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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

New Year, New Beginnings, New Code of Ethics. The new year marks the perfect time to review and reflect on the changes, and how they affect our professional practices.

Bren Shock, MSW, RSW

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) census begins in March. Please take a moment to participate. Your input will assist in ASWB exam development and help provide a picture of what constitutes social work competence for safe and ethical practice.

Let's celebrate Social Work Week! March 18th-23rd.

Karen Wasylenka, MSW, RSW

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE

Thank you to Jim Walls

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

FROM THE DESK OF THE REGISTRAR

A Cautionary Reminder! Complete your annual licence renewal. Failure to renew could result in liability and employment concerns if practicing without a licence.

Fay Schuster, MSW, RSW

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT... NEW CODE OF ETHICS

The Canadian Association of Social Workers issued a new Code of Ethics. Take a moment to find out how the changes affect you.

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL

Mark your calendars! The deadline for nominations is March 15. Positions open for 2024 are Treasurer, Secretary and Member at Large (two positions). Help shape the future direction of the SASW.

BEING TRAUMA AWARE

Equip yourself and your organization with the tools you need to create a collaborative approach to resilience after trauma. Sign up for this free three-hour interactive course that offers certification upon completion.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CORNER

It is paramount that all practicing social workers are "competent" in their practice. What does competent really mean? It's wide-ranging, yet integral to a successful, professional practice. Ensuring competence in all areas of practice is essential to your success, and the success of your clients.

MANDATORY CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (CPE) FOR 2024

All registered Social Workers must become familiar with the new Code of Ethics launched by the Canadian Association of Social Workers. All practicing social workers are required to attend eight hour-long webinars introducing the Code. These webinars are part of the annual 40 hours of CPE required for all practicing social workers.

BEST PRACTICES FOR OLDER ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND NEUROCOGNITIVE DISORDER (NCD)

Recent studies show that after the age of 60, approximately six per cent of individuals with intellectual disabilities will develop NCD. MSW graduate Sissel Prediger takes you through his research into this growing population, and examines the most effective tools and best practices available to social workers and other healthcare professionals.

Sissel Prediger, BSW, MSW, RSW

BURNOUT AND COMPASSION FATIGUE

Recent Master of Social Work (MSW) graduate Whitney Fraser presents her research into burnout and compassion fatigue among social workers, and offers recommendations to SASW members on how to best support social workers in their critical and demanding work.

Whitney Fraser, MSW

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