

**NASW/Texas Chapter
Government Relations Director
Social Work Reinvestment Initiative Project Director
Austin, Texas**

Position Description

POSITION TITLE: Government Relations Director/Project Director of the Social Work Reinvestment Initiative-Texas Chapter (Exempt)

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

Directs the implementation of the Texas Chapter Work Plan for the Social Work Reinvestment Initiative (SWRI) in order to advance the interests of social work practice and the profession. Assists the Executive Director in achieving NASW's vision, mission, values, goals, and strategic plan.

<http://www.socialworkreinvestment.org/> is a link to information about the Social Work Reinvestment Initiative at the federal level.

FUNCTIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY:

The GR/Project Director of the SWRI Texas Chapter is directly responsible to the Executive Director. The primary function of the GR/Project Director will be the implementation of the SWRI Work Plan. Works closely with the SWRI Advisory Committee and other groups associated with the Work Plan's implementation.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- MSW and a minimum of two years experience in administration and planning
- Demonstrated success in multi-year project management
- Demonstrated experience with regulatory, legislative and political processes in Texas

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES REQUIRED:

- Knowledge of the social work profession at the micro and macro levels of practice
- Knowledge of Texas regulatory and legislative processes
- Ability to effectively communicate in both oral and written form
- Ability to plan, manage and implement complex projects
- Ability to plan, direct, and evaluate effective legislative strategies
- Skills in organizing and mobilizing a diverse group of people
- Ability to represent the Association in establishing, maintaining, and enhancing cooperative working relationships with other lobbyists, organizations, members of state government (elected officials and agency staff), coalitions, stakeholders, the media, and the general public
- Ability to work flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends, with some travel.

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

The GR/SWRI Project Director is responsible for the implementation of the Social Work Reinvestment Initiative Work Plan for NASW/Texas. The GR/Project Director leads and coordinates the development, management, implementation, and evaluation of strategies to inform and influence public policy at the state level on issues and in areas of importance related to the successful implementation of the SWRI

Work Plan. Promotes the profession of social work to government officials, public and private agencies, and the general public.

1. Works closely with chapter leadership and in tandem with the national SWRI effort to develop chapter's legislative agenda, policies, and positions as they apply to implementation of the SWRI Work Plan
2. Drafts or otherwise prepares legislation related to SWRI Work Plan and takes all necessary action to obtain passage of bills
3. Communicates support, opposition, or amendments to SWRI legislation through letters, fact sheets, testimony, and meetings with legislators and committee staff
4. Provides materials, training, and technical assistance to chapter leadership in the regional and local implementation of SWRI goals and activities.
5. Participates in public/press events which support the Chapter's SWRI agenda.
6. Responds to membership and media inquiries regarding SWRI legislation and its impact.
7. Staffs SWRI Advisory Committee and other committees involved in SWRI Work Plan activities.
8. Provides staff support to NASW-TPACE (Texas Political Action for Candidate Election) to assist the Board with their candidate endorsement process, distribution of contributions, fundraising efforts, Texas Ethics Commission reporting, and other activities.
9. Registers as a lobbyist in Texas
10. Assists in facilitation of Association events.

Interested individuals should mail a letter of interest postmarked by May 30, 2009 along with a resume to:

**Vicki Hansen, LMSW-AP, ACSW, Executive Director,
NASW/Texas, 810 W. 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701-2010.**

Base Salary: \$50,000.00 plus Health, Dental, Life, Disability and 401-k.

Emailed material will not be considered.

Position will be in Austin, TX and begin July 1, 2009.