



THE SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL WORK LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH CARE

SOCIAL WORK MONTH!

IN HONOR OF SOCIAL WORK MONTH, WE WANT TO HIGHLIGHT SOME GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL OUR MEMBERS.

- ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES
- THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- UPCOMING WEBINARS

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Hello Members!

We would like to introduce you to our Transition Team!!

We shared with you last month, in our email updates that Kyle Fernley would be transitioning to a new role and no longer serving SSWLHC/SSWLF after April 19th, 2022.

The Boards of both the Society and the Foundation are very pleased to share that rather than immediately transition to another Management Company or model, we were provided an opportunity to engage 2 strong leaders, known to many of you, to lead us in the next 12 months as an Executive Director team who will work together in a part time capacity to manage the organizations.

Their tenure will enable both organizations to meet our ongoing obligations to our members AND to provide a Search Committee an opportunity to develop and send out an RFP for a more permanent solution.

Here is just a LITTLE about them both! Please join me in welcoming them in this transition role as we continue to re-imagine and evolve in support of Social Workers in Health Care! Meet the Transition Team on Page 2!

Organization news!

The SSWLHC Executive Director Transition Team

Scott D. Ferguson, MSW, LCSW, ACM

Scott has served the Society and the Society Foundation for years including as President of the Society from 2015-2017, and most recently on the Foundation Board. Scott graduated from UCLA with a Master of Social Welfare in June of 2001. Since that time, he has worked in a variety of roles from direct practice at the Children's Hospital Los Angeles to their Administrator in Family-Centered Care Support Services. He was the Director of Social Work Services at Memorial Care Health System and then the Director of Care Transitions and Population Health at Mount Sinai Morningside Hospital in New York City. Scott is currently in private practice as a psychotherapist in NYC. Scott also serves as a Panelist on the Advisory Panel for Outreach & Education with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.



Shawna Grossman Kates, LSW, MSW, MBA, CMAC

Shawna has also served the Society and the Society Foundation for years including as President of the Society and most recently as President of the Foundation Board. She is recipient of the prestigious Ida M. Cannon leadership award. Shawna graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with an MSW and from the University of Phoenix with an MBA. Since that time Shawna has led Social Work and Case Management departments in several health care systems in Philadelphia, PA and New Jersey. She served as Asst VP of Patient Care Services, Case Management & Family Services at CHOP, Administrator of Medical Day Care at Weisman Children's Rehabilitation in NJ, and Senior Consultant for The Center for Case Management in Wellesley, MA. Currently Shawna is Director of Case Management, Social Work and Utilization Management at RWJBarnabas Health/Community Medical Center in New Jersey. Shawna serves on the Editorial Board of HCPro Case Management Monthly publication.



Coming Soon: The SSWLHC Leadership Institute New & Emerging Leader Training!

The SSWLHC currently offers a very popular course for Social Work Leaders called the Leadership Institute. The course focuses on the learning needs of those with some leadership experience already. **The next Institute will take place March 25-26th! Sign Up!**

The Faculty of the Leadership Institute are now developing the curriculum for a similar course focusing on the **learning needs of New and Emerging Leaders**. The course will be of interest to social workers who are interested in formal or informal leadership roles/positions and would like to develop their skills and broaden their understanding of what it takes to lead successfully. The course will be offered in a virtual or in person format depending on the needs of participants.

Upcoming SSWLHC Events, Webinars

March 2022

March 23, 2022 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Title: I Am Not Burned out! I Am FU*&%\$G Fried!

SaraKay Smillens, MSW, LCSW, ACSW, DCSW, BCD, CGP, CFLE

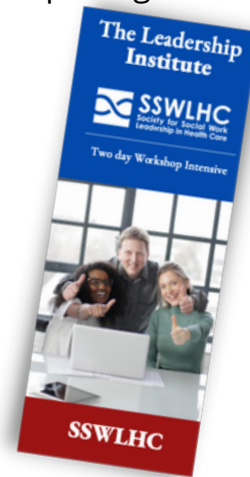
To register for any of the above, and for a full listing of all available and on demand Webinars and educational materials, please go to the website [here](#).

March 25-26th

Two-Day workshop: **SSWLHC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE:** Preparing Social Workers to Lead Tomorrow's Challenges.

Take a look at the agenda here.

Download the
UPDATED
SSWLHC
Leadership
Institute here!



Submit an Abstract for the 2022 Annual Conference!

Call for Abstracts:

Click here to submit an abstract.

Click here for abstract submission instructions.

Deadline: March, 28, 2022



Vision:

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

Professional Development

These are all exceptional opportunities for Health Social Workers!

- The Leadership Institute of SSWLHC. [Here's a link to the brochure.](#)
- The Advanced Palliative & Hospice Social Work Certification. [Apply here.](#)
- Educating social work in palliative and end-of-life care ([NASW](#)). The NEW ESPEC Course.



Resources for Health Social Workers

VOT-ER: A PROGRAM CONNECTING HEALTHCARE AND VOTING TO EMPOWER VOICES

University of Missouri-Kansas City Asst. Teaching Professor of Social Work, Adriana Paez, MSW will be presenting on how Vot-ER connects healthcare institutions and providers with the tools, training, and community to register colleagues and patients to vote, bringing providers and patients together to promote civic engagement and create healthier communities across the United States.

The video of the Feb. 10th meeting is now available!

[Watch the video recording here!](#)



Journals of interest

[HEALTH & SOCIAL WORK](#)

[SOCIAL WORK IN HEALTH CARE](#)

[SOCIAL WORK IN PUBLIC HEALTH](#)

[JOURNAL OF INTERPROFESSIONAL CARE](#)

Recent articles of interest

Rae Morris, Fiona Lewis, Nancy Baker, Megan Saul, Kym Bohachewski, "I Have Failed Them and Failed My Duties": Experiences of Hospital Social Workers Discharging Patients into Homelessness, *Health & Social Work*, Volume 47, Issue 1, February 2022, Pages 45–51, <https://doi.org/10.1093/hsw/hlab039>

Wayne Ambrose-Miller, Rachelle Ashcroft, Challenges Faced by Social Workers as Members of Interprofessional Collaborative Health Care Teams, *Health & Social Work*, Volume 41, Issue 2, May 2016, Pages 101–109, <https://doi.org/10.1093/hsw/hlw006>

Charlotte Lyn Bright, Social Workers, Self-Care, and Resilience during Social Work Month, *Social Work Research*, Volume 46, Issue 1, March 2022, Pages 3–4, <https://doi.org/10.1093/swr/svab033>