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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Debra D. Rojas, M.A. | Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and President, Santa Clara Valley Chapter of California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

We're over half way through 2016 and so many exciting things have happened with the board and our chapter. I thought this is a great time to provide a review.

The board welcomed two new members effective June and August, respectively. Janice Shapiro joined the board in June as the new continuing education operations director and Barbara Pannoni is our new special events director as of August 1. Kim Panelo, our former special events director, organized



Beatriz Mileham and Debra Rojas having fun at the SCV-CAMFT table in Menlo Park

an outstanding workshop on July 29. Thank you Kim for your fantastic organization and planning skills, and delivering two great workshops during your tenure on the board.

In June the board participated

in the Menlo Park Downtown Block Party, which kicked off their annual summer music in the park. Our purpose as a chapter was to get the word out to the public about services marriage and family therapists provide and how the public can utilize the *Find A Therapist* search feature on our website. This could not have been accomplished without those who generously gave their time as volunteers for the evening.

Thank you Matt Kelley, Jacqui Gerritsen, Beatriz Mileham, Jessica Treat, and David Mineau. Matt brought his dog 'sweet' Lily. Dressed up in her resource animal vest, Lily was the hit of the evening. Adults and children of all ages stopped by to pet her, giving us an opportunity to talk and provide information.

We distributed rack cards with chapter information on one side and the poem *Children Learn What They Live* on the other. Postcards with chapter information on one side and a guided imagery stress reduction exercise on the reverse were also distributed. Matt brought stress balls advertising his practice and the other therapists brought their business cards as well.

Approximately 2,000 people



Matt Kelley's dog Lily at the Menlo Park Downtown Block Party where SCV-CAM-FT had a table.

were in attendance that evening. We talked with parents, kids, and individuals who didn't realize marriage and family therapists also work with individuals. This is the education piece that was so important to convey as well as the *Find A Therapist* search feature of our website.

And speaking of the website, we have moved our site to the Wild Apricot platform. This is a platform for associations and the majority of CAMFT chapters use it. Over the last several months our communications and technology team, Jacqui Gerritsen, Chandra Rai, Webmaster

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Members who volunteered at the SCV-CAMFT table in Menlo Park

Michael Jaret and Chapter Coordinator Nancy Orr, have worked diligently researching the benefits of using Wild Apricot and ensuring that our new website has all the features of the old one, and they assure me it's even more efficient.

If you haven't already done so, you will need to go to the new website and have a 'reset your password' email sent to you, by clicking the "Forgot Passord" link. Once you've reset your password please update your profile. As mentioned above, we're now marketing the *Find A Therapist* search feature of our website so you'll want to ensure your information is current.

Migrating the information from our old site to the new one has been a huge undertaking and we're quite aware that some glitches may occur. If it happens to you, click the green "Help" button on the bottom right of your screen. Nancy Orr will be able to troubleshoot and get back to you.

This year our membership director, Chandra Rai knocked one out of the ball park! She began hosting a new member lunch on a quarterly basis. So far there have been two lunches and I had the privilege to join them in July. It's a very informal opportunity to become acquainted with one another and learn more about what our chapter offers. Thank you Chandra for this great idea and based on comments from the new

members the luncheons are a hit.

Board secretary Michal Sadoff took the lead in preparing the chapter's application to become a continuing education provider with CAMFT. This process required the board to adopt new policies which comply with the requirements. The responsibilities are so great we designated a new board position titled Director of Continuing Education Opportunities to oversee this program. Our new CEU provider number became effective July 31, 2016.

Nancy Andersen, our law and ethics director has been in regular communication with David Jensen of CAMFT and this year's law and ethics workshop promises to be all new material. Read more in her article on pages 4-5.



Matt and Ernie at the New Member Luncheon in Mountain View

Our annual workshop this year featured Dr. Rick Olcese presenting Neurobiology and Neuropsychological Aspects of Trauma. There were about 71 in attendance and a lot of attendees came from other chapters. During breaks and lunch many commented to me that the content was fascinating, and it certainly was. Look for a summary in an upcoming newsletter.

Our current director of pre- and newly-licensed groups, Melissa Risso, has begun a PhD program and will not be continuing in her position. We will

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surely miss her but are excited about her opportunity to continue her education and enhance her career. Congratulations Melissa! This turn of events creates a vacancy on the board. If you're interested in applying for a board position send me an email and I'll forward you an application and information on the position. Send your email to president@scv-camft.org.

