Meet NASW-CA’s New Membership and Communications Director

Esteemed Colleagues,

My name is Tera Stefani and I am excited to join the NASW-CA team as Membership and Communications Director. In this new position, my priority will be to support members by listening and responding with innovative solutions that address their unique needs.

I have professional experience as a recruiter, and as a member of NASW-CA, I have served as a graduate student liaison and participated for multiple years in Lobby Days as a team leader. Experiencing the benefits of membership firsthand, I am able to relay the advantages to potential, as well as current, members with ease.

I am eager to visit the different regions. Our association’s membership is reminiscent of the inspiring diversity of our great state. Members deserve programs and services that respond to their individualities. I firmly believe that technology is the tool that will bring membership services to the next level. Our network of social workers is the NASW-CA’s strongest asset and I am certain that I can steer communications in a direction that supports member connectedness. I am honored to partner with our volunteer leaders to strengthen the voice of the NASW-CA chapter. Thank you for the opportunity and I look forward to serving the membership.

2012 Annual Conference

Join more than 500 of your friends and colleagues at the NASW-CA Annual Conference on October 26 and 27 at the Marriott Hotel in Irvine, Calif.

Conference activities include:
• Pre-license and license renewal classes
• More than 20 Elective classes
• Exhibit Hall including recruiters, door prizes, reception and CalPACE Silent Auction
• Council meetings
• Social Work Awards Luncheon
• Social Work Hall of Distinction Reception

Hurry and register! The October 5 registration deadline is quickly approaching and classes are filling up! Visit our website at www.naswca.org for complete conference details and to register online or call (916) 442-4565, ext. 17 for a registration brochure. Hope to see you in Irvine!

NASW Leadership Ladders Series

Documenting for Medicare: Tips for Clinical Social Workers

Medicare requires providers to document all activities and interventions performed for a Medicare beneficiary. These services include office visits, telephone calls, consultations, and referrals. Documenting services for a Medicare beneficiary is an important tool validating that services were performed. It also reveals the ongoing professional activities of a clinical social worker.

To read this entire article, visit www.socialworkers.org/practice/clinical/default.asp under “Documentation.”
• For other articles from NASW Leadership Ladders Series, visit www.socialworkers.org/pdev/default.asp and scroll to the bottom of the webpage.
• For other information and resources regarding Medicare, please visit www.socialworkers.org/practice/clinical/default.asp under “Managed Care.”
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Leadership Meeting at Asilomar

By Shirley Gentilini, MSW, LCSW

At the June leadership meeting at Asilomar, I became reacquainted with social workers that I knew well and met many new members. This event was a very positive experience. Outgoing leaders shared with those beginning their term in office. They discussed what their duties were to be and what helped them as leaders. The newcomers exchanged their ideas as well future goals. Those who attended were a mix of experienced social workers with NASW and those relatively new to NASW. For example, the Young Professionals Group explained what they do and how they are continuing to grow and involve social workers new to the profession. Also they bring new ideas and are open to learn from those who have more experience in social work.

During our discussions, one issue was prominent: the need to encourage social work students to become members of NASW. As members, we could reach out to those new to social work and share how NASW—their professional organization—can benefit them. Also, as members they can contribute their ideas to help keep the organization strong. As social workers work in a variety of settings and serve different populations, NASW is vital to keeping us connected to current problems affect those with whom we serve.

One area is the Armed Forces. They recognize the need for social workers because some soldiers returning home experience mental health challenges. These range from post-traumatic stress and depression to anxiety and personal problems. If these problems are left untreated, they can contribute to difficulty in family relationships, friends and careers.

Many people in the military struggle with the idea of seeking help. NASW Senior Political Action Associate Brian Dauch shared, “It is important for both veterans and their families that they seek help.”

Judith Ward Dekle, senior program analyst with the Office of Family Policy for Children/Youth for the Department of Defense, met with NASW staff members to discuss ways NASW and the Department of Defense can link social workers to the military and provide career direction to recent graduates and newcomers to the field.

Recently I heard an announcement on the radio that the government is ready to hire 65,000 social workers to work with our veterans. NASW is currently working on this. To review the need for social workers helping military families, look in the July/August issue of California News for the article, “Why Care about Service Members, Veterans and Their Family Members.” A new website is currently being developed at www.socialworkers.org/military.asp. Our chapter is offering a free online course related to veterans’ care. You can visit www.socialworkweb.com/nasw.

Another service that is endorsed by NASW is the grassroots nonprofit organization that provides members of the military, veterans and their loved ones with free counseling. If you want more information, you can access www.giveanhour.org.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you at our NASW Annual Conference in October.
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hope Highlights

NASW’S National Hope Conference
July 22-25, 2012 in Washington DC: A Smash Hit!
By Janlee Wong, MSW

Google these impressive individuals to find out more or visit Hope Conference at www.socialworkers.org.

Toby Keith (DC) — All conferences should start with his spoken performance art of poetry.

Nancy Humphries (former California and national president) gave 50 years of experience with the aid of her LCD projections.

Ellen Minotti (Cambodia), Megan Berthold (formerly California, State/ National Social Worker of the Year), Roberta Greene (University of Texas, Austin) offered a sensitive glimpse of social work with survivors of torture and the Holocaust.

Bob and Lee Woodruff discussed the intimate story of their partnership surviving Bob’s traumatic brain injury in Iraq.

Nobel Prize winner Leymah Gbowee (Liberia), MSW, spoke about her impassioned journey from war crimes chaos to humanity using social action and social justice.

Betho Pacheco (Brazil) countered drug gangs in the favelas with music, art, dance and love.

Terry Cross, MSW, told the crowd that Native Americans still have not found social justice in America.

Sheryl Brissett Chapman (DC) said that there is no greater love and no bigger demand for better care for our children in child welfare.

LTC Jeffrey Yarvis was the funniest speaker, but also the most serious when talking about walking in the shoes of our wounded warriors.

