

Social Work Associations Working Together to Support Religiously and Spiritually Sensitive Social Work Practice

Session Outline

NASW: (15 minutes)

- Is religiosity and spirituality a natural fit for social workers; if so, what does the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) do to highlight and encourage this fit?
- What are some potential goals and outcomes the might be achieved through the partnership and collaboration of our associations to equip social workers to provide more religiously and spiritually sensitive social work practice?

CSWE: (15 minutes)

- What has and does the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) do to support the development of social workers' knowledge, values, and skills in the area of clients' religion and spirituality?
- What are some potential benefits associated with our associations partnering together to equip social workers to provide more religiously and spiritually sensitive social work practice?

SSSW: (15 minutes)

- What changes has the Society for Spirituality and Social Work (SSSW) seen in the evolution of attention to religion and spirituality in social work in recent years, and what key issues do you anticipate might appear on the horizon?
- What are some potential obstacles that might challenge us as our associations strive to partner together to equip social workers to provide more religiously and spiritually sensitive social work practice – and what are some possible solutions to these obstacles?

NACSW (15 minutes)

- What are some of the ways NACSW has reached out in recent years to other religious and spirituality traditions to better equip social workers to provide more religiously and spiritually sensitive social work practice?
- What are some potential, concrete opportunities for our associations to partner together to equip social workers to provide more religiously and spiritually sensitive social work practice?