**Agenda for NASW Lobby Day Training**

**October 15, 2021**

**Via ZOOM**

**8:40-8:55**Log In

**9:00                 Program Begins**

**9:00 – 9:15**Welcome Remarks

Steve Wanczyk-Karp Executive, Director of National Association of Social Workers, Connecticut Chapter

**9:15- 9:20**      Introductions – **Bill Welz**

Thank social worker students and professionals for coming

Explanation of why it is important for students and professionals to get involved

Outline the day’s schedule

**9:20- 9:45** Description of the general assembly process/Power Point

Brief review of last session**– Joe Grabar/Bill Welz**

**9:45 – 10:00    Question and Answer period**

**10:00 – 10:15 Break**

**10:15 – 11:00**Opportunities for advocacy around a bill  **- Kate Robinson/Brian Dawson**

Opportunities:

* Lobby Day
* Phone calls
* E-mails
* Testifying at a public hearing
* Office hours
* House parties
* Supermarket, post office, etc.
* Letters to the Editor
* Op-Eds
* Other?

Simple (Ideal) Formula:

* + - Right message
		- Right messenger
		- Right recipient
		- Right time

Effective Advocacy

* + - Identify yourself
		- Tell legislator what you want
		- Keep it brief
		- Make it personal - why is this legislation important to you?
		- Be polite
		- Leave legislator with information (fact sheet)
		- “I Don’t Know”
		- Ask legislator their position on the issue.
		- Follow-up with thank you note, etc.

**11:00   Break while Legislators get settled**

**11:10**Introduction of Legislators **– Joe Grabarz**

**\*Sen. Rick Lopes, Rep. Cristin McCarthy Vahey and Rep. Jillian Gilchrest, Sen. Gary Winfield, confirmed.**

**11:15- 11:45**   Moderated Discussion/ How Social Work informs their work as Legislators

**11:45-12:15**Question/Answers for Legislators