

THE SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL WORK LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH CARE

Notes from the Annual Conference

The SSWLHC 56th Annual Meeting and Conference was held October 25th-28th at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in beautiful Tucson, Arizona. This year's keynote speaker was Haner Hernandez, PhD, CPS, CADCI, LADCI who presented on Understanding Disparities and Building Health Equity: A Social Justice Framework and Approach. Session topics at this year's conference covered Covid-19 challenges, evidence-based practice in health care, diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, social determinants of health, and veteran services, to name a few. Over half of this year's attendees were part of the Pediatric Health Care Social Work Intensive. Award winners this year include:

- Shawna Grossman Kates - Ida M. Cannon Award
- Donna Shanor - Health Social Work Leader of the Year Award
- Jennifer Tunning - Eleanor Clark Award
- Susan Matorin - Ellen Perlman Simon Outstanding Mentor Award
- Mark de St. Aubin - Hyman J. Weiner Award
- Timothy Seay-Morrison - Joan Upshaw Award

Issue Focus: "How to be Transparent in your Charting"

Each month we will focus on a topic or issue that relates to Health Social Work. We welcome your suggestions for topics!

With the advent of the 21st Century Cures Act we are now obligated by federal law to share as much information as we can with the patients we serve. From an anti-oppressive perspective, it's in our best interest to be as transparent as possible with patients. That said, sometimes it can be difficult to figure out how to document about sensitive topics, and it isn't always clear exactly when we can restrict our notes from the patient. The law tells us that there are two circumstances in which we can restrict our notes: concern for harm, and concern for violation of privacy. Any information we hold back must directly relate to one of these two concepts, and we should hold back as little information as possible.

There is, of course, going to be great variety in practice, but one way to think about this would be to wonder whether the patient and family would be surprised by what we've written and whether they would see their perspectives represented in the documentation? By providing anticipatory guidance about what they can expect to read later and by reviewing what you plan to write before ending the encounter, you have an opportunity to build relationships, improve understanding in your verbal communication and extend the therapeutic relationship in written documentation.

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Upcoming SSWLHC Events, Webinars

November 2021

November 30, 2021 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Title: Ethical Issues in Genetics and Genomics Presenters: Jeremy Garrett and John Lantos

December 2021

December 10 - 11, 2021 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE Registration Open for the December 2021 Virtual Leadership Institute

December 22, 2021 Webinar: Making the Business Case for Health Social Work

To register for any of the above, and for a full listing of all available and on demand Webinars and educational materials, please go to the website [here](#).

Looking Ahead to 2022

Jan. 13th from 3-4pm:

Join members of the Texas SSWLHC Chapter for: Virtual Social Hour in Texas!

Discussion will include:

- National society membership benefits
- Reintroduction of the **SSWLHC Texas chapter**
- Texas chapter committee member recruitment and initiatives



Vision:

To be the leading professional organization for social workers in healthcare.

Resources for Health Social Workers

<https://www.opennotes.org>: This website has been working on Open Notes for many years. They have many resources you can use.

Open Notes and Behavioral Health: From the website Therapy Notes

General

Statistics on Health Social Workers

<https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes211022.htm>



Journals of interest

HEALTH & SOCIAL WORK

SOCIAL WORK IN HEALTH CARE

SOCIAL WORK IN PUBLIC HEALTH

JOURNAL OF INTERPROFESSIONAL CARE

Recent articles of interest

Paul Archibald, Roland Thorpe, Jr., Chronic Medical Conditions as Predictors of the Likelihood of PTSD among Black Adults: Preparing for the Aftermath of COVID-19, *Health & Social Work*, Volume 46, Issue 4, November 2021, Pages 268–276, <https://doi.org/10.1093/hsw/hlab025>

Valerie Gray Hardcastle (2021) The critical role of care coordinators for persons with substance use disorder in rural settings: a case study, *Social Work in Health Care*, DOI: 10.1080/00981389.2021.1986456

Maxxine Rattner (2021) COVID-19: Encountering Never-Before-Known Suffering, *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care*, 17:2-3, 104-107, DOI: 10.1080/15524256.2021.1881692