

Minority Retention Funds Report

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Attention: Dr. Stacey Close

Re: Macro-Guide National Task Force Meeting

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) is the accrediting body of all social work programs and schools in the United States. The CSWE organized a Macro-Guide National Task Force with the purpose of developing a Macro Practice Curriculum Guide for graduate social work programs and schools. On September 8-9, 2017 the Macro-Guide National Task Force met to discuss the guide and the contributions made by each task force members prior to this meeting. The main objectives of the meeting included the following:

- Deepen an understanding of Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS) competencies
- Increase ability to explore competencies through Macro-Focus Area Lens
- Introduce the Competencies through social justice, equity, and race lens
- Alignment of macro competencies
- Calendar of Dates: Work plan for final product.

During this meeting the taskforce members were divided into their assigned competency groups in order to examine and merge their work through a series of macro activities. My assigned team was Competency 2, Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice. We discussed important issues regarding diversity, the definition of diversity according to affirmative action, and the impact of the political climate. Issues faced by macro practitioners, particularly in education, were also examined. Social work educators from different universities discussed a variety of assignments and available resources. Some of the educators in my group came from University of Minnesota, Indiana University School of Social Work, and Southeast Missouri State University. As this taskforce moves forward all materials and resources will be combined into the Marco Practice Curriculum Guide for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). This guide will be available to all social work schools and programs.

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