Anthony Hassan (USC) and Christopher Connor (Marine, Ret.) spoke about their remarkable journey from the military to veteran social work.

Lacy Fetting’s story of Rachel Minkove’s journey from cancer survivor to oncology social worker was truly bittersweet.

Dr. Jill Biden, our super Second First Lady, mom and teacher, has a son in the military and a social worker daughter.

Donna Brazile was rousing, hilarious, electrifying and stressed why we must re-elect President Obama.

What better evening could there be than watching MSW Matt Anderson’s film on aging out foster kids in From Place to Place and the classic political comedy group Capitol Steps?

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Left to right: Joan Zlotnik, director, NASW Social Work Policy Institute; Freny Dessai, Californian selected for the NASW Congressional Fellowship; Elizabeth Hoffler, NASW Special Assistant to the Director.

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2013 NASW California Chapter Elections—Call For Nominations
Open Positions

The California Chapter invites you to nominate candidates for the 2013 Chapter Elections. Serving as an elected officer of the Chapter provides a great leadership opportunity for giving back to the profession. The following positions are open:

• Student Director North (MSW)
• Student Director South (BSW)

Elected in 2013 for one year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Student directors represent the social work student voice on the Board of Directors. Attends quarterly meetings.

Regional Director Region A (San Francisco to Humboldt region)  
Three-year term from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016. Serves on the Chapter Board of Directors and attends quarterly meetings.

Open Positions:

• Region B: San Mateo to San Luis Obispo
• Region D: Central Valley North and South (2 positions)
• Region F: Inland Empire and Orange County (2 positions)
• Region H: West Los Angeles

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification (CNLI) formulates the slate for election of Chapter officers. There are one meeting and several teleconferences.

Assistant Regional Directors  
Three-year terms from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016. Assistant Regional Directors provide program support for regional and local unit activities and serve on the Chapter Membership Committee. Meeting frequency varies.

Chair  
Two-year term from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015. Chairs the CNLI Committee.

CNLI Representatives  
Two-year terms from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015. Serve on the CNLI Committee, which formulates the slate for election of Chapter officers.

Region A and C Representative: San Francisco to Humboldt, San Francisco Bay Area East Bay  
Region G, H and I Representative: Greater Los Angeles Metropolitan Area

To be nominated for these positions or to learn more, please go to www.naswca.org, click on “About Us, Run for NASW Elected Office” (www.naswca.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=138)

Feeling Creative? Want to Win up to $1,000? Enter the NASW-CA Public Education Campaign Digital Public Service Announcement Contest!

Challenge: Create the Best PSA
Create a 30-second to 60-second digital presentation highlighting professional social work. The winning PSA could be used for future NASW public relations campaigns.

The Message
Highlight social workers as change agents at the micro, mezzo and macro levels while increasing public awareness of the profession.

Learn More
To learn more about what social workers do or be inspired by their stories, please visit www.socialworkersspeak.org, www.helpstartshere.org and www.socialworkers.org.

Awards

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Procedure and Timeline

• For the entry form, visit www.naswca.org.
• Once your entry form has been accepted, instructions will be sent to you.
• All entries must be submitted on or before 5pm on February 1, 2012.
• NASW-CA membership will select the winning submission.
• The winner will be announced during Social Work Month—March 2013.

Rules and Regulations

• Entries with derogatory language or imagery will not be accepted.
• No licensed images or audio.
• No copyrighted music without the written consent of the publisher/owner.
• All talent must sign a release that accompanies the submitted PSA.
• The winning entry will become the property of NASW-CA.
• No NASW elected officers or staff are eligible.

The PSA online entry form is at: http://naswca.affiniscape.com/displayemailforms.cfm?emailformbr=183855

The PSA Contest webpage is at: http://naswca.affiniscape.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=158
Providing Services in Complex Times: Working with Clients Living with HIV/AIDS and Co-occurring Mental Health Disorders

DATE: Thursday, January 24, 2013
TIME: 9:00am–3:30pm
Morning refreshments included. Lunch is on own.
LOCATION: Los Angeles Athletic Club, 431 West Seventh Street, Los Angeles, CA 90014
REGISTRATION FEES: NASW Member $50 Non-member $80
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 7, 2013
CEUS: 5*

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course addresses HIV/AIDS within a bio-psycho-social-spiritual perspective and includes a brief overview of psycho-social issues of HIV disease progression, including adherence issues. Participants will increase their skills in identifying and distinguishing client/consumer’s common psychological reactions to living with HIV/AIDS from those that warrant a mental health diagnosis; discuss dual and multiple diagnoses; and be able to differentiate mental health disorders from neuropsychiatric complications. Participants will draw upon both knowledge and skills to practice culturally competent assessment and intervention planning including both the micro and macro levels. National and state resources will also be reviewed.

The workshop, developed to increase both knowledge and skill level, is for social workers serving diverse groups of clients/consumers across the range of practice settings. The workshop is for the experienced HIV/AIDS provider who has a basic understanding of mental health disorders and diagnosis.

TARGET AUDIENCE
Continuing Education for LCSW, LMFT, LEP
Professional Development for all Social Workers

COURSE INSTRUCTOR
Phil Meyer, LCSW
Phil Meyer is the associate director of the Charles Drew University site of the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center. He was a founding member of SPECTRUM, Charles Drew’s HIV psychosocial program, and over the last 16 years has served in various capacities with the agency, from direct service provider to clinical director. He currently provides clinical supervision for social workers on staff. Phil is also the president of Drew CARES International, a small nonprofit organization that implements HIV prevention and care programs in Angola, Rwanda, Belize and Jamaica. Internationally, he developed and maintained psychosocial services for soldiers living with HIV in the Rwandan Defense Forces, as well as training soldiers in peer counseling techniques in Namibia. Phil also served as consumer liaison for the HIV/AIDS Treatment Adherence, Health Outcomes and Cost Study, a project of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the HIV/AIDS Bureau, and the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Most recently, he has consulted with the Mental Health HIV Services Collaborative, helping develop a legacy publication with their consumer advisory boards. For the Los Angeles Commission on HIV, he drafted Standards of Care for all Ryan White Care Act funded services in the County. Mr. Meyer was also a Lecturer in the Graduate School of Public Policy and Social Research at UCLA for six years. Phil received a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and his masters of Social Welfare from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

