The NASW-NYC Annual Meeting on May 9th addressed the dual themes of “The Transformative Power of the Social Work Voice” and “Securing the Future of the Profession”. Over 350 members attended the meeting at the United Federation of Teachers Building at 52 Broadway.

Members recognized the outstanding achievements of their colleagues, including those of outgoing president Paul Kurzman and Maria Elena Girone, President and CEO of the Puerto Rican Family Institute, who was presented with the Chapter Service Award. Also recognized were two social workers who were presented with Social Work Image Awards, outstanding students, NASW Social Work Pioneers, and new professionals (see pages 8 and 11 for photos and awards).

One of the highlights of the meeting was the address by the keynote speaker, Alex Kotlowitz, journalist and author, who tells the stories of the disadvantaged people living on the margins of American society. Through his writing, he brings their lives and experiences to the attention of the broader public. It is through this storytelling that he shares a connection with social workers, who also tell the stories of people whose voices are not often heard outside of the communities where they live.

**The Luxury of Apathy**

As a journalist who is accustomed to being on the front lines, Mr. Kotlowitz said that he feels compelled to tell a story that “hasn’t been told, to give it voice in...”

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Message From The President

Building on the Chapter’s Legacy for a Stronger Profession

As your incoming President beginning July 1st, I am privileged to carry on a tradition of collaboration to address the challenges faced by our profession. At a time when social work is crucially important in the lives of our clients and communities, we need significant changes in the values and priorities of systems and organizations. To effect such changes on a local and national level, social workers must be unified and organized to realize the power of collective action.

This is something that my predecessors in office understood well. Theirs is a legacy of organizational understanding and accomplishment that has improved the prospects of NASW-NYC and professional social workers beyond measure.

Contributions of Former Presidents

For example, Carmen Ortiz Hendricks, in concert with the Puerto Rican Family Institute and our Executive Director Bob Schachter, knew that recruiting more Latinos to attend social work school required the mobilization of community leaders as well as the generation of scholarships and other supports. Thus the emergence of the Latino Social Work Task Force, a partnership of individuals and organizations capable of publicizing the need for Latino social workers and initiating successful action to achieve it.

Before Elaine Congress was President, NASW-NYC did not have a professional lobbyist. Realizing that we needed our own guide and advocate in Albany’s complex political arena to move licensing forward, Elaine urged the hiring of a lobbyist.

This decision ushered in a period of improved positioning and response in a competitive system. It was Elaine’s foresight and leadership that challenged us to become more effective “systems-savvy” advocates for members’ needs.

Alma Carten’s contributions also strengthened the Chapter to take on important issues and form key collaborations. Her understanding of the infrastructure of successful organizations helped set the course for our first systematic strategic planning and fund raising efforts. Now a core part of NASW-NYC, these processes shape the direction and use of resources to achieve our objectives.

Mary Pender Greene, speaking at the year-end colloquium on the MSW student field placements with the Undoing Racism project this year, recognized that she has become a “clinician/organizer” on issues of race and racism with her own and other social agencies. Acknowledging the “baby steps” and slow pace of long-term institutional change, she also understood the necessity to engage allies if we are to undo racial barriers and have a positive impact on social workers’ communication with each other and with the community.

Paul Kurzman, The Right President at the Right Time

Perhaps no one in recent times has been more systemic in his thinking or more prepared for collective action than Paul Kurzman, our outgoing President. These past two years with Paul at the helm have been ones of...
NASW-NYC Welcomes Newly Elected Chapter Leaders

NASW members cast their ballots in May for the following positions: Board of Directors, Nominations Committee, and Delegate Assembly. The winners of the election are listed below.

**Members-at-Large**

Six new Members-at-Large will join the Board.

**Rose Mary Cortez, LCSW**, is the Program Coordinator for the Health Outreach Program at the Allen Pavilion, the New York Presbyterian Hospital.

**Susan Matorin, MS, ACSW**, is the Treatment Coordinator, Affective Disorder Team, Payne Whitney Clinic - New York Presbyterian Hospital, Faculty Member, Department of Psychiatry, Weill College of Medicine at Cornell.

**Jimmie Cochran Pratt, MPA**, is the Director of Career and Leadership Development at the Columbia University School of Social Work.

