STATE ORGANIZATION: School Social Work Association: Washington, DC

A. State Association Officers and Contact Information:
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1. Permanent Committees within the State Association: School Social Work Managers; Social Events; Chapter Conference Planning
2. State Conference (Y or N and date for 2017): Anticipating first conference in Spring 2018
3. Organization’s Website address: N/A
4. Newsletter (Y or N, frequency and type, electronic or paper, of circulation): Y; monthly electronic newsletter, emailed to chapter contact list and shared on Facebook Group feed
5. Facebook Page Address (Y or N, If yes, please list the page address): School Social Work Association: Washington DC
6. Twitter Handle (Y or N, If yes, please list the page address): N
7. Blog address (Y or N, If yes, please list the page address): N

B. Number of State Association Members: 19

C. Number of School Social Workers in the State: DC Public Schools has 190 school social work positions. We are in the process of identifying the number of school social work positions within the DC Public Charter School system. Based on 2016 PCSB data collection, 25 of the 118 DC PCS reported having mental health professionals on staff.

D. Annual Budget and Dues Structure: Annual member dues: $30 SSW professional, $15 retired or SSW affiliate; $10 social work students. We are currently in our first year and have not yet established an annual operating budget.

E. State Evaluation:

1. Current Strengths of State Association: Our membership is diverse; we represent public school and public charter school professionals who are in elementary, middle, high, and alternative school settings, in all quadrants of the District.
2. **Current Weaknesses of State Association:** Membership and participation in chapter events has been low. We have over 100 SSWs who have joined our mailing list, but only 19 paid members. DC Public Schools provides ongoing professional development that meets state licensure continuing education requirements, which eliminates the need for more than half of DC SSWs to pay for outside learning opportunities. DC Public Charter Schools are each independent, which does not yield much collaboration. We are working to build a supportive, learning community outside of, yet in collaboration with, what the school district provides.

3. **Future Plans of State Association:** Pro-active collaboration with DC Public Schools and DC Public Charter social work managers during the first months of SY17-18. We hope to build a working relationship through administering surveys, establishing a presence at events, and information sharing.

4. **Future Threats to State Association:** We risk paid members not renewing their annual membership if the association cannot deliver events and resources that are desired.

5. **How can SSWAA assist your state?** We welcome thought partners as we work to build membership. Additionally, we are searching for cost affordable or free meeting and event space in each quadrant of the city. Chapter leaders have access to such space only in NW, which is not necessarily convenient for many SSWs to travel after work.