Our September luncheon in Mountain View features Philip Manfield, Ph.D., LMFT presenting *EMDR Trauma Processing*. If you haven't already done so, you can register for the luncheon on our new website.

I'll see you in September.



New Member Luncheon

by Chandra Rai, MFTI, Director of Membership



Matt, Ernie, Iryna, Debra, and Deb in the back. Pam, Monica, Nancy and Chadra in the front.

The SCV-CAMFT new members' summer lunch was on July 8th in Mountain View. Seven new members and three board members met for lunch at Amici's in Mountain View. The conversation flowed from experiences of newly-licensed members to seasoned therapists around the joys and struggles of working in private practice.

Interns shared their experiences of taking the newly-structured BBS exams. We also explored the different trainings and our aspirations to develop a niche area in our clinical work. It was nice to hear that the new members enjoyed the opportunity to meet other members. The common feeling at the table appeared to be one of camaraderie, joy and enthusiasm to be part of the community. We exchanged business cards and resources at the end of the lunch and talked about meeting each other again in the upcoming SCV-CAMFT events. New members were gifted with SCV-CAMFT coffee mugs and other memorabilia.

The fall new members lunch will be hosted on October 7, 2016.

Chandrakala Rai is a Registered Marriage and Family Therapy Intern IMF86649 Supervised by Don Hadlock MFC15316



Iryna, Monica, and Nancy at the New Member Luncheon.

ADVERTISING CHANGES IN SCV-CAMFT NEWS

Beginning Sept. 2016, Classified Ads will no longer be printed in SCV-CAMFT NEWS and will be posted on the website only. Display Ads will continue to be in SCV-CAMFT NEWS.

See our new advertising opportunities and rates on page 12.

Children Learn What They Live By Dorothy Law Nolte

If children live with criticism. They learn to condemn. If children live with hostility, They learn to fight. If children live with ridicule, They learn to be shy. If children live with shame, They learn to feel guilty. If children live with encouragement, They learn confidence. If children live with tolerance, They learn to be patient. If children live with praise, They learn to appreciate. If children live with acceptance, They learn to love.

If children live with approval,
They learn to like themselves.
If children live with honesty,
They learn truthfulness.
If children live with security,
They learn to have faith in themselves and others.
If children live with friendliness,
They learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

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Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D. Author-approved short version.



Workshop Clears Up Mystery of Treatment Recordkeeping

by Nancy Andersen, LMFT

Many clinicians, like me, struggle with the content of our treatment records. We wonder, "Should I write a lot? Should I write a little? What really needs to be in my notes?" CAMFT Staff Attorney Dave Jensen attempts to solve this long-standing mystery at the upcoming Law & Ethics Workshop October 21 in Mountain View.

I called the San Diego-based attorney in June to get the backstory behind his new presentation, "Using the Language of the Law to 'Salt and Pepper' Your Treatment Records." I hardly expected Jensen to compare recordkeeping to Freud's model of the mind or the notion that clinicians should strive to have treatment records that are "freakin' awesome."

But it's that unexpected way of looking at legal and ethical issues that earns Jensen consistently outstanding reviews from chapter members who attend his annual workshops. In fact, the only complaint from 2015 Law and Ethics workshop attendees made about Dave was that his topic was "dull"!

Response to the new presentation has been "astounding", says Jensen, who is scheduled to present it to 11 other chapters as well as non-CAMFT audiences. "I had a man in Fresno tell me," he says, " 'this is the most practical and insightful class I've been to in 30 years of practice.' "

High praise, just what does the Michigan-native do to deserve it? Jensen says this workshop has been

14 years in the making, distilling his experience as a CAMFT lawyer. He studied BBS cases that focused on recordkeeping failures as well as government and insurance company requirements. Jensen couldn't resist comparing the different recordkeeping requirements of insurance companies, government agencies and fee-for-service private practices to Freud's Id, Ego and Super Ego in an article he wrote for The Therapist May/June 2016 issue. The government's approach has traditionally been like a harsh Super Ego screaming, "You must obey the standards!" writes Jensen. The Id, standing in for private practices, with its contempt for rules, enforcement and long-term consequences, screams, "There are no standards!" Are the insurance companies



Dave Jensen, JD, presenter at the Law and Ethics Workshop Oct. 21

somewhere in the middle, Ego-like asking the other two to get along?

