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Susan Porter-Levy, PhD

CCPA thanks Susan for an important update on this valuable assessment tool. Many of us are familiar with the WISC series and Susan put into perspective the advances and improvements in the IV. The attendance reflected our interest and there were many questions. I am sure Susan will be available to answer more questions if you contact her or see her at our future meetings.

Once again, CCPA is fortunate to have so many gifted and competent members, and we appreciate Susan!



Many CCPA members have been helping with Katrina Relief! Thank you for your willingness to involve yourselves and reach out!

If you have an anecdote, need or recommendation for fellow members, email it to: wichern@att.net or JasonPsyD@comcast.net

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FUTURE MEETINGS:

- 9/23— ETHICS: GOTTlieb Southfork Hotel 12 Noon
- 10/28— NEUROPATHIC PAIN Southfork Hotel 12 Noon
- 12/2—HOLIDAY SOCIAL

“EHTICS”

8/26—12 NOON Ψ MICHAEL GOTTlieb, PhD

**Please attend and bring a friend!
Our meetings are a great time to network!**

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 the Southfork Hotel Plano, unless otherwise specified. The Southfork Hotel is on the east side of 75, 1 block north of 15th Street in Plano. Meetings are usually held in the Hackberry room. Members may order lunch from the menu, or just enjoy the presentation. 1.5 CEU credits are given to members for attending the meeting.

September 23—Ethics—Michael Gottlieb, PhD—12 Noon, Southfork Hotel Plano

October 28— Neuropathic Pain -Alan Koenigsberg, MD! - 12 Noon, Southfork Hotel Plano

**December 2—Holiday Social—6 PM
Frank & Pattie Wichern's Home
5208 Laser Lane, Plano 75023
Don't Miss the Fun, plan your gag gift now!**

**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

Several large offices with waiting area available . Located in Richardson near UTD. Office with other mental health professionals.

Contact: Frank Wichern (972) 234-3178

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.

Services

Groups

Sarah Spreda, PhD and Jason Simpson, PsyD will be offering a **Divorce Recovery Support Group!** The group will concern issues about the divorce transition. Contact them at 972.670.5153 Or 469.879.9588

email: groups@SynergistWeb.com

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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!

September 2005



It was wonderful to see so many of you again at the update on the WISC IV luncheon last month and, and hope to see you again at our next meeting. It was also great to see some new faces, keep passing the word about what a great group we have (as well as it being a wonderful way to pick up C.E.U.'s)!

As I am sure you are all aware, the refugee's of Katrina have a wide range of needs. Hopefully you have found places and ways to contribute your professional expertise to this disaster. Along my own path to doing so, I had a number of observations that I'd like to share. The first is that when there is human suffering, both professional and not, the people here have great compassion and desire to help in whatever ways they can. Second, that the systems to organize these individuals are greatly lacking in the mental health area and do not understand P.T.S.D. (Even the "orientation trainer" that I experienced at the Dallas American Red Cross stated that "C.I.S.D. is something that we will get to in the months to come", without understanding the immediacy. He seemed to think the only interventions necessary past chatting with victims would be referrals to psychiatry for medications.) And last, that these systems reflect, *AGAIN*, that psychologists are *not* recognized as a distinct group from other mental health professionals and mental health workers. My experience in the time since this disaster has been that only psychiatrists are seen as different or unique.

I am at a loss to understand how this was created here, but I know it is very different in other parts of our country. I urge you to do what you can to help others understand that we are the most highly trained and closely regulated of the "mental health" professionals. For those that would like to talk with me about ways to use our organization to this end, I am more than willing. Please call or e-mail me with suggestions, or catch me at our next meeting. We as a profession must do more to educate the systems and individuals in our area.

Respectfully;

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RELEVANT INFORMATION,
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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!

RESPONDING TO KATRINA!

IF YOU HAVE NOT CHECKED THE TPA WEB SITE, YOU SHOULD: <http://www.texaspsyc.org/>

TPA is doing a good job of updating daily needs that psychologists can respond to.

Locally, there are also needs and hopefully some of you will be able to share them at our next meeting.

DPA also has information at: <http://www.dallaspsychologists.org/>

KATRINA RELIEF WILL CONTINUE TO PRESENT CHALLENGES AND I HOPE YOU WILL BE INVOLVED!

Finally, remember to check the TSBEF web site and newsletter regarding changes! Be sure to read the Summer 2005 newsletter about sunset changes. <http://www.tsbep.state.tx.us/>