

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF SURVEY FOR CERTIFIED SUPERVISION FOR LCSWs in DELAWARE

On behalf of the Michelle Rowland, LCSW and president of NASW-DE and the Board of Directors, the chapter thanks everyone who completed the survey to determine support for a clinical supervision course.

The proposed legislation for multi-tier licensure requires that individuals who provide supervision to individuals who plan to sit for the licensure examination have completed an approved certification course for clinical supervision. Having accepted that multi-tier licensure for social workers will be enacted in Delaware, NASW-DE has assumed a proactive stance taking steps to establish a clinical supervision course for eligible LCSWs. However, we believe that the course should reflect input from members in terms of location and timing of the course. We, therefore, decided to conduct a survey. A summary of the results follows.

There were nine (9) questions. Sixty-seven (67) persons responded. Of this number, 85% (56 persons) of the respondents indicated interest in taking clinical supervision certification course. The same proportion of respondent indicated that they would actually enroll in a course.

Table 1 Preferences for Time of Course

Time and Location Course	Number of Responses		Percentage (%)
	Yes	No	
Multiple days after work	25 (37%)	42 (63%)	
Multiple weekends	23 (34%)	44 (66%)	
Friday, Saturday, Sunday	24 (36%)	43 (64%)	
Outside county in which I work or reside	32 (48%)	35 (52%)	

As Table 1 indicates, respondents were almost evenly divided in terms of favoring and not favoring a course held outside the region in which one lives or work. However, holding a workshop after work or on the weekend was not satisfactory.

More than half of the respondents, 34 person, representing 52% of the responses, indicated a willingness to serve on a committee focusing on multi-tier licensure in Delaware. Finally, fifty-seven percent of the persons who completed the survey are providing clinical supervision.

Attendance at Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners' meetings as well as discussions with social workers and administrators indicate both acceptance and ambivalence regarding multi-tier licensure. While there is agreement that individuals should carry job titles that are consistent with their education, concerns are very apparent regarding the impact of multi-tier licensure on personnel who are not social workers but are so titled; implications for job security and the necessities associated with classifying or re-classifying staff according to their education and credentials.

Thinking that is both rational and practical is necessary to; (1) ensure competent practice; (2) and to professionally respond to the needs and concerns of all persons who will be affected by multi-tier licensure.

Please call the chapter office (302-288-0931) regarding your interest to work on multi-tier licensure.