

THE SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL WORK LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH CARE

Mental Health Awareness Month!

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. Social Workers are the primary providers of mental health services in the US.

In the spirit of tending to our own mental health, we are listing some of the resources you may find helpful for your own resilience.

RESOURCES

CAPC HealthCare Provider Debriefings

Free to any healthcare provider, virtual peer lead meetings to support one another in this difficult work. www.capc.org.

Fix Moral Injury

Website with a lot of resources for anyone dealing with or interested in moral distress and injury. www.fixmoralinjury.org.

NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness)

This website has some terrific downloads for professionals to help you work as a mental health practitioner and for yourself. website: <https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month>.

SAMHSA

So many resources on this site:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/programs/mental-health-awareness-month>

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Upcoming SSWLHC Events, Webinars

May 2022

**White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health
Stakeholder Update
Biweekly Stakeholder Call -
Wednesday, May 18 at 3:30pm ET**

Please join us for our first biweekly stakeholder call this Wednesday, May 18 at 3:30pm ET. These calls will feature updates on the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health. Here are the details:

White House Conference Biweekly Stakeholder Call
Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Time: 3:30pm ET/2:30pm CT/1:30pm MT/12:30pm PT
RSVP: https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_A-oIAYcqSQ6SedDbLGVM0Q



THE WHITE HOUSE

Please note that this call is off-the-record and closed to press. We hope that you can join us!

Title: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - A Leader's View & Strategies

Presenters: Rose Cardarelli, B.S., MHA, M.Ed. Ed.D., FACHE

Date: May 19, 2022

Time: 1:00 - 2:30 PM EST

Please note that 1.5 CEU's will be offered for this webinar

Learning Objectives:

1. An understanding of DEI and leadership strategies
2. An awareness of implicit bias
3. Sharing clinical strategies from a social worker perspective



SSWLHC President Message

Hello Society Members!

I am writing on this beautiful spring morning from Columbus, Ohio. I hope that this quarterly message finds you well.

I will keep today's message simple. We are working hard to sustain and build this particular community of Social Workers who choose to do their work in a variety of health care settings! As you know, we recently completed our transition to temporary Executive Directors, Shawna Kates & Scott Ferguson, who you "met" in recent communications. After many years of dedicated service to the Society, Kyle Fernley's last day with us was on April 19th. On the 19th of April, Shawna and Scott assume many of the roles that Kyle had. We continue to actively evaluate processes even as we are getting up to speed! I will ask your patience in the coming month as we modify some internal processes to ensure that the Society sustains our work and prepares us for the future.

So, what about our future?! We have a timeline toward the selection of a more permanent Association Management Company or Executive Director model that we expect to wrap up by our October conference in Nashville! We, the Board, have been using this time to explore models and reach out to people in order to learn what we need to grow in this current environment.

2022 is nothing like 2012.....or even 2017. Markets have changed, the way services are delivered has drastically changed, there are almost too many "resources" out there that make it hard to keep up. Healthcare environments continue to change and continue to be challenging while also offering new and exciting opportunities for our work. (con't)

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Here is one thing that is resonating with me as we go through this change process: we have an opportunity to focus on our "true" value, to be a community for one another as we serve families within systems that can make relationship building difficult. We know that we "have" each other. Many socialworkers do not understand our work in healthcare and many inter-disciplinary healthcare workers donot understand our work as social workers.

We... well, we understand each other. We get the work;we understand the challenges and joys of working with families in these spaces. These relationships area gift and to be cherished.The Society is renewing relationships with partners, renewing connections, building on what was onceor already there and inviting new partners as well. We will strengthen these partnerships and support chapters in new ways that make community building at local levels easier to do.

I will be sure that you are kept looped in with information about our progress with management of theSociety AND we are using the feedback from many of you a couple of years ago in the Strategic Planning process.

Finally, we are working hard on preparing for the October SSWLHC conference in Nashville! Abstractshave been submitted and are under review. Speakers have been identified and booked. Ongoing discussions with the hotel and other logistics are ongoing. We are very excited about how it is coming together for your, for us, for all social workers in health care! You will begin to see updates about theconference as agreements become final! Please consider registering early and sharing with yourpersonal networks!

Here is to Spring and to leaning into our purpose!
Jeanette



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The membership
for Health Social
Workers!

Resources for Health Social Workers

Health Social Work Grand Rounds at Dell Medical School

July 2022


Title: The Rise of Suicide Attempts Among Black Children: Are We Missing the Signs?

Presenter: Michael Lindsey

When: July 25th

Time: 12-1pm (est)

[Register here.](#)

 The University of Texas at Austin
Health Social Work
Dell Medical School & Steve Hicks School of Social Work

GRAND ROUNDS



The Department of Health Social Work
Grand Rounds

Register [HERE](#) →

Topic:
The Rise of Suicide Attempts Among Black Children: Are We Missing the Signs?

