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