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Dear NASW Member,

We are inviting NASW members to indicate their interest in serving on a policy panel to develop, edit, and/or update the Association's public and professional policy statements. See the attached list of current policies that are up for review and revision between now and Spring 2017.

These policies are published in *Social Work Speaks* (www.naswpress.org/publications/practice/speaks.html), which sets the parameters for NASW's positions and actions on a broad range of social and professional issues while acting in the interest of the Association and profession as a whole.

Participation on policy panels involves several teleconferences or virtual meetings over several months to edit and finalize the policy. NASW staff will serve as the project lead and work with panelists to conduct the necessary background research and support work to draft the issue component of the statement. Policy panel members will not be remunerated for their time and work; however, their names will be included as authors of the policy in *Social Work Speaks*.

The NASW Delegate Assembly has ultimate responsibility for approving the broad professional and social policy statements for the Association. These statements provide the framework for the Association's policy and practice activities. Once the statements are revised or drafted, NASW members will have a 30-day period to comment online. Once that period concludes, the policy will be finalized and then voted upon by delegates of the Delegate Assembly.

Members who are interested in being a panelist should indicate their interest by **February 15, 2016** by sending a brief statement of experience and knowledge on the topic(s) of choice to naswpolicy@naswdc.org. Panels are limited to six people, so depending on the number of interested members in particular policy panels, a selection process may be necessary. All members who submitted a statement of interest will be notified of the selection decision.

We hope you will join us in making this important contribution to the profession.

Take care,



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