## **Outline**

## Overview/Confidentiality of Mental Health

- When and to Whom Records Can Be
- Mandatory Disclosure Requirements
- Alcohol/Drug and AIDS/HIV **Treatment Records**
- Necessary Documentation

#### HIPAA 101 - Federal Confidentiality Regulations

- What Is HIPAA Today?
- How Do I Comply with the Regulations?
- What Are "Psychotherapy Notes"?
- When May I Release Records?
- · How Much Paperwork Will This Be for My Office?

#### Responding to Subpoenas, Court Orders and **Law Enforcement**

- Subpoenas; Types of Subpoenas; Duty to Respond; Time Limits
- Search Warrants & Court Orders
- Authority to Obtain Information
- Investigations
- Development of Policies and Procedures to Respond

#### **Balance the Rights of Minors & Parents**

- Minors' Rights
- Age of Majority
- Access to Records
- Rights of Minors to Refuse/Consent to Medication and Treatment
- Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Treatment Issues for Minors
- Parental Rights
- Custodial and Divorce Factors

**Objectives** 

Rights to Records

subpoenas and court orders.

to warn law in Maryland.

#### **Voluntary and Involuntary Mental Health Commitments**

- Reasons to Use a Voluntary Commitment or an Involuntary Commitment
- Grounds for an Involuntary Commitment: Dangerousness (as Defined by Statute)
- Mental Illness
- Procedures

#### **Professional Ethics and Boundary Issues**

- Consent Elements and Competency Issues
- Medication: Right to Refuse
- Restraints and Seclusion
- Individual's Legal Rights
- Informed Consent
- Boundary Issues: Where the Lines Are Blurred
- Prescribing Practices
- Board of Health Professionals Investigation - Disciplinary Proceedings

#### Legal Liabilities of the Professional

- Duty to Warn Issues
- Professional Obligations and Standards
- Fraud & Abuse Issues
- Billing & Coding Errors
- Documentation
- Compliance with Contradictory Laws



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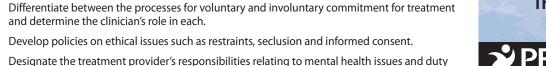
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## Speaker .

LOIS FENNER, R.N., M.S., Attorney at Law, is an honor graduate of the University of Maryland Graduate School of Nursing, Undergraduate School of Nursing and University of Maryland Law School. She is an attorney admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, a Registered Nurse and a Certified Clinical Specialist. Ms. Fenner is a founding member of The American Nurse Attorneys Association, past president of the Monumental Bar Association, member of the Women's Bar Association, Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Theta Tau Honor Societies and the National Exchange Club. She has been recognized by the Alliance of Black Women Attorneys with the Distinguished Women in Law Award; the Baltimore Marketing Association Harold Young Leadership Award, and the Baltimore County Diversity Award. Additionally, she is a three-time recipient of the Daily Record's Top 100 Women in Maryland award and was inducted into the Circle of Excellence. Attorney Fenner has been recognized as a Baltimore Business Journals Who's Who in Law and was selected as one of the Super Lawyers twice. Her practice focuses on medical litigation and health care including medical malpractice, personal injury, accreditation, wrongful death, Professional Board and licensure issues. She is a recognized educator and lecturer throughout the country providing realistic and current information in dynamic presentations.

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