

Agenda

Legal and Ethical Considerations in Clinical Practice: Updates and Current Issues **Pamela Harmell, Ph.D.**

- 9:00 - 9:10 Welcome and Introduction
- 9:10 – 10:00 Introduction to legal and ethical issues
Four elements holding therapists accountable for their professional work
Proof hurdles in legal decision making
The “four bins” method
The difference between confidentiality, privilege and privacy
Examples of real life ethical situations
Frequently asked questions
Landmark decision: The rule of least restrictive treatment
O’Connor vs Donaldson (1975) Federal Supreme Court Ruling
- 10:00-10:30 Cultural humility
Intersectionality
Broad dimensions of clinical competency
Four components of clinical competency
- 10:30 -10:40 Break
- 10:40 -12:00 Ethnic matching between therapist and client
Three pillars of clinical competency
Use of social justice in the therapy relationship
Sum up questions
- 12:00 – 12:40 Lunch
- 12:40 - 2: 15 Working Across State Lines in General
Working Across State Lines in the time of COVID
- APA Position Paper
 - How to Protect Yourself
- The Third Party Rule
- 2:15 - 2:25 Break

2:25 – 3:00 Informed Consent for Telehealth during the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Suggested format and wording

Psychotherapists as “Essential” Workers
Informed Consent with Teletherapy

3:00-4:00 Counter-transference and burnout
Therapist impairment
Therapist self-care
The “dove” method of self-awareness
Career sustaining behaviors