

## Call for papers ‘Revista de Asistență Socială’ / Social Work Review Issue No. 4/2020

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There are several important components of social work in health care, including, but not limited to, public health social work and mental health social work. These subdisciplines within social work rely on interdisciplinary methods from social work, public health and mental health to achieve health equity and solve human health problems.

This Special Issue welcomes contributions that fall under the broad area of social work in health care, with special attention given to public health social work and mental health social work. Potential contributions may deal with the following *topics*: needs identification and assessment; psychosocial support; patient education, advising, and counselling; investigation, referral and provision of access to health care and services; counselling and organization of support groups; advocacy; planning and coordination of health care and services; advising on social policy and community development; planning and implementation of programs to combat social problems and improve community health care and services; evaluation of health care practice and services; quality-improvements methods and performance management in health care.

The analysis and evaluation of the above topics is a starting point for the social change of a deeper structural level of the society, that helps the social worker to complete his/her role of change agent in collaboration with other professionals, including public health and mental health professionals.

We will especially welcome original contributions such as:

*Empirical research reports* – reports of original research that are structured as following: introduction, client system, intervention, methods/methodology, results and conclusions;

*Case studies* – they will provide in-depth analysis of the needs and social interventions centered on a client system such as: individual (child/adult/older person), family, group or community. One should analyse and assess the practice, not only describe it.

*Literature reviews that are systematic* – including meta-analyses, critical evaluations of published materials; the sections will be organized taking into account the relationship between concepts and not their chronological emergence; these reviews will include: concept definitions and clarifications, previous research review in order to emphasize the present research level, highlights of the relations, contradictions, gaps and inconsistencies of the concepts in the related literature, suggestions for problem solving and future concept development.

*Theoretical articles* – based on the related literature, they will develop new theoretical perspectives or they will analyse the existent ones, in case of general or specific practice at micro, mezzo or macro level of social work in the field/area of public health or mental health. The sections of the article will be organized taking into account the relationship between them, not the chronological emergence.

*Opinion pieces* – they will emphasize a certain point of view and they will build a persuasive case study on what kind of research is need in the field of the public health social work or mental health social work, or on what kind of interventions should be tried or assessed.

*Book reviews* – they comprise an analysis of a book (up to 1500 words) and not a simple description of the table of contents. The information should be relevant for the subject of the book review and they should improve the understanding of the book for the general public. The book review should include: introduction (technical aspects about the academic context of the publication and about the author, the subject relevance, the place of the book in the related literature, a comparison to other pieces of related national or international literature or to other research of the same author), the content of the book (structure, methodology, some conclusions of the chapters, some key quotes, strengths and weaknesses of the concepts and argumentation, originality of the concepts etc.), evaluation of the content and of the way it was presented, conclusions.

Manuscripts that describe an intervention should include a thorough description of the methodology that presents in a clear way the measurement criteria, their application process and the limitations involved. A final section called ‘Results and further implications for practice’ should be based on the lessons that could be transferred in the social work practice.

We will welcome submissions of articles authored by academics, researchers, and postgraduate - PhD and MSc – students from the fields of social work, public health and mental health, as well as by practitioners and managers working in social services and socio-medical services, and public policy makers.

*Deadline for submitting papers* to be considered for publication in the special issue No. 4/2020 of ‘Revista de Asistență Socială’ / Social Work Review is *15th of September 2020*.

The submission is electronic ONLY and should be emailed to [nicoleta.neamtu@ubbcluj.ro](mailto:nicoleta.neamtu@ubbcluj.ro) or to [anca.dragomir@gmail.com](mailto:anca.dragomir@gmail.com).

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