Policy on Social Responsibility in Conference Planning

In determining a conference or training venue, the Council on Social Work Education will consider a state’s laws and policies as they relate to the social work code of ethics and values, as one among other factors.

In anticipation of circumstances that may arise, where a state that is scheduled to host a CSWE meeting or training passes a law or policy that violates the social work code of ethics and values, CSWE leadership will work with the Executive Board Committee to identify steps to address this conflict. These steps may include, but are not limited to:

a. Investigating the possibility of changing the location of the conference or training; or, if that is not possible,

b. Soliciting input from CSWE commissions, councils and membership about possible responses

c. Offering sessions at the conference/training around the particular social justice issue

d. Acknowledging the issue at the opening sessions

e. Collaborating with local representative(s) to identify ways that can be helpful in moving conversations and action around these issues forward

f. Seeking feedback from CSWE members to evaluate CSWE’s response.