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Saturday, October 22, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Woman’s National Democratic Club
Washington, DC
ABOUT THE PIONEERS

The NASW Social Work Pioneer® Program was created to honor members of the social work profession who have contributed to the evolution and enrichment of the profession. The Pioneer Program identifies and recognizes individuals whose unique dedication, commitment, and determination have improved social and human conditions.

Pioneers are role models for future generations of social workers. Their contributions are reflected in every aspect of the profession, as well as in the establishment of social policies and human services programs. They have accomplished this through practice, teaching, writing, research, program development, administration, advocacy, legislation, and election to public office.

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PROGRAM

9:30 a.m.  Registration

10:00 a.m.  Greetings:
Moderator: Betsy Vourlekis, PhD, ACSW*
Co-Chair, Pioneer Steering Committee

Welcome Remarks:
Jeane W. Anastas, PhD, LMSW
President, NASW
Professor, Silver School of Social Work
New York University
New York, New York

Pioneers in Memoriam
Juan Ramos, PhD, ASCW*
Retired, Associate Director of Prevention
NIMH
Rockville, Maryland

Introduction of 2011 Pioneers
Patricia Martin-O’Meally, ACSW*
Adjunct Professor, Howard University
Washington, DC
Member, Program Planning Committee

LEGACY Project Report
Jessie Dowling Smith, ACSW*
Member, Program Planning Committee

11:00 a.m.  Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Beryl Carter Rice, PhD, ACSW*
Member, Pioneer Planning Committee

The Honorable Tommy Wells, MSW, JD Councilman, Ward 6
District of Columbia

Audience Participation:
Questions and Answers

12:00 p.m.  Reception

Viewing Exhibits
Kenneth Carpenter, ACSW*
Member, Program Planning Committee

Group Photos
Robert Arnold, MPS
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12:30 p.m.  Luncheon

Welcome:
Moderator: Bernice C. Harper, LLD, ACSW*
Chair, Program Planning Committee
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1:30 p.m.  “Health Care Reform and the Affordable Care Act”
Moderator: Jesse J. Harris, PhD, ACSW*
Professor, University of Maryland
School of Social Work
Baltimore, Maryland
Co-Chair, Pioneer Steering Committee

Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Joan O. Weiss, ACSW*
Founder, Genetic Alliance
Member, Pioneer Planning Committee

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, AB, MPP
Director of Coverage Policy
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Washington, DC

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2:30 p.m.  Acknowledgements
Bernice Catherine Harper*

3:00 p.m.  Closing Remarks
Jesse J. Harris*

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