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CSWE and Cohen Veterans Network Collaborate to Create Military Social Work Curricular Guide

International Task Force to Develop Military-Focused Curriculum Resources for Social Work Educators

ALEXANDRIA, VA, April, 20, 2017— In collaboration with the [Council on Social Work Education](#) (CSWE), the [Cohen Veterans Network](#) (CVN), a private foundation dedicated to improving mental health care of veterans, is generously sponsoring the creation of a comprehensive military social work curricular guide for social work programs and educators.

CVN President & CEO Anthony Hassan, Ed.D, LCSW led the development of CSWE's 2010 [Advanced Social Work Practice in Military Social Work](#) guide. The new *Specialized Practice Curricular Guide for Military Social Work* will update the 2010 guide and support teaching of skills related to the nine competencies in the [2015 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards](#).

"We're ecstatic to once again partner with Dr. Hassan, and now CVN," said CSWE President and CEO Darla Spence Coffey, MSW, PhD. "The specialized guide will aid social work educators in preparing social workers to address the specific needs of military service members and their families, and military social workers will be better equipped to give service members, veterans and their families the highest quality of care."

"Cultivating social workers and other mental health professionals to serve veterans and military families is a top priority for our network," said Hassan. "I'm very glad CSWE is advancing this invaluable Military Social Work practice guide with specialized competencies and curricular resources for social work programs and educators. It is crucial, especially today, that we educate social workers with targeted curriculum and experiences to care for our military and their families."

CSWE will convene an international task force comprised of faculty members and practice experts from social work programs that have military social work concentrations, specializations, tracks, certificate programs, and/or courses in their curricula and organizations that serve service members, veterans and their families

The task force will begin its work tomorrow with over 60 faculty and practitioners, and the guide is expected to be published by the end of October 2017.

About The Cohen Veterans Network

The Cohen Veterans Network is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation whose mission is to improve the quality of life for post-9/11 veterans and their families by focusing on improving mental health outcomes. The goal of the Cohen Veterans Network is to build a network of free outpatient mental health clinics for veterans and their families in high-need communities, in which trained clinicians deliver holistic evidence-based care to treat mental health conditions. Learn more about the [Cohen Veterans Network](#).

About CSWE

CSWE is a nonprofit national association representing more than 2,500 individual members as well as graduate and undergraduate programs of professional social work education. Founded in 1952, this partnership of educational and professional institutions, social welfare agencies, and private citizens is recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation as the sole accrediting agency for social work education in the United States. Learn more about [CSWE](#).

CSWE is the national association of schools and programs of social work, representing 750 accredited undergraduate and graduate programs. CSWE is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as the sole accrediting agency for social work education in the United States. Through its many initiatives, activities, and centers, CSWE supports quality social work education and provides opportunities for leadership and professional development, so that social workers play a central role in achieving the profession's goals of social and economic justice.

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