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## **ETHICS & BILLING**

### ***JLD ASSOCIATES***

A large group turned out for questions and answers on billing. Many attending wanted information on online billing and payment timeliness. JLD works with many psychologists in the area and provided helpful answers from their experience. Most seem to be getting prompt payment and there was discussion about “clean claims”. The EXEC committee is planning another Office Practice Update to provide resources and current materials!

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**IMPORTANT ETHICS MEETING!** Tim will be discussing the origin of the licensing law, the dynamics surrounding it, and the concerns it has raised, not only among psychologists, but among mental health professionals in general, as well as many Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Providers. Tim is uniquely familiar with the situation from the perspective of being a LSOTP as well as member of the TPA Board of Trustee. He will discuss the response that has occurred to the law, as well as what response may be called for in the future. Also, the licensing of LPA's is of concern to TPA and changes TSBEF may be considering; please see President's column for more information.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US ON 3/24!

## **“ETHICS & Update on Proposed Rules for LSOTP”**

1/27—12 NOON Ψ TIM F. BRANAMAN, PhD

**Please attend and bring a friend!**

**Our meetings are a great time to network!**

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### **FUTURE** **MEETINGS:**

- 3/24—ETHICS & LSOTP ISSUES  
Southfork  
Hotel 12 Noon
- 4/28—INTIMACY JUNGLE  
Southfork  
Hotel 12 Noon
- 5/19—ISSUES IN NEURO PSYCH  
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.

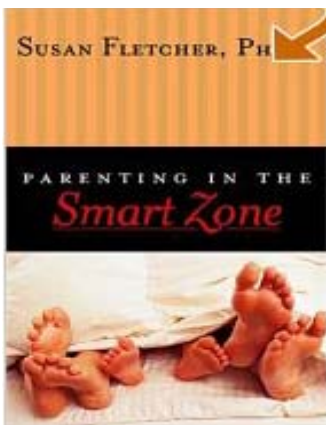
**March 24— EHTICS & LSOTP ISSUES—  
Tim F. Branaman, Ph.D., 12 Noon,  
Southfork Hotel Plano**

**April 28—Intimacy Jungle - T. Parsons,  
PhD, 12 Noon, Southfork Hotel Plano**

**May 19—Issues in Neuropsych—Earl  
Johnson, PhD, Ft Worth Psych Assoc  
Pres. 12 Noon, Southfork Hotel Plano**

**June 23—Self Care for Psychologists—  
J. Hartman, PhD—12 Noon, Southfork  
Hotel Plano**

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### OPPORTUNITIES!

#### Office Space

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.

West central plano office for lease one bk. s. of medical center of plano on coit rd., approx. 200 sq.ft. office and w.r., b.r., furnished; ALL INCLUSIVE w/ tel. and long distance, fax, frig., copier. meals not included though I may be able to help some with referrals. \$650/mo. Contact Dan Cox at 972-596-5960

#### Services -Groups

**Gordon Sauer currently has groups running for 5th grade girls, 5th grade boys, 3rd grade boys, 7th grade boys and 10th grade boys. Contact Gordon at [Gsauerphd@aol.com](mailto:Gsauerphd@aol.com)**

**Vickie L. Sutherland is offering "process oriented" group therapy pro bono for adults.**

**1st & 3rd Tues. of each month, 12 Noon to 1:45.**

**Contact Vickie 972-231-7782 for referral or more information!**

**LET THIS SPACE WORK FOR YOU! Advertise your specialty or service so  
our members can refer or utilize it! Send to: [wickern@att.net](mailto:wickern@att.net)**

**CCPA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: Greetings CCPA members!**



**February 2006**

Another month passes, spring is here, and I look forward to seeing you at our March meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. I hope you fully enjoyed Pulaski day J, and wish you a Happy St. Patrick's day (or whatever you choose to celebrate). Although I was unable to attend, a thank you goes out to JLD Associates for the February presentation. There is so much information to track in our profession, I am always grateful to those who are able to support us to focus on our primary work.

