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ETHICAL ISSUES IN MARITAL THERAPY

Michael Gottlieb, PhD

CCPA members are always impressed with how Mike can inform of us with relevant issues in therapy! This meeting was no exception and most wished we had longer to listen. Mike is unique in his blend of humor

and reason, he could easily take over for Letterman! He challenged us to carefully identify the client, have a consistent confidentiality policy and keep good records. Issues of managing therapy sessions, format and neutrality were illustrated with case examples.

Once again, CCPA is fortunate to have so many gifted and competent members, and we appreciate Mike!



Jason will be discussing how CCPA members can help with Katrina Relief! Thank you for your willingness to involve yourselves and reach out!

JasonPsyD@comcast.net

“NEUROPATHIC PAIN”

10/28—12 NOON Ψ ALAN KOENIGSBERG, MD

Please attend and bring a friend!

Our meetings are a great time to network!

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

- 10/28—
NEUROPATHIC
PAIN
Southfork
Hotel 12 Noon
- 12/2—HOLIDAY
SOCIAL
- 1/27—TRAUMA
PROGRAM
Southfork
Hotel 12 Noon

UPCOMING MEETINGS—SCHEDULE THESE NOW!

Our monthly meetings are held from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. on the 4th Friday of each month at the Southfork Hotel Plano, unless otherwise specified. The Southfork Hotel is on the east side of 75, 1 block north of 15th Street in Plano. Meetings are usually held in the Hackberry room. Members may order lunch from the menu, or just enjoy the presentation. 1.5 CEU credits are given to members for attending the meeting.

October 28— Neuropathic Pain -Alan Koenigsberg, MD! - 12 Noon, Southfork Hotel Plano

**December 2—Holiday Social—6 PM
Frank & Pattie Wichern's Home
5208 Laser Lane, Plano 75023
Don't Miss the Fun, plan your gag gift now!**

**January 27—Trauma Program—
Timberlawn Staff—12 Noon, Southfork
Hotel Plano**

**February 24—Billing & Ethics— JLD
Staff—12 Noon, Southfork Hotel Plano**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR REFERRAL INFO.
ON www.psychselect.com/ccpa! We try to
keep it up to date, but we need you to verify your
location and phone info. Remember you
need to be current on dues to be listed!**

OPPORTUNITIES!

Office Space

Several large offices with waiting area available . Located in Richardson near UTD. Office with other mental health professionals.

Contact: Frank Wichern (972) 234-3178

West Plano 2300 sq. ft. office condominium has two spaces for lease to mental health professionals. The smaller office is about 172 sq. ft. in area and faces onto an eastern courtyard. The larger office has about 272 sq.ft. and has eastern and northern windows, a skylight, and built-in cabinets. Both have internet connections, phone hookups, recessed lighting, and soundproofing. The suite itself has a very nice and spacious waiting room, a nice admin area, file storage, a kitchenette, and interior restrooms for clients and staff. A separate exit is also provided for client and staff use. Free parking and easy access to all parts of the Metroplex are added features of this location. Please call Tom Van Hoose for more details at 972-250-2919.

Services

Groups

Sarah Spreda, PhD and Jason Simpson, PsyD will be offering a **Divorce Recovery Support Group!** The group will concern issues about the divorce transition. Contact them at 972.670.5153 Or 469.879.9588

email: groups@SynergistWeb.com

Billing

WE MANAGE MANAGED CARE! You are in charge of scheduling your patients, treating your patients, and your TRF's . We do the rest. We are seasoned professionals. We make the phone calls to managed care and make sure they

pay. We pre-authorize, file your claims, process your EOB's, do all the billing and collections, send you monthly reports, answer patients billing and insurance questions, and more! Free yourself to market your practice or balance your life! Call JLD and Associates at 972 -424 - 9212.

LET THIS SPACE WORK FOR YOU! Advertise your specialty or service so our members can refer or utilize it! Send to: wichern@att.net

CCPA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: Greetings CCPA members!



October 2005

Sadly, I missed our September meeting due to the random nature of the automobile universe, but I heard good feedback on the presentation. I look forward to seeing you at our October meeting. I also will have a question for you that I would like you to think about.

You are aware of my frustrations with the system that is in place for disaster victims. I would like your support on making a difference for a few folks. Disaster victims often have a delayed onset of PTSD, anxiety, or depression due to the nature of our fight or flight responses kicking us into survival mode. Others have just been toughing-it-out by ignoring symptoms (hoping they will just go away) or have been unwilling to contact disaster agencies for a range of reasons. Thus, the question is, do you have one clinical hour a week that you can donate. Can you create one pro-bono client slot in your practice, for this purpose. The CCPA board gave approval at our last board meeting to begin doing a limited amount of public education and offering of free services offered by our membership. I am also hopeful we can educate and raise public awareness of the range of services provided by psychologists at the same time.

We now need a list of willing members to make this work. Please let me know at our next meeting if you are able to support this process by creating a pro-bono slot in your practice.

On a separate note, a reminder that the annual TPA convention is rapidly approaching. I will be representing CCPA this year, and would be happy to convey any concerns or wishes that you would like them to be aware of. Additionally, I am attempting to host an open discussion of clinicians in private practice, one evening after the scheduled events. The TPA convention staff has been supportive of the idea, and we are currently working on the details. If you are attending the convention, please look for this addendum.

I look forward to seeing you at our October meeting.

Respectfully;

G. A. Jason Simpson, Psy.D.

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RELEVANT INFORMATION,
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BOARD MEETINGS:

Please attend!

600 W. Campbell Rd #5,
Richardson

NOON – First Friday of month!

**PLEASE
RENEW YOUR
CCPA
MEMBERSHIP!**

**Application at:
www.psychselect.com/ccpa**

MENTOR'S CORNER: *CCPA encourages it's members to build profitable, ethical practices. These tips are timely and* we solicit your suggestions, recommendations and Questions!

WANTED! MENTORS

CCPA has had several new members who are wanting to build their practices. We are asking members who have established practices to serve as mentors to these folks who need guidance and encouragement in developing profitable, ethical practices.

Please consider being a mentor!

Contact Frank Wichern: wichern@att.net

National Provider Identifier (NPI)

By 5/23/07, all providers will need to acquire a National Provider Identifier (NPI) as required by HIPPA. You can apply for your NPI online now at <http://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>

Finally, remember to check the TSBEP web site and newsletter regarding changes! Be sure to read the Summer 2005 newsletter about sunset changes. <http://www.tsbep.state.tx.us/>

HOLIDAY SOCIAL

***Invitations to the Holiday Social will
be going out soon by email!***

***If you did not receive an email invitation to our August meeting, please
send your email address to:***

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