Jeremy T. Goldbach, PhD, LMSW
Jeremy T. Goldbach is an assistant professor at the University of Southern California School of Social Work, Inc. Dr. Goldbach completed his master’s and doctoral degrees at the University of Texas at Austin, and has been funded through Fellowship by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), specializing in Prevention Science. Jeremy’s research interests involve cultural competence in prevention practice, with a special focus on sexual and ethnic minority youth. Dr. Goldbach also has a variety of research and practice experience related to both substance abuse and HIV prevention related work. Most recently, he completed a comprehensive evaluation of the Center for Substance Use and AIDS Research in the United States (C-SALUD) at Florida International University. His background includes research, evaluation and consulting on community needs assessment, strategic planning and best practice evaluation approaches. Dr. Goldbach serves as project evaluator with the NASW HIV/AIDS Spectrum: Mental Health Training and Education of Social Workers Project.

Funded through the NASW Chapter HIV/AIDS Partnership Initiative, in collaboration with the NASW HIV/AIDS Spectrum Project (CMHS #280-09-0292).

*This course satisfies one time (7 hour) HIV/AIDS requirement due with first license renewal if taken with: Understanding HIV/AIDS: The Social Worker’s Role, FREE 2.0 CEUs with Certificate—NASW online course available at www.NASWWEBEd.org

Register online at www.naswca.org
Registration Instructions:
1. Check appropriate box and provide all required information using black ink pen.
2. Indicate type of license and number.
3. Include full payment. No registration is processed without full payment.
4. Mail or fax to Sacramento or Register online at www.naswca.org

- NASW Member. Fee $50
- Non Member. Fee $80

To receive 5 CEU credits, registrants must:
- Arrive within 30 minutes of class start time.
- Sign-in and sign-out at the NASW registration table.
- Provide a state license or file number.
- Complete evaluation after the event.

Type of License and Number

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- IMF
- LPCC
- LEP
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Street Address

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Primary Phone

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Email Address (required*)

NASW Membership #

*Confirmations will be sent to the email address provided.

Special Needs Request: If you need this form in an alternate format or require other special arrangements, please submit your request a minimum of 30 days in advance of the event. For questions, call (916) 442-4565 ext. 17 or email tatyana@naswca.org.

Course Cancellation Policy: Classes which do not have sufficient registrants by the registration deadline may be canceled and registrants notified by phone.

Refund Policy: Refund requests must be made in writing. All refunds will be assessed a $15 fee and must be received by 5:00p.m. January 7, 2013. Registrants who cancel less than seven days prior to the event or who do not attend forfeit the entire fee.

CE Provider Information: Courses meet the qualifications for CEUs for LCSW, LMFT, LPCC and/or LEP licenses as required by the CA State Board of Behavioral Sciences PCE 44.
Government Relations Update

By Rebecca Gonzales, Director of Government Relations and Political Affairs

Legislative Update

The legislature has not been in session since our last update. The only bill that had any change from the last reported update was AB 154 (Beall), which requires that mental health benefits be provided in parity with benefits for physical ailments. This bill did not pass out of the Senate Health committee. There are current efforts to get some mental health parity language into two bills that are implementing the Affordable Care Act. If the mental health community is successful in ensuring that these bills contain clear parity protections, then the goal of AB 154 will have been accomplished. A close

to final status of the bills will be in next month’s newsletter.

Elections Update

Now that the leaves are changing color (well, in some places) it is time to think about the fall elections. The CalPACE committee has updated our election guide for November. Most of the candidates we endorsed for the June primary made the fall runoff. We only had to make a few adjustments when our candidate did not win or did not make the top two.

The most significant race that we called correctly was our social work candidate’s victory in Assembly District 13. Susan Talamantes Eggman, PhD, MSW, won her Assembly race by a sizable margin over four other candidates. She will now face a runoff with a Republican candidate in November. Our current social work Assemblymember, Mariko Yamada, MSW, easily won her race and will face the same opponent in the fall.

In next month’s issue of the California News, please look at our recommendations for the propositions on the November ballot. Our legislative committee will examine each measure for their nexus to social work and as a reflection of social work values.

We encourage all of you to get involved in fall election campaigns, either at the national, state or local level. The practice of social work is deeply impacted by who is in office. It is vital that we all get involved to ensure that our elected officials value the profession of social work and the clients that we serve.

Social Workers Voter Guide to the 2012 General Election

November 6, 2012

Candidate Endorsements are made by the CalPACE Committee and are based on the candidates’ commitment to the NASW Code of Ethics and Official Delegate Assembly Positions in Social Work Speaks. CalPACE also sends out questionnaires and we use our annual scorecard to evaluate incumbent voting records.

For more information, please contact (916) 442-4565, ext. 12 or go to www.naswca.org.
The Most Important Election of Our Time

By Patrick Mace

The federal, state and local elections in November will be the most important election of our time. At stake is more than just which party will run our government, but the very philosophies that have guided social work policy efforts over the last 100 years.

At issue is the whole idea of progressive government that actively aids people in developing their health and well-being. The economic disaster of 2008 has led ultraconservatives to seek social change to the very basic structure of the way our government functions. We now find ourselves facing—at all levels of government—electoral opponents that, if elected, will roll back hard fought gains in civil rights, worker’s rights, voting rights and the very idea of progressive government that aids people. Even the social security programs which were part of FDR’s “New Deal” programs of the 1930s and the voting rights of the civil rights era are fictionalized as failed policy. This ultraconservative political faction has successfully blocked legislation that would have strengthened the economy and maintained government programs that supply critical aids to individuals and families who have suffered the most during the current economic depression.

