



CCPA NET Letter

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NEW MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS!

CCPA members voted to change our dues! Now, if you are member of TPA, you may have one year FREE membership in CCPA. Thereafter, CCPA members who are also TPA members will renew membership for \$50. So if you are not a TPA member, join now and get the next year of CCPA for free! Encourage any colleagues who belong to TPA to accept this offer and join CCPA.

TSBEP ISSUES



DIANE IZZO, TSBEP Atty, provided a candid and helpful overview of TSBEP rule-making and enforcement! She provided statistics and insights into her relationship with the board and psychologists. Her advice was to stay current on CEU's and read the TSBEP meeting agenda minutes online.

NEXT CCPA MEETING LOCATION !
TINO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT
SOUTH MAIN ENTRANCE
COLLIN CREEK MALL

“BACK TO BACK PAIN”

5/16—12 NOON Ψ DAVID HANKS, PhD

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

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FUTURE MEET- INGS:

- 5/16 –DATE CHANGE! - TINO'S—12 NOON
- 6/27– REP. J. MADDEN — TINO'S—12 NOON
- 7/25—TBA — TINO'S—12 NOON
- 8/22 –FAMILY LAW- TINO'S—12 NOON

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.

May 16—Back to Back Pain!—David Hanks PhD- 12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's

June 27—Rep. Jerry Madden— 12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's

July 25—TBA —12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's

August 22—FAMILY LAW ISSUES—Tom Hartsell, Atty- 12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's Ethics

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!

WE ARE RECEIVING A NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR PRO BONO SERVICES. PLEASE NOTIFY FRANK WICHERN AT wichern@att.net IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A REFERRAL!

OPPORTUNITIES!

Office Space

Several 200 sq. ft. offices with waiting area available. Located in Richardson near UTD.

Office with other mental health professionals.

Contact Frank Wichern at 972-234-3178 or wichern@att.net

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

Assessment Materials

Susan Porter-Levy has made several child abuse assessment tools available. Also she has some neuropsych testing tools for sale. Please contact Susan for more information: porterlevy@aol.com

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!

MAY 2008



A special thank you to Dianne Izzo, the General Counsel for TSBEP, for making the trip from Austin and for presenting an interesting and informative discussion and Q&A session on April 25th. I have been impressed with Dianne's collegial style as well as her knowledge of the rules. Her experience as a Family Law attorney likely prepared her for her duties as the Board's General Counsel especially with respect to complaints filed against psychologists in custody cases. I have found Dianne to be very accessible via phone and email. Again, thank you, Dianne! Oh, and sorry about the two-hour delay on the tarmac at Love Field waiting out those storms! I DID try to buy you lunch at Tino's!!

Please note the change in our May meeting date. We will be meeting at Tino's on Friday, May 16th instead of the usual 4th Friday. This change is due to the Memorial Day holiday which falls on the Monday after our usual meeting time. Please join us to hear Dr. David Hanks speak about pain management. I hope to be firming up details for our July 27th meeting with Rep. Madden. I will keep you posted as that date draws near. I know it is still a long way off but please save the date of Friday, August 22nd. We will hear Attorney Tom Hartsell present on family law matters. This will count toward our Ethics CEU's requirement. As I have mentioned on a previous occasion, in addition to Tom's Family Law practice, he teaches at SMU School of Law, and more relevant to us, he specializes in defending clinicians against actions taken by the Board. I have attended seminars given by Tom and find him to possess a very thorough knowledge of Ethics and Law. I will remind the members again as the date draws nearer.

As you are undoubtedly aware, TPA has undertaken a grassroots effort to encourage more psychologists to become active members of the Association. David White, TPA's Executive Director, addressed CCPA in March and laid out the rudiments of this plan. If any of you have the desire to serve on a TPA committee or sub-committee, please contact David via email at itexaspsycholog@austin.rr.com. Commitments include: current on dues (\$24.58 per month if you choose that payment option); 1-2 hours per month to participate in committee conference calls; 4-5 hours per month to work on specific committee duties or assignments; attend TPA's Legislative Day (not required, but encouraged); and attend TPA's Annual Convention (again not required). This year's annual TPA convention is scheduled for November in Austin. TPA is the one statewide agency which has psychologists' best interests in mind. I hope you will consider being actively involved.

The CCPA Board meets on the first Friday of each month. You are always welcome to attend. We meet at Frank Wichern's office in Richardson. We often manage to actually conduct business against a very humorous background provided by Drs. Wichern, Simpson, Grossman, and occasionally a guest appearance by the smiling Dr. Sliwinski. As President, it falls on me to keep this noble crew on task. I usually fail miserably at that responsibility and readily defer to Dr. Wichern who likes to accomplish **something** before seeing his 1:00 client. Anyway, join us if you have the desire or courage.

I hope to see many of you at Tino's on the 16th of May to hear Dr. Hanks. The April turnout was very good. Here's hoping we continue to have solid turnouts.

Peace,

Gary Chase, Ph.D.

You may contact me at gary@drgarychase.com

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BOARD MEETINGS:

Please attend!

600 W. Campbell Rd #5,
Richardson

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!*

ETHICALITY!

From: Frank Wichern

The CCPA meeting with Diane Izzo produced many interesting observations.

1. There are nearly 8000 individuals that TSBEP has overview of and less than .01% have action taken by the board.
2. The most common and reversible issue is CEU's. Just get them done before your license is to be renewed. You have a grace period but by then your license is not current and you should not be practicing.
3. Respond to requests for records promptly and verify you have the proper authorization to release the appropriate records.
4. Obtain and document Informed consent. Check out Ken Pope's web page for a whole lot of information on informed consent forms and links: <http://kspope.com/index.php>, Also, CCPA has provided examples of our local psychologist's forms and you can email me for them.
5. Informed consent in forensic matters was also discussed. Diane suggested that where a divorce is pending or exists, you must have written informed consent from all parties to proceed with treatment or evaluation of a minor.
6. Keep informed about the board and it's actions by regularly checking the website, <http://www.tsbep.state.tx.us/>
7. If you have a question, contact one of your colleagues and ask, **NO NEWS IS BAD NEWS!**
8. Contact Diane Izzo at 512.305.7705 or diane.izzo@tsbep.state.tx.us