

## NCSWCLB AND NASW-NC: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

The North Carolina Social Work Certification and Licensure Board (NCSWCLB) and the National Association of Social Workers North Carolina Chapter (NASW-NC) are often thought to be the same entity. Do you know the difference? The volume of telephone calls and requests received daily in both offices suggest there remains some confusion among social workers and the public with regard to the difference between these two entities. The following chart was established as a resource to help clarify the services the Board and the professional association provide.

### A COMPARISON OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS (November 2021)

#### NC Social Work Certification and Licensure Board (NCSWCLB)

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#### Mission:

The mission of the NCSWCLB is to protect the public by setting standards for qualification, training, and experience for those who seek to represent themselves to the public as certified social workers or licensed clinical social workers and by promoting high standards of professional performance for those engaged in the practice of social work in accordance with the Social Worker Certification and Licensure Act and related Rules.

#### Description:

- \*Occupational licensing Board
- \*Members are appointed by the Governor
- \*Protects the public by regulating the profession
- \*Authority & jurisdiction established by law
- \*Mandates licensure for clinical social work practice
- \*Certifies BSW, MSW, and SW Managers
- \*Establishes standards and regulations for practice
- \*Investigates complaints against certified/licensed social workers
- \*Authority to discipline certified/licensed social workers

#### Board Members:

The Board is composed of 7 members including 5 certified or licensed social workers and 2 public members (non-social workers). Members are appointed by the Governor to serve a 3-year term and may be re-appointed for one additional term. All members of the Board are residents of North Carolina and professional members must have 3 years of social work experience prior to appointment.

#### NCSWCLB Staff:

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#### National Association of Social Workers North Carolina Chapter (NASW-NC)

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#### Mission:

NASW is a membership association that promotes, develops and protects the practice of social work and social workers. NASW also seeks to enhance the effective functioning and well being of individuals, families and communities through it's work and advocacy.

#### Description:

- \*Professional membership association
- \*Advocates for the social work profession
- \*Lobbies for legislative changes for social workers & consumers
- \*Provides free resume reviews, ethical, legal, career and practice consultation and information for members
- \*Holds 7 statewide conferences each year
- \*Provides malpractice insurance for social workers
- \*Supports 14 Local Program units that provide local CE and networking for social workers
- \*Practice Area Networks with resources, experts and information on various areas of social work practice.

#### Board of Directors:

The NASW-NC Board of Directors is composed of 20 Board members, all of whom are NASW members elected by the membership. Member terms are 1 or 2 years, depending on the position. Members may be re-elected to serve additional terms for a maximum of 6 years. The Board meets 6 times per year to address policy and discuss programming and advocacy priorities.

#### NASW-NC Staff:

Valerie Arendt, MSW, MPP, Executive Director  
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