As a result of these ultraconservative blocking tactics many social service programs and social work jobs are being lost. In California, a minority of ultraconservatives control enough seats in the legislature to effectively block the state’s budget every year. They have aligned themselves with Grover Norquist, the president of the conservative, Washington D.C.-based, Americans for Tax Reform. They have signed his pledge to “oppose any and all efforts to increase the marginal income tax rate for individuals and business; and to oppose any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing tax rates.”

As a result, state government can only cut revenues, but cannot raise them to even marginally maintain California’s schools and critical health and social service programs. In the current fiscal crises, education, health and social service programs are being closed or cut all across the state.

In a recent research study, BSW students at Chico State found that every field placement agency had budget cuts that were significantly reducing client services. These cuts have eliminated social work positions either through layoffs or by hiring freezes. Sherrill Clark, a CalSWEC program evaluation specialist, stated that Child Welfare services in California were being significantly reduced by state and county budget cuts. We are losing social work programs and social work jobs.

So, this coming election is very important. Social workers should involve themselves in the November election to work for candidates to ensure the government elected will be one that is consistent with social work values and ethics. Be aware that almost half of the votes are mail-in ballots that are distributed in early October. Local, state and federal budgets should not be balanced through cuts to education, health and social programs. We must elect people who support social work values.

Patrick Mace is the vice president of membership and organizational services for NASW-CA and can be reached at ipmace@csubchico.edu.
CCRC Residents’ Rights Myth or Reality?
A Personal Account of My Experience with the Department of Social Service Bureaucrats

By Lillian L. Hyatt, MSW, a resident of a CCRC and AARP Policy Specialist on CCRCs

I want my readers to know that I have documentation for every statement I write in this column. I emphasize this because I believe that the reader’s initial reaction will be — “this could not happen in the United States of America.” Believe it or not, it did happen to me!

CCRC administrators that provide long-term care claim that they are over-regulated, so why are good laws on the legislative books not being enforced? My answer is because there is little or no funding for inspectors and reporting. My recent bitter experience convinced me that the providers and their government regulators share the traits of arrogance and mutual interest in keeping residents silent and fearful. Regulators also must cover up just how close they are to the CCRC industry. Regulators are mandated to regulate the providers. They must not curry favor with them. They also need to hide their close relationship with care providers. The Department of Public Health wants to eliminate nurse evaluators who could give fines of up to $100,000 to CCRCs for not obeying existing laws.

The Continuing Care Licensing Division of the Department of Social Services has very few licensing program analysts who are, in fact, empowered to issue citations and fines for violations of the law by CCRCs. They are very reluctant to do so to protect CCRC residents. Even their titles are misleading. Their names are never given to residents and they routinely are very reluctant to enforce the law.

To view the entire article, please visit http://www.naswca.org/associations/7989/files/9_12_end_the_death_penalty.pdf. To request a printed copy of this article, please contact (800) 538-2565, ext. 42. California News columnist Lillian Hyatt is an AARP California policy advisor. A policy advisor reviews legislation, regulations and other proposals to promote official AARP policy updated annually and approved by its board of directors. Professor Hyatt can be seen at www.youtube.com. Search for Lillian Hyatt.

End the Death Penalty

By Daniel E. Gross

This November, Californians will vote on Proposition 34, the Savings, Accountability, and Full Enforcement Act (SAFE).

The SAFE act replaces California’s death penalty with a mandatory life sentence without the possibility of parole, saves California tax payers billions of dollars and establishes funds to improve rape and murder investigation.

California has executed 13 people since 1978 and spent more than $4 billion on capital punishment during that time (an average of $308 million for each execution). A study conducted by U.S. 9th Circuit Judge Arthur L. Alarcon and Loyola Law School professor Paula M. Mitchell projects that California will spend an additional $5 billion under the current capital punishment system by 2030. To my mind, this is money poorly spent on a system that gives broken promises to victim’s families, who are left with years of emotional trials and retrials that rarely culminate in the execution of their loved one’s killer. California can and should use those billions to fund essential services like education and other social services that are facing cuts because of the budget deficit.

So, what does the money allocated to capital punishment pay for? Since Judge Jeremy Fogel’s 2006 ruling put a moratorium on California executions, all scheduled executions have been pending new lethal injection protocols, which were again rejected by Judge Faye D’Opal at the end of 2011. Seven hundred twenty-four death row inmates are in a holding pattern, with the confinement cost for each inmate equaling more than $90,000 above that for inmates in maximum-security prisons. With other factors, including the greatly increased price of trials and retrials for death penalty cases, it is estimated that California would save well over $100 million every year by adopting the SAFE act.

One reason that people support the death penalty is the fear that criminals convicted of violent crimes will be released back into society and reoffend. The sponsors of the SAFE act are equally invested in public safety, and actually go a step beyond the current practice. Not only would those currently on death row be sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole, but they would be required to “work and pay restitution into a victim’s compensation fund.”

To read the rest of the article, please visit http://www.naswca.org/associations/7989/files/9_12_end_the_death_penalty.pdf.
Annual Chapter Award Winners

Join us at the NASW California Annual Conference on October 26-27, 2012 as we honor the following accomplished individuals.

Karen Gilman—Social Worker of the Year
Ms. Gilman is best known for reaching out to the community and assisting both English- and Spanish-speaking families who have children with developmental delays. She has always looked at situations from a strengths-based approach rather than focusing on problems, which allows her to secure new funding options for the Exceptional Children’s Foundation (ECF) and new opportunities for her clients. She is also helping ECF acquire a location for a fourth site, for ECF’s adult art center. Beyond her clients at ECF, she also serves as a field instructor for MSW students, helps bring in new clients to Shane’s Inspiration, and facilitates parent support groups in the greater Los Angeles area. She provides individual, group, and legislative advocacy and training regarding Special Education, Social Security, MediCal, AFDC, and Regional Centers for the Developmentally Disabled. She works with local government officials to discuss the need for current legislation on the local, state, and federal levels. Her work has garnered her recognition from the University of Southern California for her outstanding services to the School of Social Work, Field Education Department, as well as the City of Los Angeles for her “dedication to making our community a better place for all its residents.” Despite all of her accomplishments, those close to her say that her biggest achievements are her modesty and her desire to give back to those she works with and the community.