**Barbara Sherman, LCSW, ACSW**, is a Forensic Social Worker, Legal Aid Society.

**Karun K. Singh, LCSW-R, CSWM, PhD**, is an Assistant Professor at the Hunter College School of Social Work.

**Student Members**

The BSW student member is **Rebecca Kottler Wien** from New York University School of Social Work. She has worked at Helpline, the 30th Street Men’s Shelter, and the Community Resource Exchange.

The MSW student member is **Geordana Weber** from Hunter College School of Social Work. She has worked with families affected by AIDS and cancer, people who are blind and disabled, elementary school children, and the elderly.

**Nominations Committee**

Five new members will join the Nominations Committee.

**Ji Seon Lee, Ph.D., MSW, MPA**, is an Assistant Professor at the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service.

**Gail Siegal, LCSW**, is a Social Worker at the Educational Alliance.

**Sarah Sisco, MSSW, MPH**, is a Program Officer at the Social Work Leadership Institute, New York Academy of Medicine.

**Renee Hicks, MSW**, is the Vice President for Program Operations at Safe Space.

**Nancy I. Arocho-Mercado, LCSW**, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at Montefiore Medical Center.

**Delegates to the Delegate Assembly**

Thirteen new members will attend the 2008 National Delegate Assembly.

**Patricia Brownell, PhD**, is an Associate Professor at Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service.

**Ella Harris, LCSW**, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at the New York State Office of Mental Health, NYC Field Office.

**Eleanor D. Nealy, M. DIV., LCSW**, is the Director of Mental Health and Social Services at The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center.

**Carmen Collado, LCSW-R**, is the Director of Immigrant Services, Latino/Hispanic Affairs and Mental Health Services to Older Adults at the Jewish Board of Family and Children’s Services.

**Sarah-Jane (S.J.) Dodd, PhD**, is an Associate Professor at the Hunter College School of Social Work.

**Penny J. Schwartz, DSW**, is a Program Coordinator at the Resource Entitlement Advocacy Program (R.E.A.P) at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

**Marianne R. Yoshioka, MSW, Ph.D.**, is an Associate Professor at the Columbia University School of Social Work.

**Jessica Rosenberg, PhD, LCSW**, is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Long Island University.

**Jennifer Crumpley, LCSW-R**, is the Division Director of Mental Health Services at The Educational Alliance, Inc.

**Mary Jane Cotter, Esq., ACSW**, is in Private Practice - Child Welfare Law and Mediation; and Adjunct Faculty, New York University School of Social Work.

**Darrell Wheeler, Ph.D., M.P.H.**, is an Associate Professor, Hunter College School of Social Work.

**Michael Schmidt, LCSW**, was elected also to Delegate Assembly. (See Members At Large).

**Ilze Earner, Ph.D.** Delegate Assembly Alternate, is an Assistant Professor and Director of the Immigrants and Child Welfare Project at the Hunter College School of Social Work.

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The Housing Crisis: Every New Yorker’s Issue
NASW-NYC Co-Sponsored Forum

The Fund for the Advancement of Social Services (FASS), an independent group of professionals dedicated to advocating for quality social services and raising public awareness about social service issues in New York City, held its sixth annual forum in December 2005 at the Hunter College School of Social Work. Co-sponsored by the New York City Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, the East Midtown Association, and the Public Service Scholar Program at Hunter College, this year’s forum was entitled “The Housing Crisis: Every New Yorker’s Issue”.

The forum featured a distinguished panel of housing experts, including Dr. Victor Bach, Senior Housing Policy Analyst, Community Service Society; Patrick Markee, Senior Policy Analyst, Coalition for the Homeless; Cicero Wilson, Executive Director, Mid-Bronx Desperados; and William Frey, Senior Vice President and Eastern Regional Director, the Enterprise Foundation.

Renting – A Growing Problem

Dr. Victor Bach characterized the New York City housing crisis as two interrelated problems: first, New York City’s rental market has an insufficient supply of housing and continues to be competitive and costly, compared to other cities. The Mayor’s plan for rezoning and other measures to allow some expansion of affordable housing will not meet the housing need caused by the City’s population growth and the housing situation will continue to worsen. Second, the difference between what individuals can afford to pay and actual rental amounts is increasing. A Community Service Society study of poor households found that in 1993, 55% of households were spending at least half of their incomes on rent; now 65% of households spend at least half of their incomes on rent. The number of low-income New Yorkers who are falling behind in rent, or experiencing utility cutoffs, is rising very rapidly. Competition for housing will remain high as the unregulated market responds to insufficient supply by increasing rents.

