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GAMHPA News

In this issue, we welcome a feature by GAMHPA member Alan Karbelnig examining barriers to individuality in psychotherapists, on page 2.

Our internet discussion list is serving our members well. See Michelle Barone's report on page 3 of topics that have been discussed recently.

We are starting a new feature in this newsletter to highlight member achievements. See Pamela Toll's introduction on page 3 about our new GAMHPA 'Spotlight.'

Our next business networking lunch will be Wednesday, January 21, at the new Cheesecake Factory in Glendale at the Americana. This is a good format to assess if you would like to join GAMHPA. Bring your business cards.

Larry Brooks is planning our next continuing education conference for 2009 on the topic of technology, media, and mental health. If you are interested in helping, have an area of interest that you would like to present, or have a location to offer, please contact him. ?

Calendar of Events

QUARTERLY NETWORKING LUNCHES

Wednesday, January 21
 Cheesecake Factory
 The Americana on Brand
 Glendale

All lunches 12-1:30pm
 All are welcome.
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 Bring your business cards.

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 at (818) 551-1714.

BOARD MEETINGS

Fridays, 9:30-11am
 138 N. Brand Blvd., Ste. 300
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Towards Thinking Openly: Barriers to Individuality in Psychotherapists



Alan Karbelnig,
Ph.D.

(Bolstered by Soren Kirkegaard's lament that "ours is a paltry age because it lacks passion," Dr. Alan Karbelnig writes this regular column to provoke thoughtful reaction from his colleagues. He has been a member of SGVPA since 1988, and served as its president in the early 1990s; he has chaired the SGVPA Ethics Committee for 14 years. Alan is a Training and Supervising psychoanalyst at the New Center for

Psychoanalysis and the Newport Psychoanalytic Institute. He practices psychoanalytic psychotherapy and forensic psychology in South Pasadena.)

As they enter the consulting room for their first meeting with a person, psychotherapists *should* feel terrified. They enter the room with, well, *nothing*. They carry no technical devices. Unlike physicians, who have any number of tools from blood pressure cuffs to electrocardiographic machines, psychotherapists have only themselves. Unlike attorneys, who

take notes, refer to legal authorities, and compose official documents, psychotherapists offer only ideas and emotional responses. They present in an exposed state; they carry only their inherited or learned psychobiology and their knowledge of whomever of the various theorists they have found the most influential.

This nakedness notwithstanding, persons seeking the services of psychotherapists arrive with expectations, even demands. They complain of stale marriages, paralyzed employment situations, or painful emotional states. They request solutions and relief. They insist their psychotherapists take action. This

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combination of demand, on the one hand, and lack of technology, on the other, creates unease if not abject anxiety in psychotherapists – particularly in the early stages of their work.

How do they then cope with such vulnerability? Some psychotherapists take refuge in dogmatic theoretical approaches. For example, if they have the conviction that all psychopathology results from pent-up aggression and envy, they will view problems exclusively through this lens. If they believe that failures of

empathy are the cornerstones of psychological difficulties, they will conclude that emotional troubles result solely from interpersonal deprivation. And so on.

At the other end of a continuum, some psychotherapists eschew theory, and practice some variety of "rent-a-friend." As one colleague put it, somewhat crassly, psychotherapy is "a love affair without the affair." Perhaps these psychotherapists are helpful, but they run serious risk of violating the patient, crossing boundaries, or otherwise failing to adhere to the fiduciary aspect of the psychotherapeutic contract.

"Patients" are paying a fee for a service, and if only love and friendship are provided, their "sessions" smack of a variant of prostitution.

Striving to find the "middle zone" between these two extremes, psychotherapists face incredible complexity and uncertainty. Even within the confines of the psychoanalytic model, for example, wide variance in theory exists.

Different theorists hold that psychopathology results from deficits in maternal care, from intra-psychic conflicts, from unresolved Oedipal complexes, from pent-up aggression and envy, from repressed sexual urges, from existential concerns like fear of death, or from primitive mental states characterized by excessive splitting and projective identification.

Ideally, all these variants should not be causes of anxiety but embraced as part of the beauty and fullness of human experience that psychotherapy uniquely mediate.

Psychotherapists *do* face incredible ambiguity. They *should* feel awed and humble. They err if they are too rigid in theory; they err if they are too loose. They must struggle to find their way between these two extremes – all the while keeping an open a mind.