Linda Motyl—Public Citizen of the Year
Ms. Motyl had been diagnosed with kidney disease and looked for a group where she could go for answers and information. She couldn’t find any close enough to her home. In September 2009, she founded a support group for those affected by kidney disease and, despite a lack of experience and no formal training, she has been running it successfully through monthly meetings and a welcoming environment. As many as 25 attendees will hear from experts in the field (from vascular surgeons and transplant coordinators to pharmacists and renal dietitians) and have opportunities to discuss their own experiences. Those who attend the sessions come away with developed coping skills, fellowship, education to make informed health care decisions, and, most importantly, a sense of control over their challenges. She encourages participation in community events such as the National Kidney Foundation’s Walk/Run and the Renal Support Network Patient Lifestyle Meeting while providing food, refreshments, and specially printed “Westside Kidney Support Group” T-shirts. Ms. Motyl provides a safe, warm, and open environment where patients and their friends and families can express their concerns and fears in a group setting. She encourages a strengths-perspective to maintain a positive attitude as a group. As far as coping mechanisms are concerned, she prefers to take a philosophical approach: “You have two choices—you can either become an invalid or you can get up off your butt and do something about it.”

Dr. Michael Hurlburt—Public Citizen of the Year
Dr. Hurlburt has been an instructor at the University of Southern California since 2009 and a researcher at Rady Children’s Hospital since 2001. Prior to his time at the Children’s Hospital, he served seven years as an analyst for San Diego State University, focusing primarily on the Homeless Mentally Ill Demonstration Project, the Vietnam Veterans of San Diego Program Evaluation, and the Patterns of Youth Mental Health Care in Public Service Systems. His publications focus on the prevention of child maltreatment and neglect. His students appreciate that he shares mandatory course requirements in ways that are meaningful to them. He ends his introductory research classes by asking his students to reflect on the day’s lesson and what it means to the direct practitioner; this critical thinking technique has proven to be an effective measure to keeping MSW students focused on practice. He has been a mentor for eight graduate/doctoral students and sixteen undergraduate students, from training them on literature review and data entry to marriage and family therapy training. Dr. Hurlburt has performed research for fifteen different projects and teams covering a variety of topics from improving clinical supervision in outpatient mental health care settings to reducing disparities in services’ access and quality for children from diverse racial/ethnic backgrounds. His verve for helping others and his positive outlook, often in the face of dreary circumstances, has been an inspiration for many of his students.
California Social Work Hall of Distinction

You Are Cordially Invited to Attend the 2012 Reception and Induction Ceremony

Saturday, October 27, 2012
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The California Social Work Hall of Distinction, established by the California Social Welfare Archives at the University of Southern California, recognizes social workers who have made extraordinary contributions to the development and practice of the social work profession in California. Past honorees can be viewed at www.socialworkhallofdistinction.org. This year, the following outstanding California social work leaders will be inducted into the Hall of Distinction:

Herman Fogata—Lifetime Achievement Award
Mr. Fogata graduated from UC Berkeley in 1950 with a Bachelor’s degree in Social Welfare and from the University of Southern California in 1954 with an MSW. At that time, he was appointed the Director of Watts Community Neighborhood Center in south-central Los Angeles. He spent the next fifteen years serving low-income neighborhoods throughout the western states. In 1972, he was appointed to the Social Work faculty at USC. In 1974, he was appointed by Governor Brown to serve on the Board of Behavioral Sciences for three years. But the bulk of his work began in 1973, when he became the Executive Director for the Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center for the Developmentally Disabled, where he worked until his retirement in 1993. As Executive Director, he helped develop a training film on cultural competency, which became regular curriculum for graduate social work students. He also established conferences and programs for Hispanic parents of developmentally disabled children. He was also instrumental in forming an Ethnic Advisory Committee in the State Department of Developmental Disabilities. Since his retirement, he’s worked with social work interns at USC, worked with Child Abuse Listening and Mediation, and served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for children removed from their homes due to abuse. In 2001, he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by NASW-CA Santa Barbara Unit. In 2002, he received the Humanitarian Award from the National Association of Mental Retardation for his work with the Hispanic Community.

Helen Boardman
Medical social work and pioneer in social work related to child abuse.

Celeste Strack Kaplan
Fought for civil liberties during the McCarthyism era. Founded El Nido youth services in L.A.

Consuelo Lopez

Teresa DeCrescenzo
Pioneered services to the LGBT community in Los Angeles, especially LGBT youth through the GLASS Center.

Rino Patti
Nationally renowned educator and scholar. Contributed to the expansion of scholarship in social work.

Ann Shaw
Distinguished leadership at L.A. YWCA, California Community Foundation, United Way and state commissions.

For additional information, please call (213) 740-7747 or email cswa@usc.edu.

Register online at www.naswca.org/cde.cfm?event=381688 or as part of your 2012 NASW Annual Conference Registration at http://naswca.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=96
CalSWEC Aging Initiative Summit

The Road Ahead: Advocating for Social Work Service Delivery in Aging

CalSWEC’s Aging Summit brings together aging and adult services partners and stakeholders to learn about the changing landscape of health care service delivery; what is entailed in creating better outcomes for older adults in health care and social services; and care coordination models that include social work.

