

Field Education Committee Minutes

Date: Wednesday, Oct 8, 2025 12-1 pm via zoom

Purpose: To ensure curriculum integration between classroom and field education. To evaluate field program to ensure high quality social work education.

Members Present: Jenny Becker (field director), Itunu Ilesanmi (faculty), Jesika Basurto (BSW student rep), Jonathan Bluemke (MSW student rep)

Members Absent: Jet Kofoot (MSW student rep)

Agenda and Minutes Shared With: SW Department, SSWA, Posted online at www.uni.edu/csbs/socialwork/field-instruction

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Field By the Numbers

In State:

Location	Counties	Partners	BSW	MSW Foundation	MSW Specialization
140 Iowa Cities	89 Counties	294 Iowa Field Partners	467	328	412
3 Cedar Valley Cities (CF, W'loo, Waverly)	2 Counties	80	81	46	62

Out of State:

States	Total States Partners	BSW	MSW Foundation	MSW Specialization
22	86	65	32	44

3. Field Data 2024-2025 (attachments provided)
 - a. Feedback – IPT limitations with sorting sites with multiple locations
 - b. Recommendations
 - i. Use the common term “Multiple locations” so students will be sure to review those placement options
 - ii. Clearly articulate this at orientation
 - iii. Share excel spreadsheet with sites grouped by Iowa cities (this is already maintained for data purposes so easy to share via email with student actively searching for sites).
 - c. Feedback – Slow or lack of responses from field partners
 - d. Recommendation – share with community advisory team for feedback
4. UNI President and Provost meeting in November
 - a. Share number of field partners throughout Iowa
 - b. Highlight BSW and MSW partners that align well with University and Program mission/goals

***Special thanks to Jonathan and Jet for your service on this committee.
Congratulations to you both on your MSW graduation in December!!***

Next meeting: Spring 2026 date TBD, Wed 12-1 pm via zoom