Existing affordable housing must be preserved. Much subsidized housing, such as Mitchell Lama housing, is currently under threat and the Federal government is reducing its commitment to housing. While Federal homeownership tax deductions amount to 118 billion dollars a year and property owners are eligible for tax relief at the State and City levels, no such relief is available to renters. The dual crises of insufficient supply of housing stock and lack of affordable housing faced by the low income population must be addressed.

Homelessness – A Problem Rivaling that in the Great Depression

Patrick Markee emphasized that the City’s homelessness problem is greater than in any decade since the Great Depression. Thirty-two thousand homeless men, women and children sleep in City shelters each night, a 55% increase since 1998. In addition, a few thousand people are sleeping in church or synagogue shelters or in emergency housing for homeless people living with AIDS and thousands more are sleeping in public spaces. In total, 120,000 New Yorkers will spend at least one night in the City’s public shelter system over the course of this year. In a ten-year period, approximately 350,000 people moved through the City’s municipal shelter system, nearly one out of every twenty New Yorkers.

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The Housing Crisis: Every New Yorker’s Issue

The government, along with private entities, can address the worsening structural housing problem through the development of supportive housing, affordable housing units with offsite and onsite social services for individuals living with mental illness, AIDS or other special needs. Supportive housing has been shown to be cost effective. The 1990 New York, New York Agreement, which created nearly 4,000 housing units of supportive housing for homeless individuals living with mental illness, was responsible for a nearly one-third reduction in the shelter population of homeless single adults. A University of Pennsylvania study found that the total public cost of a supportive housing apartment, including the social service component, is the same or less than providing other kinds of emergency care, such as shelter, hospital care, or other institutional care.

To address the problem, Mayor Bloomberg and Governor Pataki agreed to build 9,000 units of supportive housing for homeless and at-risk households over the next 10 years, although many units are back-loaded into the second half of the period. Mayor Bloomberg has called for the creation or preservation of 165,000 units over 10 years. Only 5% of these units will be targeted to the homeless. Despite more than 100,000 households currently on waiting lists and thousands of people residing in shelters and on the streets await housing, Federal Section 8 vouchers have been severely curtailed. The City has responded by creating a rent subsidy program for homeless families and individuals who have active public assistance cases. Unfortunately, the rent subsidy diminishes by 20% every year for five years and then terminates.

The State legislature has weakened the rent stabilization system so that tens of thousands of units have been decontrolled since 1997. Affordable housing must be preserved through maintaining rent stabilization. More poor New Yorkers live in rent stabilized housing than any other form of housing, including public housing and federally subsidized housing. Twenty-five percent of tenants living in rent stabilized housing have incomes below the poverty line and half have incomes under $32,000 per year. The legal right to emergency shelter for all homeless New Yorkers also must be maintained.

The Challenge of Providing Housing

Cicero Wilson spoke from his perspective as a provider of affordable housing to 5,000 people. Given governmental restrictions regarding who can be accepted into subsidized housing, only one in every ten applicants is acceptable and of these, only two or three will accept the offer of an apartment. According to Wilson, despite extensive tenant screening, the collection of rent necessary for building maintenance is difficult. Tenants lack the financial literacy to manage budgets and require social workers’ assistance for this task. In addition, about half the older adults in Wilson’s 450 senior building units are aging in place. An investment in social support services, as well as an investment in such equipment as grab bars and other devices, is needed to make it possible for elders to remain in their apartments. Wilson also highlighted the difficulty of developing affordable housing when non-profits must compete against speculators for the few remaining HUD properties. An encouraging trend is that religious institutions with land are considering building community centers. Some institutions are willing to consider building senior housing as part of such centers, recognizing that building the housing could help finance the total project. Wilson emphasized that we know how to do what needs to be done but are hampered by not having enough people to do the job nor the resources to do what is needed.