Featured speakers include:
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- William Vega, USC Roybal Institute on Aging
- Fernando Torres-Gil, UCLA School of Public Affairs

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- Highlight collaborative environments where social workers are effective members of cross-disciplinary teams.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**
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- Behavioral health practitioners
- Public and private service providers
- Policy makers
- Public and private sector and foundation leaders in the aging and adult services sectors
- Health care planners
- Hospital staff

**REGISTRATION**
The registration fee is $45.00. Details to come about the registration process.

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Partial funding for this conference is provided by NASW–California, California Association of Deans and Directors, and the Sierra Health Foundation.
AROUND THE STATE

New NASW-CA Membership and Communications Director Tera Stefani and Chris Lum at the 2012 June leadership meeting at Asilomar.

Incoming NASW board members at the 2012 June leadership meeting. Left to right: Merris Obie, Cheryl Kupras, Shirley Gentilini, Cameron Galford, Shelly Kalmer, Glenn Thomas, Heather Claibourne, Susan Copple, Sherrill Clark and Sylvester Bowie.


Left to right: Jonathan Lightman; Assembly member Maniko Yamada; Sister Sheila Walsh, MSW; Janlee Wong; and Sister Claire Graham at the 25th anniversary of the interdenominational advocacy group: Jericho, on July 2, 2012 in Sacramento.

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Presenters and organizers of the San Fernando Valley unit “Social Media and Ethics” workshop on June 8, 2012. First row: Janlee Wong, MSW, NASW CA Executive Director; Lisa Cooper-Lucas, LPC, CEAP, EAPA International Ethics Chair; Marina London, LCSW, CEAP, EAPA International web editor. Second row: Cynthia Cooper, MFT, SFV EAPA Program and Workshop Chair; Edith Limon Yango, LSW, NASW SFVLU Workshop Committee Member; Judith M. Harris, LCSW, NASW SFVLU Chair and workshop co-chair. Third row: Beth Jakubanis, LCSW, NASW SFVLU workshop committee member; Rina L. Shroyer, LCSW, NASW SFVLU workshop co-chair. Fourth row: Cynthia Flannery, LCSW, NASW SFVLU Workshop Sponsorship Chair; Anita Avedian, MFT, SFV EAPA president; Tanya Moradians, LCSW, NASW SFVLU workshop committee member; Marina Oyanessian, MSW, NASW SFVLU treasurer and workshop registrar; Shauna Blakey, MSW, NASW SFVLU communications chair and workshop committee member.
Becoming a Field Instructor

By Sherrill Clark

It’s September again! The new school semester is here. By now, some of us know we will be hosting new social work students at our agencies. This anticipation can create excitement, anxiety, both for field instructors and students. I’ll take a risk here and state unequivocally that NASW members make the best field instructors because we ascribe to the *Code of Ethics*. It is important to show how that code works in the real world with real clients and real situations. Not just in principle, but in action. As NASW-CA Executive Director Janlee Wong has pointed out to me, field instructors and fieldwork are the “heart of social work” and field instruction is our signature pedagogy.

Some students come with years of experience in the social service field and are, at heart, already signed onto the code. Some are brand new; they may have gone into the profession because they have had volunteer experience, have been recipients of social services or just have a genuine love of people and a desire to help. But ours is a mentoring profession. Those who come with experience need confirmation of how the principles they ascribe to are grounded and connected within an ethical people-helping profession. New professionals need to be able to identify the principles and experience how they apply on the ground in the real world. You don’t learn that by sitting in a classroom.

Learning a profession is like peeling an onion with layers—you keep peeling, finding more depth, and you keep learning.

For this first column, I just want to introduce the topic and give some examples of the benefits of being a field instructor. For example, these are comments from a recent survey of public child welfare social workers with five years of post-MSW graduation who were asked, “What did you enjoy about being a field instructor?” Here are their comments:

“Mentoring utilizing the Code of Ethics and empowering new social workers to advocate for themselves and their clients.”

“Challenged me to look at how I do my work—explain and maybe relook at things. Helped with self-growth as a professional.”

“Mentoring interns is a good way to keep me on my toes and aware of the latest information and processes of how my county is applying child welfare policies.”

“The passion the students have.”

From this small sample, one thing I can conclude is that field instruction is a two-way street: We give and get back in return and in the end we make our profession better. I realize it isn’t all easy. Some of the things that cause anxiety about being a field instructor are lack of support by the agency or the university, having experience with students who aren’t up to the task, feeling unsure about what is required as a field instructor, writing student evaluations, being overwhelmed by our own caseloads, lack of direction from the universities, and the paperwork that can seem overwhelming. I hope to address these points over time, but mostly to encourage more of you to take the risk of becoming field instructors and engage in mentoring our newest professionals.

Sherrill Clark, PhD, is the vice president of professional development for NASW-CA and can be reached at sjclark@berkeley.edu.

Bob Benedetto Memorial 5K Run

Please save the date October 13, 2012 for the Tenth Bob Benedetto Memorial 5K Run/Walk in Ventura. During the past 10 years we have donated more than $21,000 in scholarship money for students in both BSW and MSW programs and grants to agencies that work with the mentally ill.

We are now planning what is potentially our last 5K dedicated to the cause of helping social work students complete their education and helping the mentally ill receive the care they need. Please consider joining us for the run/walk, attending to support the runners/walkers or contributing in any way you choose.

For more information, you can visit www.active.com or contact Maryellen Benedetto, LCSW, at (805) 644-1831 or marbobben@aol.com.

2012 Medicare Changes

If you have questions about Medicare reimbursement cuts for 2012, please read the document, 2012 Medicare Changes for Clinical Social Workers, to help clarify some of the problems. It is available at: www.socialworkers.org/assets/secured/documents/practice/clinical/PracticePerspectiveMedicare2012Changes.pdf
Ashby Village is an organization that provides supportive services to seniors wishing to remain in their own homes as they age. It is part of a larger national movement that began in Boston in 2001. There are now more than 65 launched villages across the country and another 100 or so in various stages of formation.