Jensen found that insurance companies are identical to the more traditionally strict government agencies in their standards for keeping records. While each may

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Law and Ethics: Using the Language of the Law to 'Salt and Pepper' Your Treatment Records

6 CEUs included, PCE113

Friday, October 21, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Michael's at Shoreline, Mountain View, CA

Join us as we welcome Dave Jensen, CAMFT staff attorney, who uses cases, videos, and songs to explain the intricacies of the legal and ethical requirements facing marriage and family therapists. The six-hour workshop includes breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and networking opportunities at Michael's at Shoreline in Mountain View. The golf course setting provides a relaxing atmosphere and pleasant outdoor areas for breaks and lunch. Traffic is usually heavy, so plan on including drive time. Registration is open at our new website.

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have a slightly different focus or emphasis, both systems want to know how a patient's life is impacted by a diagnosis. Jensen observed that another similarity between the two systems is both expect a thorough evaluation of the patient; a treatment plan; and ongoing progress notes monitoring movement toward meeting therapy goals.

Aside from these more global requirements, some insurers are picky about the color ink you use, warns Jensen. So it pays to read the manuals or take any related training.

While insurance companies may care about the color ink you use to record patient information, the BBS takes a different track when agency investigators look into an allegation of incompetence. "The BBS likely will not give a hoot about whether you used green ink instead of blue or black ink," writes Jensen. "It will be concerned about the job you did – or did not do – as evidenced by your treatment records.

"It's just like you learned in graduate school – if you don't have it written in your notes, it didn't happen." What must be in your notes?

Jensen explains, "The laws are vague. The regulations are vague. The CAMFT ethical code is vague. This vagueness has always struck me as not helpful because the only time anyone ever looks at these records is when there has been a complaint. Your treatment records are to persuade investigators that 'I've done my job properly or the services provided were necessary.'

"I've thought a lot about how to make records more persuasive," he

adds. "Good clinicians have to make judgments all the time. We bring into the notes that exact language the law uses such as suicidality and homicidality. We want to use exact language in the notes that helps your



lawyer prove that you did everything right."

I confessed to Jensen that feeling confident about what to include in my notes – and what to leave out – would be a huge relief. He assures me that this workshop aims to clarify recordkeeping requirements.

The workshop learning objectives are:

- Explain the "building blocks" of the BBS's law regarding recordkeeping
- Identify mistakes made by colleagues in the area of recordkeeping
- State the core subject areas of a treatment record
- Compare/contrast recordkeeping requirements of the public and private mental health systems
- Identify key legal terms that should "salt and pepper" your records, treatment or otherwise
- Describe the "D-A-V-E Way" of keeping records. (In case you can't wait until October, this stands for Details, Authoritative, Veracious and Evaluative)

Jensen, currently working on a master's degree in English, loves

language and stresses that the way we use it matters. But precise language is immaterial if it cannot be read; so one not-so-obvious requirement for all records is legibility. Someone other than the clinician must be able to read the records to ensure continuity of care in case of therapist incapacity or death.

What about electronic records? Jensen touches on practice management software programs.

With his enthusiasm for language and law, Jensen wants to inspire therapists to claim their authority as mental health care experts. "Embrace this role," he says, "Learn to apply your knowledge and not to be afraid of writing authoritatively."

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I Need Your Help with Hospitality

Planning to attend this year's Law and Ethics Workshop? Want to help create a more lively and welcoming atmosphere at the workshop? I need volunteers to help plan and implement new hospitality efforts to make everyone feel more comfortable and included. Please contact Nancy Andersen at nbragaandersen@gmail.com for more information.



Luncheon Review

by Kate Parkinson, LMFT, CSAT

Kate reviews her presentation at the May 20th luncheon titled "Betrayal, Secrets and Lies: Rebuilding Trust and Healing Sex Addiction Induced Trauma."

This article describes the phenomenon of Sex Addiction-Induced Trauma (SAIT) and contrasts two different sex addiction treatment models. In particular, I focus on the merits of the trauma-informed model as opposed to the more traditional addict-centric model. I also discuss the damage that can be caused by the treatment process itself (treatmentinduced trauma). For the sake of simplicity I refer to the addict as male and partner as female, and make the assumption that both parties are choosing to stay in the relationship and do the life-changing and oftentimes gut-wrenching work.

