



President's Weekly Bulletin – June 5, 2020

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Dear Members, Trainees & Friends,

It has been a long week. After many long months. An uncomfortable week, that is nowhere close to what has been painful for so many centuries for many of our colleagues, friends and families.

I was honored to help facilitate our SDBP Connect call on Tuesday afternoon, and thrilled with the honesty, participation and interest of so many of our members. At one point, we had about 75 members and trainees signed in. Clearly, this was only a first step. If we are truly to become an anti-racist organization, a requirement of any leadership organization committed to the health and well being of ALL children, we have many more discussions ahead of us. On Tuesday's call, one member shared that "we have been here before." In a month, two months, when we are on to the next crisis, will anything change? Will we keep anti-racism, commitment to diversity in all its forms, at the forefront? SDBP has an obligation to continue to address this societal issue. For each of us to learn more about ourselves, and bring our better selves to our society, our personal and professional lives. This is not a one week, one month or even one year process. Thus, we are using this week's SDBP Connect to continue our conversation.

For those of you who would like to listen to this week's conversation, it is located on the members only page under Resources:

[SDBP members only login link](#)

SDBP Connect Zoom - Stand Against Racism 6.2.2020

We are also linking the following resources, provided by you, our membership, to the front page of our website. If there are other key resources, please let us know and we will add them!

[Anti-Racism Resources](#)

SDBP CONNECT – Wednesday, June 10 at 12:00pm EST

Continuing the discussion - How can SDBP support our diverse colleagues, staff, children and families? We cannot be silent, or we will be complicit.

Join us on Wednesday June 10th at noon (bring your lunch!) and share your voice. Speak up. And let's make this discussion one of many critical steps in moving forward to put the respect our organization has for diversity into action.

SDBP Connect Call JUNE 10, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82234479723?pwd=czQ2YWlObGI2MIRKeXAvTjdLaUNIQT09>

My favorite resources of the week:

Our Member Recommended Resources for Anti-Racism (Link above)

Self Care Reminder:

some are posting on social media
some are protesting in the streets
some are donating silently
some are educating themselves
some are having tough conversations
with friends & family

a revolution has many lanes - be kind to
yourself and to others who are traveling
the same direction

just keep your foot on the gas

Warmly,

Robyn Mehlenbeck

President, SDBP