But keeping an open mind is anything but easy, particularly when feeling uncomfortable. G. K. Chesterson once wrote that “an open mind is like an open mouth, it looks for something hard to bite into.” Psychotherapists must avoid biting into anything hard. In his recent book, called *The Black Swan*, Nassim Taleb describes theory as “like medicine (or government): often useless, sometimes necessary, always self-serving, and on occasion lethal.” He suggested that theory “be used with care, moderation, and close adult supervision.”

Hopefully, psychotherapists cherish the mystery of the persons who sit before them. Hopefully, they strive to understand what they speak, feel, or display, and then respond in a unique fashion. And as they navigate through the clouds on their lonely journey towards helping others, they can ultimately rely only on this: Their own sense of integrity.

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Yahoo! News

Michelle Barone, M.F.T.
GAMHPA Yahoo Group Moderator

GAMHPA Yahoo Group
Going Strong

If you are not already a member of the group, consider joining today. It is a forum for all GAMHPA members to post information about their services, groups, office rentals, referral needs, and much more. We are an active community, and this is a great way to connect and get to know fellow members.

Some of the topics discussed recently have included resources for a family with a child with gender identity disorder, insurance issues, and on-going groups.

This group provides a forum for GAMHPA members to exchange ideas, resources, and expertise, to discuss clinical issues, ethics, practice building and network with other members, to give members an opportunity to connect and gain support.

To visit, go to health.groups.yahoo.com/group/gampha. To subscribe, click on the “Join This Group!” tab. If you have any questions or need more information about joining, please call or e-mail me.

Michelle Barone, M.A., M.F.T., (818) 951-7744 or michelle@michellebarone.net. ?



GAMHPA 'Spotlight'

Pamela Toll, Psy.D.
GAMHPA Board Member

Introducing a new GAMHPA
Newsletter Feature

GAMHPA is pleased to announce the creation of a new column. This new feature will serve as a place to acknowledge our members' current, profession-related accomplishments.

So, if you are publishing an article or book, receiving an award or a new certification, giving a presentation at a conference, being appointed to a board or elected to a position, let us know because we'd like to acknowledge your achievement. Inclusion will be at the discretion of the GAMHPA Board.

Please contact Pamela Toll, Psy.D., at drpamelatoll@aol.com or (626) 224-4563 with all the important information. ?



The Business of Practice

Jim De Santis, Ph.D.

Make Your Practice Recession-Resistant

We may like to think of our profession as perhaps likely to thrive in difficult times, and in many ways it does.

Consumers may not go on vacations or buy the new car when times are tough, but they are still likely to go to their doctor. No matter how unfortunate, there is never a shortage of need for mental health services.

There is, however, during recession some probability of a shortage of the financial resources necessary to provide mental health services to those who need it. Whether your practice is built on cash pay, insurance reimbursement, or managed care, in realistic terms what could recession do to your practice?

Overall in the economy, recession can mean fewer customers and falling prices. In your practice, this would translate to fewer incoming patients, more frequent requests for a sliding scale, and attrition from your caseload. We may see premature termination due to the interruption of insurance benefits that arise from layoffs and downsizings. So if you begin to feel the squeeze what can you do?

Good business practices and good ethical clinical practice never need to be inconsistent with each other. Of course, the first rule in our profession is no less important in recession—focus on delivering excellent service to your clients. In particular provide thorough and appropriate recommendations for a plan of care while maintaining your knowledge-base to offer alternate referrals if a patient cannot afford private services.

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Beyond good service, a first rule in business is to lower your overhead. Cut costs. Where can you save? Generally we don't tend to have large pools of employees, shelves of inventory, or warehouses of equipment that we can eliminate. However, if you have a service that is not producing income, consider reducing this area of your practice and increasing services that you offer which are a profit-center. Focus on core businesses that produce the greatest revenue.

Even if tempted to discount your fees across the board, maintain them. While we all should be willing to adjust a fee or offer pro bono services on a selective basis, do not panic. Viable alternatives include offering

shorter length or less frequent sessions, as well as focusing more on short-term approaches and symptom relief.

Another business tack is to broaden the range of services you offer. Diversify into areas that are likely to maintain customer loyalty and to be a profit-center. Are there multiple treatment modalities that, when combined, produce better results for clients? When does a targeted family or conjoint session appropriately bolster primarily individual work?

