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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Making connections with social workers from across North America.

Amanda Knievel

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our new Code of Ethics affirms the value of social justice and compels social workers to advocate, in whatever way appropriate, for their clients and communities.

Karen Wasylenka, MSW, RSW

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations to Val Pottle, RSW, of Saskatoon for receiving this honour.

A LETTER TO OUR MEMBERS

Former SASW member Joanne Neddow recently published *Grandmother Medicine - Reclaiming Who We Are Created to Be* through Benchmark Press. The book documents how she developed a deeper and profound understanding of the human journey and the inner changes that are possible in all of us learning to create a more loving reality.

TRC CORNER

The Truth and Reconciliation Working Group has been considering ways to increase Indigenous inclusion in the profession and facilitate reconciliation. A member survey is being created to collect data this fall, and land acknowledgments for SASW are being developed.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT ON RANCH EHRLO SOCIETY

Amanda DeMarsh, MSW, RSW, and Kristie Panchuk, MSW, RSW, discuss how they have come to highly value the ability to provide trauma informed and anti-oppressive counselling services that are built on evidence-based, best-practice standards to Regina and surrounding areas.

FROM THE DESK OF THE REGISTRAR

Representations of Qualifications - "Pending"/ "In Progress" is not allowed. Rules on how Social Workers can accurately represent themselves.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CORNER

Although individuals working in the field of social work may hold various professional job titles, a SASW member must also identify themselves as an RSW.

SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION OF BLACK SOCIAL WORKERS: PHOTOVOICE PROJECT

The Mosaic of Black Joy and Wellness Photovoice research project was initiated to raise awareness of the importance of joy and wellness within the Black community in Saskatchewan. Its objectives are to increase visibility, promote cultural humility, and draw attention to the diversity of Black cultures and communities that reside within Saskatchewan.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Are you passionate about mental health and wellness for Saskatchewan agriculture producers, their family members, and agricultural workers? Are you a Registered Social Worker? SaskAgMatters Mental Health Network Inc. offers six free one-hour sessions of mental health support services with trained and registered mental health professionals that have a background in farm culture.

SASW EDUCATION COMMITTEE SPEAKER SERIES UPDATE

Its been a busy few months for guest speakers. We had four outstanding speakers during Social Week 2024 as well as presentations on International Social Service - Canada, and the fentanyl and opioid crisis. This was followed up with presentations from the FASD Network of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Coroners Service, as well as a discussion on private practice.

WELCOME TO NEW SASW STAFF

Introducing our newest staff members: Cheryl Zado, Executive Assistant.

SOCIAL WORK CENSUS

Complete the Social Work Census by June 30