

Philadelphia Area Group Psychotherapy Society
Ethically Informed Group Psychotherapy Practice

Saturday, October 17, 2015

9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 9 a.m.

Presented by Tom Hurster, MSS, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA
Temple University Center City
Room 322, 1515 Market St. Philadelphia, PA 19102
(bring photo ID to enter the 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 credits in ethics.**

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

Competent and effective group therapists should approach their practice with an awareness of ethical principles and guidelines and how to apply them to clinical realities. This workshop will focus on the reflective problem-solving process that underlies an ethically informed group therapy practice. It will explore real clinical situations through the lenses of both principle and virtue ethics. Elements common to several ethical decision-making models will be discussed. Participants will then have an opportunity to work together to solve complex clinical situations drawn from the practices of several local group therapists. There will be an emphasis on working with adolescents, including the complexities introduced by their ubiquitous use of social media. Of course, these media issues are quickly becoming relevant to all client populations.

OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the program, participants will be able to:

1. Distinguish between principle ethics, virtue ethics, professional codes, and state regulations as they apply to the practice of group therapy.
2. Explain the seven elements common to ethical decision-making models and how they can be used to delineate a course of action in ethically complex clinical circumstances.
3. Discuss the limits of confidentiality in group psychotherapy and the merits of having signed informed-consent forms with clients and their families.
4. Identify methods of working clinically with issues of privacy, confidentiality, and community given the increased media involvement of group therapy participants.
5. Discuss the importance of “thinking out loud on paper” when documenting the ethical decision-making process.

SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m.—Registration and continental breakfast

9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.—Workshop

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

\$ 80 for members of PAGPS and Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychologists (PSCP)

\$ 105 for non-members

\$ 30 for students/interns

For planning purposes, we encourage you to register by October 13.

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

Register on our website at PAGPS.org or send a check made out to PAGPS to:

Elsa R. Efran, 310 E. Gowen Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19119-1022

THE PRESENTER

Tom Hurster, MSS, LCSW, CGP, FAGPA, is a clinical social worker who has worked with children, adolescents, and adults in a variety of clinical settings for over 40 years. He currently divides his time between private practice, the Benchmark School, and the Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, where he is an adjunct professor. He is a Fellow of both the American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) and the Pennsylvania Society for Clinical Social Work and currently serves on the Board of the Philadelphia Area Group Psychotherapy Society. Additionally, he serves as co-chair of the Child and Adolescent Special Interest Group of the AGPA. Tom currently conducts ongoing co-ed psychotherapy groups for high-school-age adolescents as well as school-based children's and parents' groups. His chapter entitled "Ethically Informed Practice" will appear in the forthcoming *Handbook of Child and Adolescent Group Psychotherapy* (Routledge).



CONTINUING EDUCATION

PAGPS offerings are designed for mental health professionals and deal with topics that are usually underrepresented in graduate training programs and/or that provide additional, advanced, and newly emerging perspectives on group therapy theory, research, and practice. This program is intended for mental health professionals at a post-graduate level.

This program, when attended in its entirety, is available for 3 continuing education credits. The Philadelphia Area Group Psychotherapy Society (PAGPS) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. PAGPS maintains responsibility for this program and its content. PAGPS is also approved by the PA State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists & Professional Counselors to offer continuing education for social workers, marriage & family therapists, and professional counselors. This program carries 3 CE credits.

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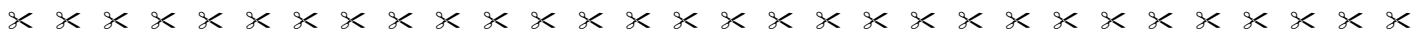
Attendees can also receive 3 credits toward re-certification for the National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists (CGP).

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The Philadelphia Area Group Psychotherapy Society, an affiliate of the American Group Psychotherapy Association, 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](#). For more information about joining PAGPS or renewing your membership, please visit our website at [PAGPS.org](#), e-mail us at pagps@verizon.net, or call 215-242-4234.



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