Need for City, Community, and Private Resources

William Frey indicated that while in the 1970s there was a disinvestment in the City’s most difficult neighborhoods, in the later 1980s innovative partnerships between City government, corporations and non-profits led to a revitalization of devastated communities and the development of affordable housing. The Low-Income Tax Credit Program and the Community Reinvestment Act encouraged corporations to invest in affordable

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Including Social Workers as Mental Health Providers in NYS Workers’ Compensation

The New York City Chapter, through the NASW-NYC - 1199/SEIU Social Work Alliance, has been lobbying to get licensed social workers included as mental health providers in Workers’ Compensation. Assemblywoman Hooper and Senator Spano introduced legislation that would recognize LCSWs, and LMSWs under supervision, as such providers. Other bills would only recognize LCSWs who also have the “R” credential as recognized insurance providers.

Workers’ compensation insurance provides weekly cash payments and the cost of full medical treatment, including rehabilitation and mental health services, for covered employees who become disabled as a result of a disease or injury connected with their employment.

The following points were made by the Chapter in supporting the Hooper and Spano bills:

1. Social workers comprise over 65% of all professional mental health providers in the United States and are now licensed in NYS as licensed master social workers (LMSWs) and licensed clinical social workers (LCSWs).

2. There are many parts of the state in which psychiatrists and psychologists are not available as service providers, including many rural areas and low income communities in urban and suburban areas. Social workers are more likely to be mental health providers in these areas, either as independent providers or through service agencies. This is especially important given that many workers’ compensation claims involve manual laborers who reside in such communities.

3. Social workers greatly increase the pool of culturally and linguistically competent mental health providers, as well as providers from diverse backgrounds, which may be of importance to claimants needing treatment.

4. Including licensed social workers increases treatment options for claimants. For example, being limited to seeing a psychiatrist may limit treatment to psychotropic medication.

While the Chapter sees having licensed social workers included in Workers’ Compensation as logical, there are likely to be a number of issues that could make passage a challenge. For example, different segments of the social work profession will need to agree as to whether an LMSW under supervision should be accepted as a provider, or whether one should have, in addition to the LCSW, the “R” provider status.

In addition, since the assessment of whether a worker qualifies for mental health services is usually a legally contentious issue, some labor organizations are expected to push to limit social work’s role in the provision of service.

It is anticipated that resolving all outstanding issues and getting a bill passed will have to wait until the next legislative session, beginning in January 2007.

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housing for very low-income people. It allowed them to “do good” and “do well” at the same time.

Those efforts demonstrated that supportive housing is cost effective. An Enterprise Foundation study revealed that with supportive housing, health care costs dropped dramatically because individuals were making fewer visits to hospital emergency care units. Providing decent and affordable housing can also be expected to reduce crime and reduce school-related problems for children who have been bounced around without permanent housing. Community change can only occur by working with the communities themselves; securing a huge public sector investment; and bringing together City, community and private resources.

Developing affordable housing in the future will not be easy since there is no more City-owned property to be developed. The Enterprise Foundation helped the City and foundation partners collaborate to create an acquisition fund of about 200 million dollars to support the efforts of primarily non-profit community developers to build affordable housing. The Community Investment Act, which forces banks to invest in communities, is critical to this effort. Mixed income housing is critical as well, since it would provide the financial benefit of additional income for these projects and also promote a mixed community with opportunities for diverse groups.

Recommendations to Relieve the Housing Crisis

The Board of Directors of the Fund for the Advancement of Social Services makes the following policy recommendations, based on the Forum presentations:

1. Maintain the legal right to emergency shelter for all New Yorkers needing shelter.

2. Restore federal and state commitments to affordable housing, rent subsidies and tax relief for renters.

3. Expand supportive housing programs and social services which allow seniors to age in place and help avert non-payment of rent.

Further, to address the gap between the supply and demand for affordable housing, legislators and government officials must:

• recognize that the development of affordable housing requires a commitment of public funds.

• halt the decontrol of stabilized housing units.

• assure the continuation of Mitchell Lama housing.

• develop a rent subsidy program to compensate for the reduction in Section 8 available housing, recognizing that low income New Yorkers cannot afford “market rents”.

• expand the City’s partnerships with corporations and nonprofit community organizations to build affordable housing.

• require mortgage lenders to invest in low rent neighborhoods through the Community Investment Act.

• give priority to nonprofit developers of affordable housing in the sale of City-owned vacant land.
a narrative that agitates, provokes, pokes, and prods”. He said that the stories of those who are disenfranchised have fallen out of favor among those who have the luxury of apathy. The social compact that holds us together, he said, must be regularly maintained and repaired.