First, let me define "sex addiction". Sex addiction is defined as any sexually-related compulsive behavior which interferes with normal living and causes severe stress on family, friends, loved ones, and/or one's work environment. The criteria are the same as those of other addictions: progression in the intensity of use, increased tolerance (more is required over time), repeated attempts to quit the behavior, continued use despite consequences. While it is true that sex addiction is not a current diagnosis in the DSM, the term is now commonly used in our everyday language. It is how many clients self identify when seeking treatment for their compulsive sexual behavior.

The traditional sex addiction

treatment model views the addict as identified patient, and the intimate partner as co-addict and as adjunctive support to the addict's treatment. It promotes separate recovery



programs, with limited opportunity for connection and attachment repair. The partner is considered to be out of control and/or controlling, rather than adapting to life with an addict. For instance, after discovery if a partner needs information about the addict's travel plans or his commitment to recovery, these would be considered none of her business: she is instructed to focus solely on herself.

Conversely, the trauma model is partner sensitive and trauma informed and views the relationship through the partner's experience and needs as well as through the needs of the addict. The betrayals as well as, the multitude of lies, contribute to the trauma that most partners of sex addicts experience upon discovery. A study conducted by author and clinician Barbara Steffens, PhD, showed that 70% of partners meet criteria for complex/PTSD, presenting

with symptoms such as helplessness, sleeplessness, immobility, reliving of the event, anger, hypervigilence, anxiety, nightmares, intrusive thoughts, avoidance, mood swings, panic attacks, restlessness, confusion, etc. In my practice this number is even higher. Partners present with a vast array of symptoms, but at the core there is always a shattering of reality, disbelief and profound despair.

The trauma-sensitive model acknowledges this experience of shattering as true and appropriate to the situation, and promotes empathy on the part of the addict and treatment team. Ideally both addict and partner need to focus on their individual recovery and trauma work, and the model also critically supports relational and systemic healing. Therefore, for instance, a partner is given the information she needs. This is considered reasonable and appropriate given the situation. She is validated for seeking safety, rather than being controlling. Her symptoms are acknowledged as predictable reactions to traumatic stress. Furthermore, the model validates the partner's pain; encourages the partner to share her story in safe settings and a guided format to ease the pain as well as other trauma specific work; places the responsibility for the addiction on the sex addict, not on the partner; and supports the partner in setting clear boundaries. (Steffens page 73-74)

Omar Minwalla, PhD, brilliantly describes Sex Addiction-Induced Trauma (SAIT) in his article, "The Thirteen Dimensions of Sex Addiction-

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Induced Trauma". The thirteen dimensions are highlighted below. Not all are relevant for every partner. Trauma is subjective and individuals are completely different and unique. For the complete article see Bibliography.

- 1. Discovery Trauma whereby the partner "accidentally" discovers evidence of his acting out, and her pre-existing reality is shattered as she confronts his compartmentalized reality
- 2. Each Disclosure is the process of being told about some aspect of the deceptive, compartmentalized reality-system (factual or not) and is a critical trauma-inducing incident, even though ultimately it is necessary for the partner to know the truth in order to grasp a cohesive narrative necessary for healing
- 3. Reality-Ego fragmentation occurs as reality is shattered
- 4. Psychobiological symptoms involves trauma to one's physical body such as, hair loss, insomnia, vaginal spasms, etc.
- 5. External crisis and destabilization refers to all the practical, sudden or long-term changes and the overwhelming chaos that ensues and endures as a direct result of sex addiction such as, concerns related to finances, shifts in residence, legal issues, etc.
- 6. Hypervigilence and reexperiencing as described in the DSM description of PTSD
- 7. Psychological trauma and the phenomenon of gaslighting refers to the intentional manipulation of partner's reality, thoughts and feelings in order that the victim will submit her will
- 8. Sexual Trauma is often similar to that of women who have been raped or otherwise sexually

traumatized

- 9. Gender wounds refers to how partners are often profoundly impacted at the core of their gender
- 10. Relational trauma and attachment wounds means the "Us" itself is traumatized
- 11. Family, communal and social wounds speaks to the far-reaching implications for other relationships, including the parent-child bond, social world, etc.
- 12. Treatment-induced trauma is a clinical intervention or omission which causes harm
- 13. Existential and spiritual trauma refers to a loss of faith in the goodness of life

