Outline

Understand the Legal System

Statutes Rules and regulations Case law Finding the law

Legal Exposure

Criminal liability Civil liability Licensing complaints Organization complaints

Establish the Treatment Relationship

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

Record-Keeping Practices

Record-keeping regulations Items which constitute the record, personal notes vs. charting, raw data, computer printouts and third-party records Access to records by written requests, subpoenas and court orders

The Ethics of Duty to Warn

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

Treatment of Minors

Age of majority Consent to treatment and access to records Clinical implications in the treatment of the older adolescent Treatment of minors in situations of family separation and divorce

Non-Sexual Boundary Violations

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- 1. Identify specific state and administrative laws that are pertinent to establishing and maintaining an ethical clinical practice.
- 2. Write policies on ethical issues such as restraints, seclusion and informed consent that are consistent with state laws and requirements.
- 3. Explain which notes, documents, reports, forms, and clinical data constitute an official medical record.
- 4. Evaluate your current record-keeping practices in order to ensure compliance with ethical and legal requirements.
- 5. List the treatment provider's responsibilities relating to mental health issues and duty to warn law.
- 6. Analyze the legal and ethical considerations for the treatment of minor populations with regard to age of consent, confidentiality and custody concerns.

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