During an economic downturn, what are the types of disorders, problems, and symptoms that people are likely to still suffer from the most and are likely to prioritize in seeking out help for? Perhaps these do not include personal growth, but insomnia, anxiety, and depression. Certainly people will in many instances pay for services their children need before luxury things they want for themselves.

For a number of clinical issues, group therapy may be the treatment of choice, yet the cost of group therapy may be less than half the cost of individual therapy. During a recession where dollars are tight, this modality is likely to flourish. If you have competence in facilitating groups and see a need in your own practice or community for a particular type of group that your clients will benefit from, then consider opening a group.

Focus the expenditure of your current marketing budget on those services that are likely to be a future profit center. For example, if you

offer testing services and you gauge a high demand, then focus your advertising dollars on presenting this facet of your practice, instead of advertising your practice generically.

Renegotiate contracts that may be coming up for renewal to lessen longer-term financial obligations. In the process, consider slimming down your office space if square footage is adjustable. Keep a good amount of cash on hand in the event that cash flow becomes tight so you can weather a downturn and still keep the lights on.

Invest in yourself. If, despite your best efforts, your practice caseload is down, invest in your professional and personal development when you have free time. Build your continuing education credits toward your next licensure renewal. Take classes that really boost your professional depth and repertoire. Alternatively, consider now the time to take vacations or time off for rest and rejuvenation.

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GROUP THERAPIST DIRECTORY. Request a copy or submit your free listing. Concise, up-to-date directory of outpatient psychotherapy groups in Los Angeles county. 450 facilitators and 1,100 groups. Edited by a licensed psychologist and certified group psychotherapist. Web page has received over 19,000 hits from visitors. View or download from JJDeSantis.org, call (818) 551-1714, or e-mail JJDeSantis@aol.com.

PEDIATRIC PSYCHIATRIST DIRECTORY. Concise list of 250 child psychiatrists in Los Angeles county, available on the internet at JJDeSantis.org.

AFFILIATE AGENCIES

COLDWATER COUNSELING CENTER is a non-profit organization based in Studio City providing depth psychotherapy to adults and children

on a sliding-scale basis. All therapists and interns have had, and continue to engage in, extensive personal analysis. The staff—mostly licensed M.F.T.s—includes three Jungian analysts and a number of analysts-in-training. For information or a brochure, call (818) 508-0703, or visit us online at www.coldwatercounselingcenter.org.

FRONTPOINT CHILD AND FAMILY THERAPY is an organization of highly skilled licensed clinicians who specialize in helping children, adolescents, and their families reach their goals. Services include individual, family, and group therapy, parent consultation, play therapy, psychological testing/assessment, and psychiatric services. We also provide individual and couples therapy for adults, and group presentations and trainings for schools, churches, and parent organizations. Fee for service, sliding scale, and most PPO insurance programs accepted. Reduced rates available for psychology graduate students fulfilling their therapy requirement. For more information, visit our website at www.FrontPoint.org, or call (626) 396-9502.

POSITIVE DIRECTIONS COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER, serving the Glendale area community since 1986, offers high-standard, low-fee, short- and long-term psychotherapy. Positive Directions is dedicated to providing excellent psychotherapy to clients who can't afford private practice fees. Substance abuse counseling is also available as well as information and referrals, sober social events, and a variety of self-help meetings. (818) 247-8180, dmccoll@vmhc.org. ?

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MISSION

GAMHPA was founded in 1992 by a few local area mental health professionals in private practice. Within several years, it grew to over 100 members. Our mission is to advance professional development through networking, continuing education, and public awareness. We offer equal membership to all licensed mental health professionals regardless of discipline, reflecting real patterns of professional referral. We are an interest group only and do not provide referrals to the community. We are not a profit-making organization.

MEMBERSHIP

Contact any Board member for an application form to join or download a copy from our website. Full Member dues for licensed mental health professionals, \$70 per year. Associate Member dues for students, interns, and others, \$45 per year. Organizations, \$125 per year. Dues may be deducted as an ordinary and necessary business expense but not as a charitable contribution.

BENEFITS

Members receive a number of exclusive benefits. Members can present a talk or publish an article on a professional topic. They are listed in the annual membership directory, distributed to the local professional mental health community and posted on our website.

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