

The Ethics of Professional Wills for Group Psychotherapists: Our Duty of Care when the Unexpected Happens

Saturday October 19, 2013

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Rowland Hall, Room 340A
PCOM
(Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine)
4170 City Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19131
(bring photo ID to enter building)

**3 CE credits for Psychologists, Social Workers,
Marriage & Family Therapists, & Professional Counselors**

**This program meets the Pennsylvania State Board of Psychology requirements
for continuing education (CE) credit hours in ethics.**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Group psychotherapists need a plan for managing the duty of care should they become suddenly incapacitated. They need to be aware of the ethical attitude and the principles and processes underlying these obligations. In this workshop, the presenter will discuss these issues and illustrate how a professional will is used to assist groups in handling the sudden loss of their leader.

PRESENTER

Sylvia Brown, LCSW, JD, has a psychotherapy practice in Philadelphia, PA, and is a staff therapist at the Women's Therapy Center. She is trained in EMDR. Sylvia developed a clinical education program integrating professional ethics and legal skills at the Kwansai Gakuin University Law School in Nishinomiya, Japan. In addition, she has worked at the Belmont Center for Comprehensive Treatment, held a Mary Isabel Sibley Fellowship from Phi Beta Kappa, and was a Radcliffe Institute Fellow, Harvard University. She has previously presented on professional wills as a part of staff training at the Women's Therapy Center.

BEHAVIORAL LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Based on the content of this workshop, attendees will be able to:

1. List the key elements of a professional will for therapists and the additional elements needed for group therapists.
2. Design a professional will suitable for their practices.
3. Create a plan for the successful transfer or ending of a group if the therapist is suddenly incapacitated or dies.
4. Plan for the legally required preservation of client records.

SCHEDULE

8:30 – 9 a.m.—Registration and continental breakfast

9 a.m. – 12 noon—Program. Please note that we will begin promptly at 9 a.m.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

\$55 for PAGPS members

\$70 for non-members

\$25 for students

Registration deadline: October 16.

Cancellations received at least five working days before the event are refundable, minus a \$10 processing fee.

To register, send a check made out to PAGPS to:

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Attendees can also receive 3 credits towards recertification for the National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists (CGP).

PAGPS is committed to accessibility and non-discrimination in its continuing education activities and will conduct its activities in conformity with the American Psychological Association's Ethical Principles for Psychologists. If participants have special needs, we will attempt to accommodate them. Please address questions, concerns, and any complaints to Elsa Efran, PAGPS Administrator (215-242-4234, pagps@verizon.net)

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ABOUT PAGPS

The Philadelphia Area Group Psychotherapy Society provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, theories, studies, research, information, and experience in group psychotherapy. Members come from all over the Philadelphia region, including the city of Philadelphia as well as surrounding areas in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Members may list their groups on the PAGPS website (<http://www.pagps.org/>).

PAGPS is an Affiliate Society of the American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA). PAGPS celebrated its 60th anniversary in May, 2013.

For more information about joining PAGPS, e-mail us at pagps@verizon.net.

For directions to PCOM, go to <http://www.pcom.edu>

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