

This Week at AMHCA

AMHCA News Updates

A Statement of the American Mental Health Counselors Association on Racism as a Social Determinant of Mental Health

We need to use this moment to not only address structural racism in the United States, but address disparities in mental health.

The legacy of slavery and racism, as well as the current realities of racial oppression and violence, has uniquely impacted the mental health of African Americans.

Racism and discrimination are stressful events that adversely affect health and mental health, placing people of color at risk for mental health disorders such as depression and anxiety.

Many African-Americans have difficulty in finding care for mental health services.

AMHCA is calling for a multi-faceted counseling response to eliminate disparities in mental health and addiction.

All across our nation, thousands of Americans have taken to the streets in over 50 cities to protest the killing of George Floyd by a police officer who pressed his knee into Mr. Floyd's neck for over eight minutes as he was pinned down on the ground in handcuffs. It was a collective cry of anguish and a demand for change to what has become commonplace – the killing of unarmed black people at the hands of law enforcement. It is easy to understand the response of multiracial protesters in Minneapolis. If you look closely, hundreds of white people are participating as injustices are apparent to them.

There is significant pain in the heart of our country. And there is significant inequality. While our laws have changed, the reality is that their protections are still not universally applied. Too many people have had enough. They are taking to the streets because this is the only way for them to be heard.

[Read Statement](#)

AMHCA Launches New Resource Site for COVID-19

We are grateful for all that you -- AMHCA members -- and our partners are doing on the ground to support the health, safety, and well-being of people with mental health conditions. The AMHCA team is so proud to be working for you knowing during this crisis, as you are on the frontlines providing critically important treatments and services to vulnerable Americans who suffer from an array of conditions such as depressive, anxiety, panic, PTSD, trauma-related, and other mental health disorders. We will continue to update our site with information as soon as we get it. Please also look for a new Coronavirus-edition of our newsletter that is coming out every two weeks with the latest updates.

[COVID-19 Resources](#)[eNewsletter Coronavirus Edition](#)

2020 Conference Updates

Same great content, new location = Online!

REGISTER FOR CONFERENCE AND BREAKOUTS BY JUNE 16, 2020

Same great content, new location.

We are still energized, empowered and unified and ready to shape the future of the mental health profession.

There is no stopping us!

We hope you will join us in putting on a great virtual conference that can energize, empower, and unify our profession.

Schedule Posted

Check out our updated schedule. Click on the breakout session times in the Schedule-at-a-Glance to see what sessions are offered during that time.

[Schedule](#)

New Keynotes Added

CWe are fortunate to be able to offer two new keynote presentations on Wednesday. The first is entitled "Far From Alone: Ending Social Isolation & Loneliness through Evidence, Policy, and Advocacy" and the second will be "Mindfulness and Self-Care". Check out the new keynoter bios and times!

[Keynotes](#)

Suggested Tracks

AMHCA has mapped out several suggested tracks/itineraries to make it easier for attendees to select their sessions. Check out the tracks that interest you and download their schedules.

[Suggested Tracks](#)

Publications

Journal of Mental Health Counseling: Call for Submission - Special Issue on Policies and Practice

The Journal of Mental Health Counseling is seeking manuscripts for a special issue on how public policies, including national/state laws, competencies, and ethical standards, relate to or impact professional practice. We welcome proposal submissions for both empirical and non-empirical (e.g., conceptual, review) manuscripts. Please consider submitting a proposal! For questions, contact the JMHC editor, Ingrid Weigold, at editorjmhc@amhca.org.

[Learn More](#)

2020 AMHCA Standards for the Practice of Clinical Mental Health Counseling

The 'AMHCA Standards' bridge professional expectations with clinical practice. "AMHCA Standards" is a living document that is updated on a continuing basis by AMHCA's Advancement for Clinical Practice Committee to meet the needs of the public and the profession. In addition to standards of practice, it includes training and supervision standards. Download the revised 2020 edition for free at AMHCA.org.

[Learn More](#)

2020 AMHCA Code of Ethics

The "AMHCA Code" is an essential component of practicing clinical mental health counseling with professionalism and integrity. While ethical guidance for the practice of clinical mental health counseling is its primary purpose, it is also intended to prompt pondering about ethical thinking and practice. Download the revised 2020 edition and see our other great ethics resources for free at AMHCA.org.

[Learn More](#)

AMHCA Practice Guidelines

AMHCA Practice Guidelines provide technical assistance, identify best practices and highlight lessons learned on successful positioning strategies for practitioners on a range of areas related to the delivery and financing of mental health services in the era of health care reform and implications on clinical practice.

[Learn More](#)

Dedaring with Pride the Fundamental Values Held by Clinical Mental Health Counselors

The Declaration serves as a concise public statement of professional standards, values, and ideals. It is a voluntary pronouncement. If you desire, you are encouraged to display The Declaration in your office. It may also be used at graduations or for other appropriate occasions.

[Learn More](#)

Chapter News and Events

Chapter Leaders: List your chapter event on AMHCA.org!

Widen your audience to the entire AMHCA membership! Register your event with AMHCA and have it listed on our calendar.

[List Your Event](#)

Governance

Congratulations to Newly Elected AMHCA Board Members!

Thank you to all members who voted in our 2020 AMHCA election! It was a close race but we would like to congratulate and welcome Dr. Beverly Smith of Georgia as the 2020-2021 AMHCA President-Elect! We look forward to hearing your vision and plans. Thank you to C. Rudy Guajardo and Ellen Papanikolaou who ran with Beverly for the President-Elect position.

Congratulations also go out to Karen Langer of Washington as the Western Region Director and James Blundo of Michigan as the Midwest Region Director. We are grateful for your continued service to the profession and to chapters in those regions!

Nominate a Peer or State Chapter for an AMHCA Award - Nominations Extended to June 30, 2020

We invite nominations for the 2019-2020 AMHCA awards. Nominate a peer, student or state chapter for one of the following awards:

Dr. Linda Seligman Counselor Educator of the Year Award

Public and Community Service Award

Researcher of the Year Award

Advocate of the Year Award

Mental Health Counselor of the Year Award

Student and Emerging Professionals Award

Outstanding Article in The Advocate Magazine

Outstanding State Chapter Award

AMHCA award nominations forms are submitted online through our website. Look for the criteria and nomination forms on the specific awards page.

[AMHCA Awards](#)

New Member Portal Launched!

We have a new membership portal! This portal is where you will renew your membership and update your profile information. If you are coming up for renewal or need to update your information you will do so through this system.

Your membership account has already been created in the new AMHCA online portal. Please follow these instructions to set up your new password:

- Follow this link: <https://amhca.users.membersuite.com/home>
- In the top righthand corner click on the profile image next to the shopping cart.
- Click on Login
- In the window that pops up click on "Forgot your password?"
- Your username is the email address we have on file for you at AMHCA.
- You will receive a code to your email to create a new password.

[New AMHCA Membership Portal](#)

Latest Jobs

Director, Office of Counseling, Disability, Alcohol and Other Drug Services, Kean University, Union, New Jersey

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Outpatient Therapist, Behavioral Health Services, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, Yakima, Washington

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Neuropsychologist - Per Diem - Department of Physical Medicine & Rehab, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California

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Neuropsychologist - Clinical Operations, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California

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