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ETHICS IN THE ELECTRONIC AGE

Jason Simpson, PsyD

Thanks to Jason for an entertaining and insightful presentation on the pitfalls and promise of internet, computer and cell phone usage! The challenges of practicing ethically are very real, and unfortunately it can only take a simple error to cause problems. Most of those attending were working online with insurance companies and many questions were offered and answered. The limitations of cell phones, even protecting client names and numbers that may be stored, by passwording the chip in the phone is an important safeguard.



HOLIDAY SOCIAL!

Thanks to Dan and Sandy Cox for another fantastic time!

Steve Sliwinski is receiving honors for his leadership with CCPA in this view. The pig was the hit of the gift exchange! It was a great evening of laughter and renewing friendships! If you missed it put 12/7/07 in your schedule!

CCPA MEETING LOCATION CHANGE!
TINO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT
SOUTH MAIN ENTRANCE
COLLIN CREEK MALL
BEGINNING JANUARY 26,2007

“PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY UPDATE”

1/26—12 Noon Ψ *John Kamphaus, MD*

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AND
BRING YOUR COLLEAGUES**

Inside this issue:

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**IT IS TIME TO RE-
NEW! GET your
CCPA Member-
ship Application!**

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FUTURE MEET- INGS:

- 1/26— Psycho pharmacology - TINO'S — 12 Noon
- 2/23—Legal & Ethics Issues— TINO'S — 12 Noon
- 3/23—NPI & Ethics of Billing— 600 W. Campbell Rd. Ste 5— 12 Noon
LUNCH RSVP

UPCOMING MEETINGS—SCHEDULE THESE NOW!

Our monthly meetings are held from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. on the 4th Friday of each month at TINO's Mexican Restaurant, Collin Creek Mall, Plano, unless otherwise specified. Tino's is in the South Main Entrance on the west side of 75. Members may order lunch from the menu, or just enjoy the presentation. 1.5 CEU credits are given to members for attending the meeting.

**Jan. 26— Psychopharmacology Update—
J. Kamphaus, MD- 12 Noon, Tino's,
Collin Creek Mall, Plano**

**Feb. 23—Legal and Ethics Update—R.
Malone, Atty —12 Noon, Tino's, Collin
Creek Mall, Plano *Ethics CEU!***

**March 23— NPI & Ethics for Billing—
Frank Wichern, PhD —12 Noon, 600 W.
Campbell Rd. #5, Richardson—*FREE
LUNCH, RSVP: wichern@att.net
Ethics CEU!***

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR REFERRAL INFO.
ON www.psychselect.com/ccpa! We try to
keep it up to date, but we need you to verify your
location and phone info. Remember you
need to be current on dues to be listed!**

OPPORTUNITIES!

Office Space

West Plano 2300 sq. ft. office condominium has two spaces for lease to mental health professionals. The smaller office is about 172 sq. ft. in area and faces onto an eastern courtyard. The larger office has about 272 sq.ft. and has eastern and northern windows, a skylight, and built-in cabinets. Both have internet connections, phone hookups, recessed lighting, and soundproofing. The suite itself has a very nice and spacious waiting room, a nice admin area, file storage, a kitchenette, and interior restrooms for clients and staff. A separate exit is also provided for client and staff use. Free parking and easy access to all parts of the Metroplex are added features of this location. Please call Tom Van Hoose for more details at 972-250-2919.

West central Plano office for lease one bk. s. of medical center of Plano on coit rd., approx. 200 sq.ft. office and w.r., b.r., furnished; ALL INCLUSIVE w/ tel. and long distance, fax, frig., copier. meals not included though I may be able to help some with referrals. \$350/mo. Contact Dan Cox at 972-596-5960

Services -Groups

Gordon Sauer currently has groups running for 5th grade girls, 5th grade boys, 3rd grade boys, 7th grade boys and 10th grade boys. Contact Gordon at Gsauerphd@aol.com

Vickie Sutherland is accepting referrals for a FREE Adult Process Group!
Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Meetings will focus on personal discovery and growth.

Contact Vickie @ 972.231.7782

LET THIS SPACE WORK FOR YOU! Advertise your specialty or service so our members can refer or utilize it! Send to: wichern@att.net

CCPA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: Greetings CCPA members!

