Outline

Common Ethical Dilemmas in Clinical Practice

Separation of personal values from professional judgments

Contextual and cultural factors in ethical decision making

Overlapping or multiple relationships Boundary crossings or violations within counseling relationships

Billing, fees and gifts

Emergent issues involving technology in clinical practice

Confidentiality: Its Central Importance in Therapeutic Relationships

Confidentiality, privacy and privilege: How do they differ?

Special considerations with children, teens and adults

Groups, crisis, couples or family therapy Exceptions: Therapists' duties and responsibilities

Informed consent

Responding to subpoenas and court orders

Boundaries: The Cornerstone of Ethical Practice

Clarify and articulate one's personal and professional boundaries

Cultural components of boundary definitions Boundary crossings vs. boundary violations Decision-making regarding boundary shifts

Suicide and Violence Assessment: Current Best Practices

Recognition of risk factors and warning signs Thorough assessment and intervention quidelines

Current best practices for management of high risk situations

Ethical and legal responsibilities to warn and/

Mandated Reporting of Abuse or Neglect: **Important Considerations**

Children, disabled adults, domestic partner, elderly Detection and assessment guidelines Cultural factors in assessment of abuse Mandated reporting requirements Gray area issues in abuse reporting

Risk Management: Preventive Strategies to Minimize Risk and Promote Client Well **Being in Your Practice**

High-risk patient or situation Current ethical guidelines and legal requirements

Adherence to practicing within the limits of one's competence

Careful attention to beginning and ending professional relationships

Documentation and consultation Recognition of conflicts of interest or

situations which are personally activating Maintain clear boundaries and appropriate self-care

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Current guidelines for clinicians Best practices in responding to suicide, violence and abuse issues

Important risk management strategies for clinical practice

Boundary dilemmas and how they can affect you Avoid common hazards in clinical practice related to professional ethics

Live Seminar Schedule

11:50-1:00 Lunch (on your own)

There will be two 15-min breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon). Actual lunch and break start times are at the discretion of the speaker. A more detailed schedule is available upon request

7:30 Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea

8:00 Program begins

4:00 Program ends

Objectives

- 1. Identify distinct clinical, ethical and legal responsibilities and duties in mental health clinical practice.
- 2. Demonstrate clear strategies for approaching and responding to ethical dilemmas using a step by step decision making model.
- 3. Illustrate current best practice knowledge, guidelines and responsibilities for assessing and responding to clients who present with risk of suicide, violence and/or possible abuse or neglect.
- 4. Incorporate important confidentiality, informed consent and risk management safeguards/procedures into one's clinical practice.
- 5. Recognize common boundary dilemmas which emerge in clinical practice with recommendations to maintain healthy professional boundaries.
- 6. Identify multicultural diversity factors which may impact ethical decision making.
- 7. Discuss common pitfalls in clinical practice which could cause ethical or legal liability.

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Dr. Zoline brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this program, having taught graduate level ethics courses for over 25 years and serving as the co-chair of her state psychological association ethics committee, which she has been a member of for many years. She brings enthusiasm and clarity to a topic which is often considered dry and anxiety provoking.

Speaker

Susan Zoline, Ph.D. is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist who has been practicing, teaching and consulting in the Chicago area for over 30 years. Dr. Zoline is associate professor of Psychology at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Chicago, where she has been teaching clinical masters and doctoral students for over 25 years and has received numerous teaching/service awards. Dr. Zoline's areas of professional expertise include professional ethics, suicide, violence and abuse prevention/assessment/intervention, supervision and risk management. Dr. Zoline is a longstanding member of the Illinois Psychological Association Ethics Committee which she co-chairs. Additionally, she has served as an expert witness for the IL Department of Financial and Professional Regulation regarding clinical psychologist licensure issues. She has worked clinically in a broad variety of settings and regularly consults and provides workshops to mental health and other professionals on topics related to professional ethics.

Speaker Disclosure:

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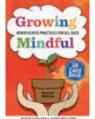
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