Relational trauma involves exposure to an extreme stressor such as sexual addiction, by which trust is desimated and the A study conducted by author and clinician Barbara Steffens, PhD, showed that 70% of partners meet criteria for complex/PTSD

experience of the relationship as safe is diminished. The Multidimensional Partner Trauma Model (MPTM) builds on Minwalla's SAIT model and includes focused education on the traumatic impact of the relationally offending behaviors and that of partner trauma. It serves to provide safety for the partner and relationship, and fosters internal motivation for change towards empathy. This means specifically, that the addict is taught and encouraged to participate in helping her heal by providing empathy, compassion, honesty and accountability.

Within the MPTM, the partner's trauma must be addressed both in her individual therapy as well as, within the relationship. There is a structured process to this relational healing that usually includes a therapeutic Disclosure. A Disclosure is a voluntary transfer of information

from the addict to partner detailing a thorough and honest history of all acting out behaviors including financial costs. There is a systematic process to the preparation of the Disclosure document as well, as the sharing. Although this is often an incredibly distressful process for addict and partner alike, it is crucial because most partners can not adequately heal until they know what they must heal from. Otherwise, they are haunted by unanswered questions, doubts and fears. For the addict, secrets fuel shame and shame fuels relapse. Furthermore, secrets create barriers to the re-building

of trust and intimacy. There is a saying in 12-step recovery: "we are as sick as our secrets". This is applicable to the individual as well as, the couple. I often liken the Disclosure process and sharing of secrets to one of cleaning out

an infected wound. If the wound is not completely disinfected, the infection continues to cause more and deeper damage, possibly leading to amputation or death.

Once the secrets are divulged, the next step is often a polygraph exam to establish a reliable basis for honesty and the re-building of accountability and trust. A Sobriety Contract is written and shared with the partner to further promote trust. Although sobriety is his responsibility, there is transparency into his recovery process. The couple is also given guidelines for sharing about feelings and recovery at home as soon as they are ready to do so.

Treatment-induced trauma occurs when the treatment process further injures the partner by ignoring or invalidating her needs and perceptions. An example is when the

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therapist believes and even asserts that the addict is not lying, despite evidence and protests by the partner to the contrary. Other examples include blaming the partner, and excluding the partner from treatment by telling her, "the addict's recovery is none of your business" and the like.

Often treatment-induced trauma is caused by clinical interventions that are fundamentally organized around the traditional co-sex addiction model, and other traditional interventions. One such intervention is sex positive therapy, based in failure to recognize or treat SAIT among partners. Many "sex positive" counselors and educators will too quickly prescribe, "date nights or sex nights", for traumatized and sexually abused partners and couples. For a client to reach out for support and be "let down" or "hurt instead of helped" is the utmost of serious violations in human ethics and attachment relationships – to do no harm.

Sometimes referral to a specialist for the purpose of thorough assessment, consultation and/or treatment is recommended. Certified Sex Addiction Therapists are found at www.sexhelp.com. The Sex Addiction Screening Test (SAST) is also available from the same site, and can be utilized as an initial assessment. More comprehensive assessments are available and administered by a CSAT.

To demonstrate some of the complex issues inherent in working with this population, I share the following story. Robert (not his real name) and I worked together sporadically for three years on what he described as "a fascination with certain pornographic images". He insisted repeatedly that this was the full extent of his sexual preoccupation. If I pushed too much on the subject or inquired about

other accompanying activities (such as masturbation or physical contact with others) he would discontinue therapy for weeks or months, outraged at my insinuation.

One day, I received a frantic phone call from Robert, saying that his wife had discovered a text message on his phone from another woman. He was "terrified of losing everything". With this discovery, his life began to unravel, and the next several months were horrible as they individually as well as, collectively

began to face the truth of his secret life and the extent of his betraval. Robert revealed to me his extensive history of sexual acting out before and during his marriage including numerous affairs and prostitution. He eventually prepared and read his full Disclosure to her, 18 pages in all, and was without secrets for the first time. He passed a polygraph exam, formulated and committed to a Sobriety Contract including working a 12-step recovery program. He began to learn about honesty, empathy and ultimately, how to rebuild trust and help his wife heal from the trauma of learning the extent to which he had been unfaithful. Both Robert and his wife now agree (several years later) that the recovery process required more courage and fortitude than any other life experience. However- as most addicts and partners agreethe quality of their life and current connection is richer and more intimate than they ever dreamed possible.