Perceptions Challenged

In his remarks, Mr. Kotlowitz told the story of his experiences as he immersed himself in the lives of Lafeyette and Pharoah, the brothers he wrote about in “There Are No Children Here” (1991, Random House: New York). He found things that surprised and shocked him and challenged his perceptions as he became involved in the lives of the brothers and others who lived in a Chicago housing project.

“There is a subtle silence, self-imposed by those whose experiences are so horrific that they keep quiet for fear they will not be believed.”

Expecting to find strong communal ties, he said that he found a community that was unraveling, one in which neighbors did not trust each other. As 12-year old Lafeyette said, “I don’t have friends. I just have associates. Friends, you trust.” Mr. Kotlowitz also said that the public housing projects built in 1950’s and 60’s Chicago with a “not in my back yard” mentality served to divide communities along racial and socio-economic lines.

Mr. Kotlowitz, in sharing the young boys’ lives, which were confined by their dealings with police and other authorities such as gang leaders, said he “was surprised” by changes in his own perceptions. He found fissures in his loyalties to the police, to his young friends, and to his own instincts.

He said that he was shocked by the violence in the community. He observed

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The following organizations co-sponsored the 2006 Annual Meeting and gave financial support. These organizations stand with NASW-NYC and the broader social work community to say that we all recognize that professional social workers are providing services in difficult times. At the same time, they are saying that we all share the principles of professional practice. NASW-NYC is grateful to these organizations and believes that the collective effort this symbolizes will work to strengthen professional social work practice.

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that children showed symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder similar to symptoms of war veterans. Children suffered from depression and flashbacks after witnessing shootings, beatings, and death that were everyday occurrences.

**Two Kinds of Silence**

He said that violence isolated the community, covering it in a blanket of fear and silence. Mr. Kotlowitz described this silence as two-fold. He said that “institutional silence” is the inability of schools, police, health care, and other systems to respond to the daily crises of those in the community.

“As social workers you have elected to become witnesses and you must help the rest of us bear witness, too.”

He went on to say that there is another silence that is “a more nuanced and subtle silence”, self-imposed by those whose experiences are so horrific that they keep quiet for fear that they will not be believed.

**The Transformative Power of the Social Work Voice**

Mr. Kotlowitz told the audience that social workers “must not underestimate the place they hold in society,” bridging the two Americas. He said that stories guide social workers in their work by giving credence to peoples’ experiences. By listening to people tell their stories, he said, we understand what it is like to be in the other person’s shoes, whether the other is an immigrant, a Muslim, or a Latino.

Mr. Kotlowitz said, “Stories help us to make sense of our lives, to help us figure out our place in the world”. “A most basic human need is to tell our story, to chronicle our history and not let it disappear.” He urged that these stories be brought back into public discourse. “The challenge is to let us know their history, to help us understand the context of their lives . . . (as social workers) . . . you have elected to become witnesses and you must help the rest of us bear witness, too.”

Mr. Kotlowitz cautioned that although social workers encounter intolerance and injustice and things that “ain’t pretty”, they must tell these stories honestly and candidly.

He concluded that we tell stories because we have some hope and because, in the words of his friend and author Studs Terkel, “If the community isn’t in good shape, neither am I.”

Outgoing NASW-NYC President Dr. Paul Kurzman received congratulations and appreciation from incoming President Dr. Rose Starr as NASW-NYC Executive Director Dr. Robert Schachter looked on.

The Chapter’s Annual Meeting, in addressing the future of the social work profession, recognized students and new professionals. Student members shown are (L to R): Dagan Bayliss, Emily Rubin, Jackie Davis, Vicki Hallas, Jenny Sobelman.
great clarity, movement and purpose. Recognizing that budget structure reflects organizational priorities and can create incentives and institutionalize desired norms of behavior, Paul was responsible for offering all NASW-NYC Board Members an Association-paid registration to attend the 2 ½ day Undoing Racism workshop. (As Acting Dean at Hunter SSW, he made the same offer to all masters students who are NASW members.)

