

Vermont Mental Health Counselor's Association

Annual Meeting and Ethics Conference

Friday June 4, 2010 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Capitol Plaza ♦ 100 State Street ♦ Montpelier ♦ Vermont

RISK MANAGEMENT AND ETHICAL CONCERNS IN THE CHANGING WORLD OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW TO PROTECT OURSELVES AND OUR CLIENTS

Information technology and social networking are ubiquitous phenomenon in today's world. As we use these technologies we are often not aware of the implications of their use. From liability issues to the myriad ways these technologies are used for predatory and illegal purposes, it is important that we educate ourselves, so that we can protect ourselves, our clients, and our families.

In this workshop two experts in the field will present from two different, yet complementary vantage points, giving us the knowledge and tools to utilize these technologies, with safety and ethics in mind.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

- 8:00 - 8:30 Registration**
- 8:30 - 10:30 Ethical Dilemmas in Communicating Online**
presented by Andrew Frisbie, B.S.
Overview of technologies: *e-mail, chat, instant messaging, social networking, immersive social networking.*
Dangers of communicating online: *confidentiality, cyber-bullying and harassment, self-exploitation (sexting), online predators, child pornography.*
Tips for how to use the internet safely and ethically.
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break**
- 10:45 - 11:45 Legal Aspects Relating to Online Communication**
presented by Michael J. Hawkins, J.D.
Privacy laws
Informed consent
Mandatory reporting
Protecting your professional identity
- 11:45 - 12:45 Panel Discussion**
Andrew Frisbie, Michael Hawkins and others.
Group Participation, Q and A
- 12:45 - 2:00 LUNCH (on your own)**
- 1:30 - 2:00 Lunchtime Presentation by Ron Treem and colleagues on results of pilot study using Tai Chi with at-risk youth in school settings.**
- 2:00 - 4:30 VTMHCA Annual Meeting**

Andrew Frisbie, B.S. is a patrol Sergeant with the Burlington Police Department and is the Investigations Coordinator for the Vermont Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, which is responsible for conducting investigations into the online exploitation of children. He has been involved with technology and computers since 1997. Andrew began his professional career as a geologist, transitioned to Information Technology, and then to law enforcement, where he has worked for the last seven years. Andrew teaches Cybercrime at Champlain College and Criminal Law at the Vermont Police Academy. He received his Bachelors of Science degree from Union College and attended Middlebury College and the University of Washington for Russian Language studies.

Michael J. Hawkins, J.D., is the Director of Risk Management/Assistant General Counsel for Fletcher Allen Health Care, Burlington, Vermont. Mr. Hawkins earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and is a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law, where he was Executive Editor of the Connecticut Law Review. Mr. Hawkins is responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive risk management program for Fletcher Allen Health Care and providing legal advice concerning a broad range of liability issues. Mr. Hawkins has lectured extensively on liability issues before many professional organizations, including American College of Surgeons and the Vermont Nurses Association.

ANNUAL MEETING

The VTMHCA Annual Meeting is an opportunity for members and prospective members to network and to gain an understanding of the work we have done in the last year. The meeting is also an opportunity to have input into your organization and on the directions/projects upon which we will embark in the next year. The Annual Meeting is a time for discussion of the issues and concerns we have as mental health practitioners. The agenda will be as follows.

- ***The Year in Review: Initiatives, Conferences, and Finances***
- ***Reports by Board Members and Special Committees***
- ***Legislative Updates and Lobbyist Activity***
- ***Future Initiatives/Discussions: Conferences, Website, and Membership***
- ***Election of New Board Members and Acknowledgements***

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