This story- similar to stories that I hear in my office every day- is rich with complexity. Several of the questions are discussed below. How did I- an experienced therapist and specialist- not know that Robert was lying, that there was more to his story than viewing pornography? The truth is, I didn't

know (although I usually do) because addicts are really good at lying. It is a skill well-honed over decades that serves to protect, so that the learned behavior and addictive high can continue.

 What did the addict's comprehensive assessments indicate that I overlooked in deference to his

assertions? I was reminded (once again) to trust my intuition and clinical expertise, and confirmed that addicts lie, even to their therapist. They don't lie because they are bad people, but because there is sufficient fear and shame that prevents them from doing otherwise. It is usually consequences- or the fear thereofthat eventually force them to risk and live in the truth.

• How does the partner of a sex addict heal a heart shattered by the very person she loves? One of the questions I am mostly frequently asked by partners after discovery is, "how did I live with this man for all this time and not know what he was doing?". I often respond: "because sex addicts lie, compartmentalize, deny and scapegoat in order to maintain their secret sexual- and often financial-life." Another common guestion is, "how can I stay?" This is a very individual decision. I often offer the wisdom of not making any major decisions for one year. This allows for emotions to cool and clear thinking to return so the partner can make the best

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decision for herself and her family.

• How is an addict "terrified of losing everything", and yet driven to continue activities that- if discovered-will jeopardize what he holds most dear? Sex addicts often confuse intensity for intimacy, and hurt those whom they most love.

In conclusion, I would like to leave the reader with three key points:

- 1. The traditional addict-centric treatment model- in and of itself- is inadequate.
- 2. It is imperative that the treatment model is trauma-informed and trauma-sensitive for the sake of the partner as well as, the addict and couple-ship. Since sex addiction is fundamentally a relational trauma, the healing and recovery process must also be relational and tend to the attachment wounds.
- 3. As clinicians we must be careful to not inadvertently collude with the addict at the expense of the partner's needs, thus damaging potential for healing of the broader system.

There is great hope. Freedom from sex addiction is possible. Healing from Sex Addiction-Induced

Trauma is possible. My experience with many clients supports this optimism.

Kate Parkinson, MFT, CSAT, CHFP, CEMDR, is the founder of Recovery of Self Counseling and Intensives in Palo Alto. She is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (MFC41470), Certified Sex Addiction Therapist (CSAT), Certified Hope and Freedom Practitioner (CHFP), and is EMDR certified. Her practice is dedicated primarily to the healing of relationally traumatized couples and families devastated by sexual addiction, sexual anorexia, and other intimacy disorders.

Kate facilitates Three-Day Intensives for couples, partners of sex addicts, and both male and female sex and love addicts. Additionally, she specializes in the treatment of complex/PTSD as well as, dissociation, shame, boundary impairments and developmental immaturity. She offers extended psychotherapy sessions as well as, Three-Day Intensives focused on trauma resolution. Kate's approach is informed by her belief in the inherent preciousness of each and every person.

Resources

- The Association of Partners of Sex Addicts Trauma (APSATS)
- www.apsats.org
- Therapists who specialize in the treatment of partner trauma
- International Institute for Trauma and Addiction Specialists
- www.IITAP.com
- Certified Sex Addiction Therapists (CSAT)
- www.sexhelp.com
- Sex Addiction Screening Test (SAST) and other resources
- www.recoveryofselfcounseling.com
- Website for Kate Parkinson's practice

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Editorial committee members are available to discuss ideas with you and answer questions. Their contact information is listed on page 19.





New Board Member to Oversee CEU Program

Welcome Janice Shapiro, LMFT!

Janice Shapiro has been a member of SCV-CAMFT since 2008 and has enjoyed the many benefits it has to offer. She is excited and honored to serve on the SCV-CAMFT Board of Directors in the newly created position of Director of Continuing Education Operations. Janice earned her Masters in Counseling Psychology in 2010 from JFK University. After becoming licensed in 2015, she opened her private practice in her hometown of San Jose. She welcomes the many challenges and the great variety of issues her clients bring into therapy.