January 2007

Happy New Year!

Thanks to Dr. Dan Cox for hosting the Holiday Party at his home. He and his wife were very gracious to offer their home for our event this year. It was wonderful to have such a large turnout. I think some of us are still recovering from Frank's humor and entertainment!

Now for my brief column. After reading the President's Column in the December 2006 issue of the American Psychological Association's *Monitor*, I was inspired by Dr. Koocher's message. Dr. Koocher offered five New Year's resolutions relevant for psychologists for making greater impacts on the profession of psychology as well as improving personal satisfaction. Whatever your own New Year's resolution may be, I believe these resolutions fit for each of us personally as professional psychologists and as well as for starting a New Year for The Collin County Psychological Association. I hope you may keep these in mind throughout the year.



Koocher's New Year's Resolutions:

Connect to an organization in your community.

Mentor a colleague or a student.

Join a division of APA, a state (or provincial or territorial) psychological association, or both.

Get to know an elected official.

Take care of yourself!

Finally, I want to highlight some of the upcoming meeting speakers for 2007. CCPA will also be returning to Tino's Mexican Restaurant beginning in January for the monthly meeting location. Tino's is located at 1013 Collin Creek Mall in Plano, 75075. All meetings will be held at the new location unless otherwise indicated. All meetings will continue to be held from 12:00 to 1:30. The following dates and meetings already scheduled, but the Board will be reviewing your suggestions for topics that were collected at the October meeting as we plan continued meetings for the next year. Continued suggestions are always useful for the Board.

January 26, 2007. Dr. Kamphouse, Psychiatrist. *Update on Psychotropic Medications.*

February 23, 2007. Robbie Malone and Kendra Dalrymple, Attorneys at Law. *Ethical and Legal Issues and Practice Management.*

March 23, 2007. Ethics and Business Practices. CCPA Board Members. Location at Dr. Frank Wichern's. Light Lunch Provided.

The CCPA Board will continue to plan timely and relevant monthly CE topics and as always, welcomes your feedback and input. Sarah Spreda, Ph.D. Questions or comments please contact me at 469-879-9588; slspredda@sbcglobal.net; <http://www.apapa.org/DrSarahSpreda>

Sarah Spreda, Ph.D.

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BOARD MEETINGS:

Please attend!

600 W. Campbell Rd #5,
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NOON – First Friday of month!

**PLEASE
RENEW YOUR
CCPA
MEMBERSHIP!**

**Application at:
www.psychselect.com/ccpa**

MENTOR'S CORNER: *CCPA encourages it's members to build profitable, ethical practices. These tips are timely and* we solicit your suggestions, recommendations and Questions!

Get Ready for the Revised CMS-1500 Claim Form

Circle April 2, 2007, on your calendar. That's the deadline for submitting claims using the new CMS-1500 claim form, which was recently modified to incorporate the new National Provider Identifier (NPI) numbers.

1. The first step, which some of us have already completed, is to obtain your NPI number. If you have not obtained a NPI, go to: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/Welcome.do>
2. Follow the Health Care Provider link to get started.
3. Prepare by having all of your addresses, SSN, EIN, and insurance company PIN's available to list.
4. If you are a licensed Health Service Provider, be sure to make that a code. You can also use other codes.

Here's the time line for implementing the revised form:

- Jan. 2, 2007 - Health plans, clearinghouses and other information-support vendors should be ready to accept the revised form.
- Jan. 2, 2007, through March 30, 2007 - Providers can use either the current form (CMS-1500 [12-90]) or the revised form.
- April 2, 2007 - Only the revised form can be used. Re-billed claims should also use the revised form, even if earlier submissions were on the previous form.

Changes to Revised 1500

Field 17a was split to provide space for the NPI number or other types of identifiers that payers may require (e.g., your current payer-assigned provider number or your Unique Physician Identifier Number). Similar changes were made to fields 24I, 32 and 33.

Most insurance companies will now require typed 1500's, so that means having a form on your computer that is ready to be filled in. I am working on that and we will discuss all of this in our March meeting!