Outline

Clinician-Client Relationship

- Law vs. ethics Elements of legal informed consent Nuts and bolts of office policies Records vs. psychotherapy notes What to put in a record Limitations on confidentiality Michigan case law & danger to others
 - Michigan duty to warn potential victims HIPAA The latest updates you need to know

Practical Approach to Risk Management

Elements of consent Competence & scope of practice Boundary violations/crossings Issues with modern technology Texting, cell phones, e-mail, video psychotherapy Perils of supervision

Litigation

Licensing complaints & malpractice lawsuits Michigan-specific statutes Michigan rules and regulations Case law and how to find it

Objectives

- 1. Communicate how to avoid litigation dilemmas, licensing complaints and malpractice actions.
- 2. Explore the legal and ethical considerations for the treatment of minor populations in Michigan with regard to age of consent, confidentiality and custody concerns.
- 3. Communicate how an understanding of common boundary and dual relationship issues/dilemmas can help you maintain appropriate relationships with your clients.

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Navigate the Legal System

Roles of attorneys Confidentiality/privilege Subpoena & disclosure of confidential information Depositions, interrogatories, expert testimony

Treatment of Minors

Michigan age of majority Consent to treatment Privilege/confidentiality Separation & divorce **Case Studies**

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7:30 Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea 8:00 Program begins **11:50-1:00** Lunch (on your own) **4:00** Program ends

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4. Recognize ethical challenges you should

consider when responding to subpoenas

that request disclosure of client records.

relates to duty to warn law in Michigan.

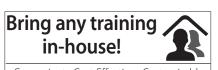
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5. Analyze the limits of confidentiality as it

strategies regarding technology can

6. Articulate how risk management

violating HIPAA.



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