

Outline

Understanding the Legal System

- Statutes
- Rules and regulations
- Case law
- Finding the law

Legal Exposure

- Civil liability
- Licensing board complaints
- Criminal liability

Establish the Treatment

Relationship

- The professional relationship: beginning and end
- The legal and ethical principle of informed consent
- Informed consent as part of the treatment modality
- Use of and reliance upon written consent forms

Assessment, Treatment and Management of Suicide Risks

- Statistics and populations at risk
- Assessment of risk
- Screening tools and interview techniques
- Securing of outside records
- Cognitive interventions
- Use of concrete and outside management resources

Documentation

Target Audience: Counselors • Social Workers
Psychologists • Case Managers
Addiction Counselors • Therapists
Marriage & Family Therapists • Other Mental
Health Professionals • Nurses



Record-Keeping Practices

- Record-keeping regulations
- Items which constitute the record
- Access to records via written requests, subpoenas and court orders

The Ethics of Duty to Protect and Warn

- Duty to protect by warning potential third party victims
- Review of specific Pennsylvania case law governing danger to others
- A clinical approach to the duty to protect by warning

Treatment of Minors

- Age of majority
- Consent to treatment and access to records
- Treatment of minors in situations of family separation and divorce

Non-Sexual Boundary Violations

- Email correspondence, cell phone and texting
- Treatment vs. advocacy for patients
- Professional contacts with attorneys and the legal profession
- In-court expert testimony

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8:30 Program begins

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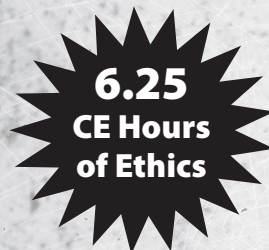
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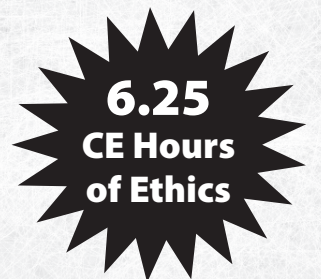
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• Apply ethics to everyday
practice

• Review the assessment,
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Objectives

1. Determine specific state and administrative laws that are pertinent to establishing and maintaining an ethical clinical practice.
2. Develop policies on ethical issues such as restraints, seclusion and informed consent.
3. Determine which notes, documents, reports, forms, and clinical data constitute an official medical record in the state of Pennsylvania.
4. Evaluate your current record-keeping practices in order to ensure compliance with ethical and legal requirements in the state of Pennsylvania.
5. Designate the treatment provider's responsibilities relating to mental health issues and duty to warn law in Pennsylvania.
6. Explore the legal and ethical considerations for the treatment of minor populations in Pennsylvania with regard to age of consent, confidentiality and custody concerns.
7. Articulate issues related to the assessment, treatment and management of clients at risk to die from suicide.

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Many continuing education ethics programs are generic in nature. Often, such programs stress risk management strategies to the detriment of the attendees, especially when the program is presented by an attorney.

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Speaker

Allan M. Tepper, J.D., Psy.D., is engaged in the private practice of both law and psychology in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As a psychologist, Dr. Tepper specializes in forensic matters and has testified on numerous occasions in cases involving civil, criminal, domestic relations, and death penalty issues. As an attorney, Dr. Tepper has extensive trial experience, including the representation of mental health professionals in ethics and licensing board proceedings. He has been an adjunct faculty member at the Widener University Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology, the Philadelphia Chapter of Great Lakes Colleges Association, and Immaculate College Graduate School. Dr. Tepper conducts ethical training for mental health professionals throughout the United States and is well-known for his engaging style. He publishes frequently in the areas of law and psychology, and is co-author of *Pennsylvania Law, Ethics, and Psychology Sixth Edition*. He received his J.D. degree from Albany Law School and received M.S. and Psy.D. degrees in clinical psychology from Hahnemann University. Visit his website at www.allanmtepper.com.

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