Prior to becoming a therapist,
Janice was a 4th grade classroom
teacher for many years. Believing
that learning is a lifelong process,
she made sure her lessons were
interesting, fun and met the needs
of her students so that they would
continue to love learning throughout
their lives. This idea of learning
throughout life also shows up in her
therapy practice. As clients learn new
ways of being, change happens.

So, it is not by chance that Janice is our new Director of CE Operations. This position ensures that SCV-CAMFT meets the requirements for being



an approved provider of Continuing Education(CE) programs so that our members can continue to benefit from education. Welcome Janice!



New Director of Special Events

Welcome Barbara Pannoni, LMFT!

Barbara Pannoni is our new
Special Events Director. She received
her Master's degree in depth
psychology from Pacifica Graduate
Institute and works with adults
experiencing depression, anxiety,
trauma history/PTSD and spiritual/life
transitions in her Los Altos practice.
Barbara uses psychodynamic depth
work, imaginal and mindfulness
techniques, dreamwork, creative
expression and EMDR to customize
therapy to each client's needs.

Barbara is a member of Open Path Psychotherapy Network, providing low fee services for clients in need and Secular Therapist Network, where she enjoys connecting with clients who have been hurt by high demand groups, cults or religions. She has facilitated groups for new parents at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and young/teen mothers at Mountain View/Los Altos Adult Education school. She enjoys supporting new parents, co-parents and those creating blended/step families.

Prior to becoming a therapist, Barbara worked for the Stanford Center for Continuing Medical Education for 15 years, planning and implementing all aspects of CME



programs for physicians and nurses. She served on CAMFT's CE provider approval task force and committee for three years. Welcome Barbara!

(1.5 CEUs, **PCE 1143**)

MID-REGION LUNCHEON

EMDR Trauma Processing (1.5 CEUs) Presented by Philip Manfield, Ph.D., LMFT

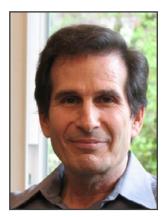
About the Presentation

Whether you have no background in EMDR or are trained in EMDR, this interactive presentation promises to be educational and moving for all who attend as Philip Manfield, Ph.D., LMFT presents EMDR Trauma Processing. Included in his presentation is a 30-minute video of an actual EMDR trauma processing session with follow-up. Come watch the client experience profound change in a remarkably short time and verify at follow-up that the transformation has held. Raise your hand and Dr. Manfield will pause the video, take your questions and comment on the session, truly enhancing your learning experience.

Although this is not instruction in EMDR treatment, many of the basic principles underlying EMDR will be explained.

By the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- Explain the role of eye movements in EMDR Trauma Processing
- Describe at least one mechanism of change in EMDR Therapy
- Explain the importance of identifying dissociation in trauma processing



About the Presenter

Philip Manfield, Ph.D., LMFT, practices in the S.F. Bay Area. He has authored or edited five books about psychotherapy and EMDR. His most recent two books have been acclaimed for their use of actual clinical transcripts to provide a clear and often entertaining explanation of many subtleties of EMDR resourcing and trauma processing. An EMDRIA-Approved Trainer and consultant, he has taught on five continents. In 2011 he presented his resourcing protocol in the keynote address of the EMDR Netherlands annual conference. He has also made available more than 40 EMDR videos, many from his books, for viewing on-line (emdrvideos.com).

Friday, September 23, 2016

11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (presentation begins at noon)

Place: Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd.

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Janina Fisher, PhD, is the Assistant Educational Director of SPI, an EMDR Approved Consultant, instructor at the Trauma Center, and provides training in trauma-informed care to psychiatric hospitals, addictions recovery centers, and residential programs. Dr. Fisher is past president of the N.E. Society for the Treatment of Trauma and Dissociation and former instructor at Harvard Medical School. The author of numerous articles on trauma treatment, Dr. Fisher lectures internationally on the integration of neuroscience research into clinical practice. For more information visit www.janinafisher.com.



Ame Cutler, PhD, is a psychologist specializing in the field of transgenerational trauma who brings years of experience in a variety of body-oriented modalities to her work with individuals, couples, and groups, as well as both violent offenders and victims of violent crimes. Also certified in the Hakomi Method, she combines interests in somatic psychology, mindfulness, and indigenous wisdom to assist clients suffering the aftermath of relational trauma in building a safer relationship with their own bodies.

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