Ashby Village is located in the East Bay and currently serves 200-plus members living in Berkeley, Oakland, El Cerrito, Albany, Kensington and Emeryville. The heart of the Village program is volunteerism (neighbor helping neighbor), but it also includes nonmember volunteers from all walks of life who want to participate in this exciting new movement in keeping seniors in their homes and communities as they age.

Social workers, who have assisted clients in finding suitable senior housing, know how difficult it is for many seniors to give up their lifetime home. It is difficult to give up one’s familiar surroundings, neighbors and friends. Yet, for many seniors living alone, it is not always possible to stay at home without help. Hiring in home help is expensive and other alternatives are few. Caring children are often too busy to help out much or to give up employment to care for their parent(s). Services, such as transportation to medical appointments, help with grocery shopping, minor home repairs and social activities, can often make the difference in whether a senior can stay at home or have to give up his or her home for other arrangements.

As people grow older, they need of more and more volunteer help. Ashby Village always needs volunteer drivers, but increasingly is in need of volunteers with some background in social work to check in with members, hear their concerns and make appropriate referral to helping agencies when necessary. Please feel free to contact Andy Gaines, executive director, Ashby Village, at andy@ashbyvillage.org or call (510) 204-9200 if you would like further information.

Why Visit Cuba?

Travel and earn with “Cuba: Health and Social Services” and earn up to 24 CEUs. 

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What can we learn from this island country of about 11.3 million people?

The World Health Organization statistics of 2007 indicate Cuba had exactly the same life expectancy and infant mortality rate as the U.S.—with a spending per capita of $229 as compared to $6,000.

We will visit urban and rural settings. We will learn about a prevention and outcome oriented health-delivery system as a joint effort and alliance of community members and professionals who meet at neighborhood health clinics and schools to develop intervention goals.

Examples of visits and learning include:
• high-risk maternal care
• child, adolescent and geriatric psychiatry
• sex and gender education and the role of the media
• health care of the elderly
• the education of social workers
• the role social workers play in the health of the nation
• the triumphs and challenges of the Cuban health care system
• insight into INFOMED, a system that responds with flexibility and speed to changing health conditions and needs.

The trip is a joint effort of Global Exchange, a nonprofit human rights organization and NASW-CA. For the tentative itinerary, a complete list of learning objectives and cost, please visit http://bit.ly/MSBqdW. To apply, the trip code is 2012.11.7.
MSW Supervisor Needed

The Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in the Carmichael area of Sacramento along with Carmichael Arden Arcade Faith Communities seeks to initiate a social work internship to meet the rising social needs in the area. Demands for housing, clothing, food, rental and utilities assistance, addiction recovery, and many social needs overwhelm current resources of neighborhood parishes in the area. An MSW is needed to supervise a social work student intern and oversee the program. The supervisor will meet once a week with the social work intern during the academic year.

The Church is developing this program in memory of the late Wanda Collins, former NASW California Chapter president and a long-time member of the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. Wanda was a mentor to many in social work and the program would be a fitting tribute to continue the mission of the church. To learn more or offer your assistance, please contact Pastor Jason Bense at jbense@lcorsac.org or (916) 483-5691.

Art Therapy with Children and Adolescents

The California Association of School Social Workers (CASSW), San Diego Region, will present an art therapy workshop with Lisa Falls, art therapist, ATR-BC.

Saturday, September 15, 2012
8:30am–2:45pm
County Office of Education, Room 401
6401 Linda Vista Road
San Diego 92111

The workshop will include Introduction to Art Therapy theory, experiential activities and techniques with a focus of working with children and adolescents who have experienced trauma; and overview of materials and their use in the therapeutic context.

For registration information and fees, please contact Debbie Boerbaitz at dboerbaitz@gmail.com.

BOOK REVIEW

Coming Apart: The State of White America, 1960-2010

By Natalia Salinas

C a p i t a l i s t d e f e n d e r and mouth-piece Charles Murray argues in his new book Coming Apart: The State of White America, 1960-2010, that the upper middle class and the elite running the country have been increasingly differing from the rest of us in the working class on key moral behaviors and values that he lists as: family, religiosity, honesty, and industriousness. With his carefully crafted biased statistics, he notes that the working class is marrying at lower rates, working class children are less likely to be in the labor force than the highly educated elites. He points only to individual factors, essentially blaming the victims, for many capitalism-created problems, but more importantly he goes out of his way to defend the capitalist ruling class.

To conclude that “civil culture” lies with the ruling class depends on what is being valued and how you decide to measure this value. For example, starting with the value of family, this value resonates with the working class, but various factors affecting our ability to maintain two-parent households are beyond our control. The racist incarceration of Latin and black young adults has become an epidemic in our communities—to name one issue. However, this does not mean that the working class prefers the current state of being.

To view the rest of this article, please visit www.naswca.org/associations/7989/files/9_12_book_review.pdf.

EDGY

Embracing the Diversity of GLBTQ Youth & Families

On October 12, 2012, Penny Lane Centers is proud to present its 4th annual EDGY (Embracing Diversity of GLBTQ Youth and Families) Conference. This one-day conference is dedicated to evolving practices for professionals who work with GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Transgender and Questioning) youth and families. Please save the date to attend this informative and inspiring conference. The conference will be held at the University of Southern California – Tutor Hall on from 8:00am – 5:00 pm.

For more information, email Nydia Barakat at nbarakat@pennylane.org or call (818) 332-8260.
Jerry Brown to Call Special Legislative Session on Health Care

Gov. Jerry Brown plans to call a special legislative session at the end of the year on the national health care overhaul, as the state prepares to implement the landmark act by 2014.

The session, to begin in December or January, will run concurrently with the regular legislative session, California Health and Human Services Secretary Diana Dooley said this afternoon.

She said the state—one of the first to embrace President Barack Obama’s signature health care law—is waiting for guidelines from the federal government, delaying the state’s ability to act on legislation now.

