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RECORD KEEPING IT

JASON SIMPSON, PSYD

THANKS JASON! Keeping our records safe and secure has never been more important. Here are some of his tips:

For password protection:

Two Locks: Less than 1 second to break 4 digit a-z code,

Instead Use "Strong" passwords :

Min 8 character (14 suggested)

Alpha-numeric (punctuation suggested)

Upper-lower case (symbols suggested)

More suggestions:

<http://www.microsoft.com/protect/yourself/password/create.aspx>

Checker:

<http://www.microsoft.com/protect/yourself/password/checker.aspx>

Generator: <http://www.pctools.com/guides/password/>

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NEXT CCPA MEETING LOCATION !

TINO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

SOUTH MAIN ENTRANCE

COLLIN CREEK MALL

"EMOTIONAL NUTRITION"

5/15—12 NOON Ψ S. PORTER-LEVY, PHD

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

FUTURE MEETINGS:

- 5/15 –EMOTIONAL NUTRITION—TINO'S—12 NOON
- 6/26—TBA
- 7/24—TBA-TINO'S—12 NOON
- 8/28—TBA-12 NOON—TINO'S

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 15—EMOTIONAL NUTRITION— S. PORTER-LEVY, PhD— 12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's

June 26—TBA- 12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's

July 24—TBA- 12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's

August 28—TBA- 12 Noon Tino's Collin Creek— 1.5 CEU's

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

Nice 200 sq. foot office in West Plano with other psychologists, numerous amenities, ideal practice location. Contact Tom Van Hoose at 972-250-2919 or by email at tv0109@flash.net.

Office space available immediately in West Plano with established private practice for experienced PhD or LPC. Furnished/unfurnished, phone/no phone, part-time/full-time. Opportunity for referrals. Other opportunities available. Contact me by email at DrFletcher@FletcherPhD.com.



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CCPA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

MARCH 2008

Greetings CCPA members!



Spring is just around the corner and change is in the air as we are faced with the challenge of protecting ourselves from liability. To keep our practices productive will require developing innovative ideas to meet the demands that face us in the future.

It was extremely valuable to have Dr. John Zervopoulos return and address the ethical considerations when doing evaluations that could end up in the legal system. Those psychologists who work with children have to determine if they are in the capacity of a therapist or expert witness. Dr. Zervopoulos outlined to scope of identifying the role and service we are providing as Psychologists. There are times when clients the service requested is exclusively therapeutic and along the way it changes when one receives a subpoena to testify. I will admit that this has happened in my practice more than I care to experience and causes a number of complications. Careful consideration to the content of reports and therapeutic files are essential considerations in our practice. Also, records management are important elements in following ethical guidelines as well.

In talking with Dr. Zervopoulos after his presentation, he wanted me to thank CCPA for having him share his insights and offered to come back any time CCPA felt he could contribute. He also offered that if anyone needed to contact him for advise to feel free and he would be happy to address any specific issue. He also indicated that he had three more hours of presentation and wanted to answer more questions but ran out of time. We very much appreciate his contribution to this challenging area.

For those interested in more information in this area, please refer to the TPA web site for the Winter 2009 Newsletter on Forensic Services. This article lists the rule changes and amendments.

A reminder for you calendar. Jason Simpson, Ph.D. will be presenting on Ethical Implications with Electronic filing of claims and other administrative procedures. This will be very informative in advancing our practice in a fast growing technological world. This will fulfill the ethics requirement for CEU's and follow the presentation by Dr. Bill Whitehead. We hope to see all of you at Tino's on April 24, 2009 at noon.

Have a wonderful Easter and Passover!

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BOARD MEETINGS:

Please attend!

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NOON – First Friday of month!

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CCPA
MEMBERSHIP!**

Application at:
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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!*

FROM JASON:

FOR YOUR OFFICE RECORDS:

Second Lock – Document level on computer

Use a Password to access and a

Password to modify

Encryption suggested (already in WORD):

To achieve good encryption, one has to select a strong encryption method. This is done by clicking the "Advanced" button next to the "Password to open" field. A list of available Crypto Service Providers (CSP's) appears.

Choose encryption type with strong encryption capacity in Word

Select a CSP with at least 128 bits RC4, like the "Microsoft Enhanced Cryptographic Provider v1.0". 128 bits encryption is considered strong encryption. RC4 is widely used, for example by Online Banking Systems and in PDF encryption.

Medicare / Medicaid

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EHealthRecords/>

An Electronic Health Record (EHR) is an electronic version of a patient's medical history, that is maintained by the provider over time, and may include all of the key administrative clinical data relevant to that person's care under a particular provider, including demographics, progress notes, problems, medications, vital signs, past medical history, immunizations, laboratory data and radiology reports. The EHR automates access to information and has the potential to streamline the clinician's workflow. The EHR also has the ability to support other care-related activities directly or indirectly through various interfaces, including evidence-based decision support, quality management, and outcomes reporting.

EHRs are the inevitable next step in the continued progress of healthcare that can strengthen the relationship between patients and clinicians. The data, and the timeliness and availability of it, will enable providers to make better decisions and provide better care.

For example, the EHR can improve patient care by:

Reducing the incidence of medical error by improving the accuracy and clarity of medical records.

Making the health information available, reducing duplication of tests, reducing delays in treatment, and patients well informed to take better decisions.

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More fun reading can be found at: Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN): Background & Scope

http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=1142&parentname=CommunityPage&parentid=1&mode=2&in_hi_userid=10741&cached=true