To that end, I look forward to the presentation this month "Cease & Desist: An Update on Proposed Rules for Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Providers" by Tim F. Branaman, Ph.D, FICPP, ABPP. Upfront, I have no interest currently in becoming a "*Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Provider*", but I do have a great deal of interest in how these rules may impact my practice. On a second issue, TPA has started to organize against the current action by psychological associates to gain independent practice privileges. More meaningful data will come your way after a meeting that is scheduled next month. I am unable to attend, but either Dr. Spreda or Dr. Sliwinski will be representing CCPA in my place. I look forward to hearing more on this issue. On a third note, a reminder that the TPA Convention is in our backyard this year. There is a current call for papers for the 2006 Annual Convention which may be submitted online using the form available at: <http://www.texaspsyc.org/displayconvention.cfm> or by simply going to the homepage <http://www.texaspsyc.org> and clicking on the 2006 Annual Convention Call for Papers link.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Respectfully;

G. A. Jason Simpson, Psy.D.

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**FROM TPA: The profession of psychology is under attack.**

Every since TSBEP sunset legislation was passed last year, there have been several "attacks" against your psychologist's license. The most atrocious one stems from the psychological associates and their attempt to gain independent practice due to the dissolution of the psychological associate's advisory committee. The Texas Psychological Association has always been steadfast on the premise that the doctoral degree is the entry level into the practice of psychology. We will not deviate from that position.

We strongly believe this argument by the psychological associates to gain independent practice should be debated in the state legislature, but they have managed to make this an issue for the TSBEP. If you can believe this, your state board is currently discussing this issue and determining who has the authority to determine this issue; the state legislature or the state regulatory agency.

As a result of this aggressive initiative by the PA's, the leaders of the Texas Psychological Association, has called an emergency meeting of the LAS President's Council. As president of your local chapter, we are requesting that you come to Austin for a day long meeting to discuss this issue and other issues that are affecting the profession. We will develop a strategy on what you can do at your local level to educate your members about these situations.

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RELEVANT INFORMATION,  
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***BOARD MEETINGS:***

***Please attend!***

600 W. Campbell Rd #5,  
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***NOON – First Friday of month!***

**PLEASE  
RENEW YOUR  
CCPA  
MEMBERSHIP!**

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***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!

***FROM MEDSCAPE 2/7/06:***

***Many of us who work with adults are being asked to diagnosis Adult ADHD. This article had some helpful hints.*** Common presenting problems for adults with ADHD include mood symptoms, lack of organization, and forgetfulness. Adults with ADHD often have job-related difficulties. They may have conflicts with authority, difficulty finding and keeping jobs, and poor work performance ratings, for example. It is important to probe for these symptoms!

ADHD in adults is associated with speeding violations and driver's license suspension as well as poor academic performance, more frequent school disciplinary actions, and multiple marriages. The need to be active constantly, being disorganized and inattentive, having a low frustration level, and other such ADHD symptoms can lead to family tension. In addition, the children of adults with ADHD have up to a 50% risk of also having an ADHD diagnosis, which adds to family difficulties. Be sure to ask about interpersonal problems that may raise your index of suspicion.

A complete childhood history is essential.

<b>DSM-IV symptoms of inattention in childhood</b>	<b>Symptoms of inattention in adulthood</b>
Has difficulty sustaining attention Is easily distracted and forgetful Does not follow through Cannot organize Loses things Does not listen	Has difficulty sustaining attention to reading or paperwork Is easily distracted and forgetful Has poor concentration Manages time poorly Misplaces things
<b>DSM-IV symptoms of hyperactivity in childhood</b>	<b>Symptoms of hyperactivity in adulthood</b>
Squirms and fidgets Runs or climbs excessively Cannot play or work quietly Talks excessively Seems "on the go," driven by a motor	Shows inner restlessness Fidgets when seated Self-selects active jobs Talks excessively Feels overwhelmed
<b>DSM-IV symptoms of impulsivity in childhood</b>	<b>Symptoms of impulsivity in adulthood</b>
Blurts out answers Cannot wait his or her turn Intrudes on or interrupts others	Drives too fast, has traffic accidents Impulsively changes jobs Is irritable or quick to get angry