On the complex problems associated with the roll-out of social work licensure, we could not have had a more knowledgeable or effective advocate at both the State level and with individuals needing expert guidance. Working closely with the Chair of the Licensing Task Force, Jennifer Crumpley, Paul has used his years of knowledge and experience to help craft institutional/legal arguments that counter potentially harmful regulations and balance the profession’s concern for equity and quality. He is consistently guided by professional and ethical principles, always keeping clients and the community at the forefront of the Association’s deliberations and actions.

I am so grateful for the legacy that he and all the Presidents who have gone before have left. Each has met very different organizational circumstances—both internal and external to NASW-NYC— with great integrity, creativity and dedication. These are leaders whose skills and abilities the Association should not lose; I will turn to them for the wisdom so characteristic of the people they are and the great contributions they have made.

As this discussion suggests, as your new President, my goal is to build on the direction and programs initiated by the Board, our Executive Director, and officers. We want to assure the recognition and availability of professional social workers and quality practice to meet growing and complex individual and community needs. We want to rid our practice and institutions of racism, gender bias, and other forms of discrimination. We want our profession and association to look like our City in all its strength and glory. We want respect, living wages, and a voice for social workers on the job.

Ours is not a deficit of goals, but of means. I hope to interest many of you in engaging in collective efforts that will expand our reach, our resources and our influence to achieve the important objectives we’ve set. Personally, I learned so much from meeting with groups and departments of social workers this year, and hope you will invite me to listen and hear more about your work and dreams. □
NOTICE OF CHANGE IN SCHEDULE FOR CURRENTS THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Beginning in September, 2006, the sequence of issues for the Chapter newsletter, Currents, will change. The next issue of Currents, to be distributed in September, will be the October issue.

Members should expect to receive the October issue by the third or fourth week of September. In this way, Currents will be in members’ hands prior to the beginning of the month for which it is published. There will not be an August or September issue.

Currents is published eight times a year, and will now reflect the following schedule. Please note, members will generally receive Currents within a two week time frame, given their own local postal service. Posted events and activities will be for dates after the anticipated date that members receive the newsletter.

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Private Practitioners Group
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12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

**Friday, September 8th, 2006**
Disaster Trauma Working Group
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Monday, September 11th, 2006**
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NASW-NYC Child Abuse Task Force Addresses Child Welfare Crisis

In the aftermath of the recent deaths of Nixzmary Brown and other children known to the Administration for Children’s Services (ACS), NASW-NYC convened a task force of social work child welfare experts to develop a set of recommendations. These recommendations were sent to ACS Commissioner Mattingly and will appear in an article in the October issue of Currents.

The Child Abuse Task Force chaired by Dr. Megan McLaughlin addressed the following five areas:

1. Sustaining and building a quality workforce in child protective services.
2. Addressing service gaps for families to remain intact.
3. Improving risk assessment and outcome measures.
4. Implementing successful demonstration programs.
5. Engaging the community in creating better outcomes for children.

For the full set of recommendations, please go to www.naswnyc.org.

Leaders of the New York State and New York City chapters of NASW met with Eliot Spitzer on May 1st to discuss priorities of the two chapters. The chapters’ respective political action committees (NYC and NYS PACE) had agreed to endorse his candidacy for Governor. Mr. Spitzer, who is currently Attorney General, faces a Democratic Party Primary on September 12 and, given the likelihood of winning, will go on to the general election on November 7th.

In a discussion with Mr. Spitzer and in meetings with his campaign staff, the NASW chapters advocated for social work loan forgiveness, state takeover of Medicaid funding, mental health parity and the repeal of the Rockefeller Drug Laws. The NYC Chapter also shared their concern with Mr. Spitzer’s position on the death penalty, which he favors only in circumstances involving terrorism or the murder of a police officer.

Mr. Spitzer has asked NASW leaders for advice and consultation on policies relating to health and human services. For more information on Mr. Spitzer’s positions, go to www.spitzer2006.com.

NASW/PACE Endorses Eliot Spitzer for Governor

In the photo with Mr. Spitzer are (left to right) Robert Schachter (NASW-NYC Executive Director), Debra Fromm Faria (NASW-NYS Vice President), Rose Starr (NASW-NYC President-elect), Eliot Spitzer, Robin Russel (NASW-NYS President), Ray Cardona (NASW-NYS Executive Director), Thea Griffin (NASW-NYS Assistant Executive Director), and Fred Newdom (NASW-NYS/PACE Co-chair).