

“STAYING CONNECTED”

The NASW Code of Ethics outlines the values and ethical principles of the Social Work profession. One of our professional values is social justice and the associated ethical principle is “Social Workers challenge social injustice”. It is imperative that public health social workers are aware of public policies, proposed and enacted, that hurt our clients and that action is taken to challenge such policies.

The North Carolina Continuing Education, Training and Advisory Committee (CETAC), encourages all public health social workers to sign up and/or stay connected to the Public Health Social Work listserve in order to be made aware of what is happening in the profession of public health social work in North Carolina. In addition, we highly recommend that you sign on to at least one of the advocacy listserves mentioned below in order to stay current with the policy debates impacting these practice areas and for taking action when needed. Finally, information about Public Health Social Work related organizations is provided at the end of this document. You are encouraged to join the member organizations listed (NCPHA and its Social Work Section and NASW) and to become involved with CETAC as a subcommittee member or by lending your name for nomination to the CETAC appointed body when nominees are needed.

E-MAIL LISTS

- 1) **CETAC Public Health Social Work E-list:** There is public health social work listserve maintained by the UNC School of Public Health. This is currently the main list used to distribute information regarding conferences, on-line resources, job openings, etc. Please consider joining the list by going to the following web link: <http://oce.sph.unc.edu/cetac/index.htm> and hitting the subscribe button at the upper right hand side of the page.
- 2) **NCPHA E-list:** You must be a member of the North Carolina Public Health Association to join this list. To learn about NCPHA, go to <http://www.ncpha.com/> a variety of information including legislative updates are distributed to members of this organization.
- 3) **NASW- North Carolina Chapter E-list:** NASW-NC maintains a forums page that anyone can subscribe to in order to get information regarding the activities of the local practice units. Go to: <http://www.naswnc.org/forums/> and follow the directions to sign on. Practice Area Network forums at this site are only accessible to NASW members. Look for posts regarding social work related issues, meetings and trainings on these forums.

ADVOCACY LISTSERVES:

- 1) **NC Justice Center:** Go to www.ncjustice.org and sign up for updates. This site provides a variety of information regarding economic and social justice issues impacting North Carolinians.
- 2) **NASW State Chapter:** Go to <http://capwiz.com/socialworkers/nc/home> to sign up for legislative alerts from NASW-NC Chapter during the NC legislative sessions.
- 3) **NASW National Office:** Go to <http://capwiz.com/socialworkers/mim/signup/> to sign up for legislative alerts from the National NASW Office when congress is in session.
- 4) **NC Child E-list:** Go to www.ncchild.org and click on subscribe at the bottom of the home page to be added to the e-mail list to receive informative updates regarding what is happening in NC around women's and children's issues.
- 5) **March of Dimes E-list:** Go to <http://www.marchofdimes.com/northcarolina/> and click sign up for their advocacy alerts related to women and children's issues.
- 6) **NC Center for Voter Education:** Go to www.ncvoterred.org for information on the new voter rights legislation recently passed in NC. You can sign up to receive their voter updated e-newsletter by clicking the tab at the top of the screen.

PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIAL WORK ORGANIZATIONS:

- 1) **North Carolina Public Health Association Social Work Section** – Go to <http://www.ncpha.com/> to learn more about the association and the SW Section.
- 2) **National Association of Social Workers** – Go to www.socialworkers.org to learn more about the national association and to www.naswnc.org for information about the North Carolina Chapter.
- 3) **CETAC** – Go to <http://oce.sph.unc.edu/cetac/index.htm> to learn more about CETAC. CETAC is a committee of appointed individuals but welcomes the participation of interested persons on its subcommittees. Contact information for current CETAC members is located on this page.