

Outline

INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW:
KEY ISSUES

Understand the legal system
Legal exposure
Establish the treatment relationship
Record-keeping practices
The ethics of duty to warn/protect
Local and national resources
Multicultural awareness & diversity

ETHICS AND RISK MANAGEMENT:
THE LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

Insurance coverage: The essentials
Importance of documentation:
It really matters!
Tips to avoid and defend lawsuits and
licensing board complaints: Practical
advice
Key risk areas: What to look out for
Importance of peer, ethics, and legal
consultation
Responding to subpoenas: Do's and
don'ts
Working with attorneys

ETHICS AND RISK-MANAGEMENT:
THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
PERSPECTIVE

Trends in malpractice claims and ethics
complaints: Ethical mistakes, ethical
decisions, misconduct
Ethical challenges and risks: Essential
knowledge
Confidentiality, privacy,
privileged communication
Informed consent
Boundary issues, dual relationships,
and conflicts of interest
Digital, online, and remote services and
relationships
High-risk treatment and services
Termination of services
Defamation
Documentation
Impaired professionals
Ethics consultation and ethics
committees
Handling difficult ethical judgments
and decisions: Protecting clients and
practitioners

Objectives

1. Evaluate ethical challenges and risks in behavioral health.
2. Utilize risk management tips to reduce licensing board complaints and lawsuits.
3. Analyze ethical dilemmas clinicians face surrounding use of technology to serve clients remotely, communicate with clients, and store information.
4. Apply an ethical decision-making framework to recognize, analyze, resolve or prevent ethical dilemmas in your clinical practice.
5. Employ state-of-the-art documentation guidelines and protocols.
6. Determine ethical/legal standards of care as they pertain to clinical practice.

Live Webinar Schedule
(Times listed in Eastern)

8:00 Program begins

11:50-1:00 Lunch Break

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Keeping up-to-date is essential to protect your clients and yourself. During this workshop you will gain an understanding of ethics and risk-management challenges related to:

- Confidentiality exceptions
- Privileged communication
- Documentation
- Telehealth
- Informed consent
- Boundary issues
- Recent changes to federal regulations governing confidentiality of substance use disorder patient records
- And other complex topics

Landau and Dr. Reamer will highlight ethics and risk-management challenges related to your use of technology to deliver services remotely, communicate with clients, and store records.

This is a workshop you do not want to miss...as both presenters will offer practical advice from both the legal and behavioral health points of view to help you stay on top of issues that arise in everyday clinical situations.

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Robert Landau, JD, is a shareholder at the law firm of Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein & Peirce, Inc. in Providence and was the co-leader of the firm's Healthcare Group from 2012 through 2016.

Mr. Landau is a seasoned litigator who focuses his practice on defending mental health professionals, hospitals, physicians, nurses, dentists, and other health care providers in professional malpractice lawsuits and disciplinary proceedings. He has extensive experience representing social workers, mental health counselors, psychologists and other professionals before their licensing boards, frequently obtaining findings of no unprofessional conduct or administratively closing investigations. He has successfully represented clients in the state and federal courts of Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

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Frederic G. Reamer, PhD, has been a professor in the graduate program of the School of Social Work, Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island, for over 30 years. Dr. Reamer received his PhD from the University of Chicago and has served as a social worker in correctional and mental health settings. He chaired the national task force that wrote the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics and recently served on the task force that added technology standards to the code.

Dr. Reamer lectures both nationally and internationally on the subjects of professional ethics and professional malpractice and liability. In addition to ethics, his research and teaching have addressed a wide range of human service issues, including mental health, health care, criminal justice, and public welfare. Dr. Reamer has conducted extensive research on professional ethics and has been involved in several national research projects sponsored by The Hastings Center, Carnegie Corporation, Haas Foundation, and Center for Bioethics of the University of Pennsylvania.

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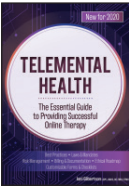
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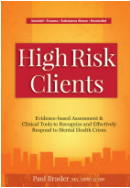


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