



THE STATE OF THE PROFESSION

Is it safe and appropriate to do therapy over the phone and over the Internet? What are the ethical standards and laws regarding such therapy? What is parity in mental health and what act was passed into law in 2008 that will affect us as MFTs? How and when must insurance companies comply? What about joining with social workers and psychologists to form a Professional Counselors License? Would this be beneficial for MFTs? What requirements would be necessary for this license?

If you would like answers to these questions or have questions of your own about the function of CAMFT and how they serve us and how we interface with them, come to our speaker meeting on March 13. We are fortunate to have as our speaker, Mary Riemersma, the Executive Director of CAMFT, talking about the State of our profession. This is an opportunity to learn about trends and what we can expect as MFTs practicing in California in the years ahead.

Mary Riemersma, a Certified Association Executive, has been Executive Director of CAMFT for nearly 24 years. Additionally, she has been in the business of managing associations for over 41 years. She holds an MBA, an MS, and a BA from Arizona State University. In the past she has served in a number of leadership positions, and she recently was recognized by the California Society of Association Executives as their Outstanding Association Executive. Mary is currently serving on the US Chamber Institute for Organization Management's Board of Trustees and is President of the California Coalition for Mental Health.

March 13th RECAMFT Meeting

10:30 - 11:00 social & sign in
11:00 - 1:00 meeting

The State of the Profession Mary Riemersma, MBA, CAE

Odd Fellows Temple/ Mercer Hall, 545 Pacific Avenue, Santa Rosa

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April 10th, 2009

Healing Shame
Bret Lyon, Ph.D.

May 8th, 2009

Key Elements of Working with Groups
Don Scully, MFT

Please come join us for this informative and stimulating presentation. There will be ample opportunity to ask questions.

President's Message

Susan Hartz, MFT



Many hands make light work. Or in the case of the January 23rd Law and Ethics Workshop, a team of hard workers and willing hands makes for a smooth conference. Being new to the Board, I felt like I'd been given a ticket backstage, and was impressed with how the magic happens. I thought I'd let you in on some of the secrets.

The day before, Judith Peletz, Margaret Newport, and Christine Erickson shopped for breakfast goodies to feed the hungry crowd. When I arrived, early I thought, they were already busy washing fruit, cutting breads, arranging the table with the food on beautiful and functional trays Margaret had brought, and making sure everything was in order. I learned that the Odd Fellows staff, forgetting that we have elbows, had crowded the chairs so close together no one would be able to move, and so Christine Erickson and Katherine Kirk had been trouble-shooting this. Kate Maxwell and Katherine were helping out wherever there was a need.

Conference chair Gail Van Buuren had arrived very early to oversee arrangements. She and Kate Maxwell did research in finding a venue that could accommodate us for a reasonable price. Gail was also the one who made all the name tags. Then switching hats, she stood out in the parking lot in the rainy morning, directing people to alternate parking when the lot was full. Our administrative assistant, Clare Moore, was the coordinator who made arrangements for David Jensen's appearance, brought sign-in sheets for those already registered and then registered twenty-one walk-ins on the day of the conference, and managed to keep it all straight. Kim Gagnon efficiently arranged the pre-registration tables, and I joined her to greet and sign people in. Gail passed around the sign-out sheets before the workshop ended so attendees could exit quickly.

Throughout the day, like invisible stage hands, these team members seemed to anticipate what was needed and do it. And then there were the cookies! Judith Peletz made each of those wonderfully yummy cookies, which sustained us through to the end of the

afternoon. Many thanks for each of you who pitched in to make everything work well. What a great team.

March is the month of transition. If you are in the mood to try something new, think about volunteering for the RECAMFT team. You'll find a warm welcome, friendly people, and every now and then, delicious cookies.

Susan Hartz is in private practice in Santa Rosa. She can be reached at 538-2011

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WHAT YOU MISSED

By Christine Erickson

At the February general RECAMFT meeting, Scott Nelson, Ph.D., presented on the topic "Working with Male Partners of Women Abused as Children." Scott began by describing his varied professional background which, he feels, gives him the ability to work with a lot of different types of people in his clinical practice. He talked about his use of couples, individual and group psychotherapy to address the needs of partners in dealing with their personal and relationship issues. Scott focused on the numerous and complex emotional challenges facing the partners of abuse survivors, referring to the underlying neurobiological and attachment factors which necessarily come into play. He discussed family dynamics that are involved in working with this population. He also spoke about the use of EMDR in conjunction with other therapeutic modalities in addressing the needs of these clients. Scott detailed some clinical techniques for dealing with the anger that partners often experience and which is often having a negative impact on the relationship with their partner.

Scott recommended a few books that would be useful in further exploring the clinical concerns of both the partner and the survivor and which include information on trauma, neurobiology, attachment and somatic approaches to therapy. Scott described his own book, which he is currently writing and which focuses on these subjects as well. Scott answered questions throughout the presentation and there was a good deal of lively discussion. Scott had a sign-up sheet for attendees who wanted handouts emailed to them and he sent the emails the next day. In these emails, Scott included a draft of one of the chapters from his book in progress.



Scott Nelson answers questions after his presentation.

Scott's presentation was interesting, informative and, I think, highly relevant to our clinical work with individual partners or couples where the female partner is a survivor of sex abuse. Thank you, Scott for sharing your expertise with our RECAMFT community!

Christine Erickson, MFT is in private practice in Santa Rosa and can be reached at 575-1600.

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Ethics Group Meeting

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Our meetings are informative and stimulating and RECAMFT members are invited to attend. No ongoing commitment is required.

Next Meeting – April 3rd, 2009

1:30 - 3:00 pm

For more information call Coralia Serafim at 781-0133

Trauma Response News

By Margaret Newport

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The 5150 Raffle is held every month at the RECAMFT general meeting. All attendees are eligible to win. Winners please contact the person donating the service within 6 weeks. Feel free to pass the prize to someone else if you are not able to take advantage of the offering. If anyone has ideas about people who might be interested in donating future 5150 prizes, please contact Jan Lowry-Cole at 542-7987. Enjoy! (For winners of the raffle, please give Jan feedback about the service you receive.)

Will Riggan, Ed.D., MFT, won the February 5150 of a Tai Chi/Feldenkrais class generously donated by Cynthia Calmenson, Feldendrais Practitioner and Lisa Labagh, Tai Chi Chuan Teacher.



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