To read the entire article, please visit the Sacramento Bee website at http://sacb.ee/Sy45oE

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Region A Report
By Mark Thoma, EdD, MSW
Thank you to Janlee Wong, NASW-CA executive director, and Joseph Robinson, California Association for Social Rehabilitation Agencies, for presenting at the San Francisco unit’s September 13 networking and CEU event, “The Affordable Care Act: What It Means for California.” Thank you also to the Jewish Family and Children’s Services for hosting the event. Save the date for our next networking and CEU event on November 15, 2012 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. We have an exciting year of CEU programs and networking at 5:30pm at the Creekside Community Center. Please join our active unit for refreshments and networking at 5:30pm at the Creekside Community Center. Please join our active unit for refreshments. Details to follow.

Sonoma Unit Report
By Shelly Kalmer, MSW, ACSW, Region A Director
Region A is excited to welcome two new co-chairs for the active Sonoma unit. Daniela Bravo and Carla Schwartz, MSW students in their final year of the CSU Long Beach Distance Education Program at Sonoma State University, have great passion for the profession and for the NASW. The Marin unit will continue to be chaired by Michelle Dowds, MSW, and the San Francisco unit by the Region A assistant director Mark Thoma, LCSW. All three units have exciting CEU events planned in the upcoming months so please watch for their announcements in the CalSwift emails.

It is my honor to have been appointed to the Region A director position at the June board meeting. I have many goals for the region including expanding CEU programs, supporting and implementing the New Professionals Network of Northern California, and developing new models for delivering professional education programs.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing regional director, Mary Kyle, LCSW, for her outstanding leadership and commitment to members of the NASW. As a board member, Mary was instrumental in providing advocacy and support for all members in the region and state chapter. Thank you, Mary.

I am very excited to have these two new leaders for the unit as they have shown great passion for the profession and for the NASW. They are currently in their final year of the MSW Distance Education program at SSU and have been active in the unit for the past year. They have both attended Lobby Days and are excited to become involved with NASW.

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San Luis Obispo Unit Report
By Ly-Lan Lofgren
“Motivational Interviewing” is the CEU training that will be provided by Kristen Lenhart at our September 27 meeting. Please join our active unit for refreshments and networking at 5:30pm at the Creekside Community Room, at 960 S. Higuera Street at Tank Farm Rd. in San Luis Obispo. Ms. Lenhart will begin the 1.5 CEU program at 6:00pm. We have an exciting year of CEU programs and celebrations planned. If you would like to participate in coordinating our unit’s activities, please contact Ly-Lan at LyLanMV@lofgren.com.

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Region C Report
By Natasha Paddock
On June 19, 2012, Region C partnered with community agencies to co-sponsor the Independent Living Skills Program’s 24th Annual Recognition Dinner. The Independent Living Skills Program serves youth in the foster care system between the ages of 16 and 21 in the areas of education, employment, housing and resources. The night involved nearly 300 dignitaries, community partners and guests in attendance to celebrate the Contra Costa County Children and Family Services high school graduates of 2012. Overcoming many obstacles, 92 youth from the foster care system were honored for their accomplishments. Guest speakers included the Honorable Judge Lois Haight and acting Child Welfare Director Lois Rutten. In addition to NASW-CA Region C, sponsors included The Wellness City Challenge, Tom’s Classic Catering, Foster a Dream, and The Orinda Woman’s Club. Region C would like to highlight Don Graves, ILSP coordinator and the entire ILSP team for their hard work and tireless dedication to improving the lives of our youth. Thank you!

REGION D
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The 24th annual ISLP Senior Dinner.
By Katrina Bullard, MSW

Please join us for our meeting on September 6, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, in the Bistro Room at the Mirage Inn at 72750 Country Club Drive in Rancho Mirage. Our presentation will focus on the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. She will provide information regarding the ASIST program, a suicide assessment and prevention program. Zerai will also provide a general overview of some of the relevant programs, projects and methods to gain access to services for community partners, consumers and social workers. As a former foster youth and title IV-E recipient, she is a committed clinician who is providing a level of compassion, experience and commitment that is engaging and insightful. Please join us for this informative evening mutual learning and enjoy networking with fellow social workers. For more information, contact unit chair, Peter Shorts, MSW, at (760) 902-4961 or pcs.socialwork@yahoo.com.

Victorville Unit Report
By Kimberly Cox, Unit Chair

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WOMEN’S COUNCIL
Obedience to Authority
By Marilyn Montenegro

My mentally ill client was living on the street again after her last 5150 hold. She had been denied SSI benefits (someone thought she was employable) and finally her appeal hearing was scheduled. Luckily she had contacted the agency so that we could take her to the hearing in the Federal Building. We had to pass through a metal detector and show written proof as to why we were there. Then they asked for picture ID, which my client didn’t have: it was “safely” stored elsewhere. No picture ID, no entry—what was this all about?

Why does a person need to prove their identity to enter a government building? How does showing the ID add protection for anyone?

In school I was taught that the purpose of terrorism was the disruption of the daily life of a society. Surely the 911 terrorists have succeeded. Long lines at courthouses and airports force us all to spend precious time waiting for the opportunity to remove jewelry, belts and shoes, empty pockets, pass through detectors and scanners and often to submit to intrusive “pat downs.”

How has it happened that we, as a society, have acquiesced to this erosion of our civil liberties? Officials commented that the 911 terrorists hated the U.S. for “our freedom.” Clearly not so much anymore.

Women’s Council members consider obedience to authority and similar ethical issues, at bimonthly meetings in greater L.A. Our next meeting is September 29 in Redondo Beach. For more information, please email mujerista@All2easy.net or call (310) 540-3815 or (800) 538-2565, ext. 57
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I just wanted to express a thank you and to let you know that reviewing the 2 volumes along with taking the TestMASTER exams was sufficient for preparing for the Written exam. I will definitely be using your site and referring my colleagues to AATBS in the future. I plan to start studying for the Vignette portion in a couple of weeks so I will definitely return in using your services.

Thank you, Randy Nater - Upland, CA.
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