Who:
Michael Lindsey
PhD, MSW, MPH

When:
07/25/22 | 12 pm-1 pm CT

Where: Zoom

Pending 1.0 CEU

The University of Texas at Austin
Health Social Work
Dell Medical School



Ongoing Health Social Work Education/Training

Educating Social Workers in Palliative and End-of-Life Care (ESPEC) is an innovative training program designed **for health social workers** by social workers to promote the integration of primary palliative care skills into clinical practice.

Program components include interactive online coursework, live, synchronous instructor-led training, monthly mentorship, and leadership training. The state-of-the-art curriculum presents videos of patient and family encounters, highlighting best social work practices using the framework of the eight domains of palliative care. Interactive training techniques are designed to engage the learner and create a new community of practice.

Benefits of Becoming an ESPEC Trainer

- Receive best practice training for integrating key palliative care principles into clinical social work.
- Receive training materials (Trainer's Manual, checklists, articles, teaching slides).
- Receive training to become a more effective social work influencer, advocate, team player, and leader.
- Receive a Certificate of Completion plus an ESPEC Trainer Certificate.

[REGISTER HERE FOR ESPEC](#)

Resources for Health Social Workers

The **SSWLHC Community Forum** (formerly the List Serv) has been active with interesting and thought-provoking discussions from members. The community forum allows members to ask questions, make announcements and/or initiate discussion.

Recent topics include:

- CHA Staffing Benchmarks
- Blood Products for Patients who are Jehovah's Witnesses
- Finding Residential Resources for Pediatric Patients with Specialized Feeding Needs
- PICU Staffing Ratios

For instructions on how to participate in the community forum, please see below:

[How do I join the Community Forum?](#)

[How do I contribute or add a discussion forum to the Community Forum?](#)

[How do I edit/change my subscription settings for the Community Forum?](#)



2022 Annual Conference



Social Workers Talking About Race

Terry Altילו, LCSW, APHSW-C, Anne Kelemen, LICSW, APHSW-C & Vickie Leff, LCSW, APHSW-C developed a 5 episode discussion series about race and health care called "Reflections 2020: Inequities; Deepening the Conversation, Informing Practice."

Using videos, readings, articles, they sit down and talk about the role of social work, what we can do, how we can listen and hear each other in this critical discussion about racism in health care.

The videos, along with many resources and links, are available to watch on www.seriousillnessconversations.org/conversations.



Leadership Opportunities

The Leadership Institute



Two day Workshop Intensive

Health Social Workers
Leading the Way

Two-Day Workshop

This two day workshop is specifically designed for social workers. Using our systems perspective, excellent communication skills, and years of experience, you will learn about leadership theories, skills, challenges, thinking through transitioning from manager to leader. The networking that is a part of this workshop is invaluable and extends well past the end of the workshop.



Educating Social Workers in Palliative and End-of-Life Care (ESPEC)

A New Training Program

This innovative program is designed by social workers for social workers to promote the integration of primary palliative care skills into daily clinical practice of caring for seriously ill patients. Interactive training techniques engage healthcare social workers and create a new community of practice.

ESPEC is a four-part curriculum:

- I. **Interactive Online Training:** Eight modules of independently paced training (8.0 hours CE) include videos of patient and family encounters, interactive exercises, reflective questions, and resources for self-directed learning, using the eight domains of palliative care as a framework.
- II. **Virtual Instructor-Led Training (VILT):** Live online instructor-led training (2.5 hours CE) uses clinical scenarios and facilitated group discussions to improve competency in core social work skills, including biopsychosocial-spiritual assessment, the family meeting, advance care planning, and interprofessional communication.
- III. **Leadership Workshops** (4.0 hours CE) are designed to develop more effective advocacy and leadership skills and improve the visibility of the role of health social work in clinical settings.
- IV. **Monthly Mentorship** sessions, offered free to social workers who complete parts one and two, provide individualized support on implementation of new practice skills and address common challenges facing social workers in the workplace.

ESPEC is made possible with the generous support of The New York Community Trust, the United States Cancer Pain Relief Committee, The Y.C. HoHeien & Michael Chiang Foundation, and the Hearst Foundations.

For more information about registration, visit: socialworkers.org/espec

Created by the MJHS Institute for Innovation in Palliative Care in partnership with the National Association of Social Workers and the Social Work Hospice & Palliative Care Network.



A promotional poster for the SSWLHC 57th Annual Meeting and Conference. The poster features the SSWLHC logo in the top left corner. The main text reads "Save the Date!" in a large, white, cursive font. Below this, the title of the conference is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font: "Staying Courageous: Rising Up, Building Hope, and Leading the Call for Social and Racial Justice in Health Care". The dates and location are listed as "57th Annual Meeting and Conference, Loews Vanderbilt Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee, October 16 - 19, 2022". At the bottom, it says "Preconference Intensives: October 15 - 16, 2022". The background of the poster is a vibrant sunset over a city skyline with a river in the foreground.