Policy & Advocacy Committee

Date October 15, 2020  Time 9:30-11:00 a.m.  Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendees
Beverly Buckles, Vida Castaneda, Susan Culbertson, Gabriela Fischer, Kathryn Kietzman, Kimberly Mayer, Katie Perry, Michelle Rainer, Susan Roll, Carolyn Shin, Deborah Son, Duan Tran, Jennifer Tucker-Tatlow

Agenda/Topics

Welcome and Introductions
The meeting began with introductions of the new co-chairs – Deborah Son and Susan Roll. Both Deborah and Susan are brand new in this role. Then we invited all introductions and everyone shared one or two social justice issues that are important for their advocacy work. People shared lots of topics including: tribal policies and the courts, antiracism in many places – workplace, classrooms, organizations, and within child welfare services, poverty, voting rights, older adults, digital divide, basic needs and access to education.

Approval of Minutes
The April 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Committee Plans and Expectations
We had an open discussion about how the committee has worked in the past and how we want to do our work moving forward. Those who have been on the committee for a while shared some history. There was a recognition that because we meet infrequently, it can be difficult to do a lot of work together, but that information sharing is important. Deborah and Susan offered to do work in between meetings if that would be helpful to our shared agendas.

Discussion

We agreed that moving forward, we will plan to cover:

- Hot Topics from the capitol – Deborah to share the work from NASW
- Pressing issues from all committee members – what are the issues people are working on?
- Winter meeting: What recommendations might we make to NASW Policy Committee to focus on for Lobby Days?
- Anything that comes up that is time sensitive

We then discussed several specific policy/advocacy issues, including:

Specific Policy Issues
- Executive Order – Training in the Federal Government
  Related links:
  a. Trump Attack on Diversity Training Has a Quick and Chilling Effect
  b. Supreme Court of California Issues Statement on Equality and Inclusion
  c. California Chief Justice Speaks out on Addressing Racism and Bias
- Licensing Exam Delays
- Virtual Clinical Supervision
We are also watching

- Public sector funding
- California Master Plan on Aging
  Related links:
  a. [California Master Plan on Aging](#)
  b. [California Master Plan for Aging: Equity Work Group](#)

Field placements

Finally, we checked in about field placements.

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