

Agenda

Legal and Ethical Considerations in Clinical Professional Relationships Pamela Harmell, Ph.D.

- 9:00 - 9:10 Welcome and Introduction
- 9:10 – 10:30 **Introduction to legal and ethical professional relationships**
- Four elements holding therapists accountable for their professional work
 - Format for ethical decision making
 - Proper intake
 - Format for crisis intervention
- 10:30 -10:40 Break
- 10:40 – 12:10 **Conflicting therapist values and multiple relationships**
- Therapist values in relationship to clients
 - Value neutrality related to diversity
 - Use of “bracketing”
 - Critical precedent setting cases related to patient discrimination
 - Professional boundaries
 - Dual relationships
 - Burnout and counter transference
- 12:10 – 12:50 Lunch
- 12:50 – 2:20 **Suicide, social media and substance abuse**
- Suicide – Legal and Ethical issues
 - Opioid use, suicide, and social media
 - NSSI – Non Suicidal Self Injury
 - Suicide statistics
 - Prevention
- 2:20 - 2:30 Break
- 2:30 – 4:00 **Proper termination and preventing patient abandonment**
- Proper termination
 - Prevention of abandonment
 - How to assess when to terminate
 - Potential termination letter to client
 - Sum up questions