

## This Week at AMHCA

### AMHCA News Updates

#### AMHCA Releases Major Publication Promoting the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Profession

AMHCA announced yesterday the release of a major publication -- "Essentials of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Profession," offering an inside view of a profession that makes a unique impact on improving both wellness and well-being. Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors are distinctly contributing to the public's growing awareness that physical wellness is integrated with mental and emotional well-being.

AMHCA supports LCMHCs and is dedicated to advancing the clinical mental health counseling profession through professional development, educational publications, continuing education and training, career guidance, standards of practice, research, advocacy, and other resources such as networking opportunities.

"If you'd like to gain a greater understanding of the clinical mental health counseling profession, Essentials is your resource," Dr. Beeson highlighted.

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#### The Coronavirus and Covid19: Resources on What You Need to Know and for Your Families, Your Clients and Your Practice

AMHCA has urged the federal government to take steps to address the mental health consequences of COVID-19 during the current crisis and beyond. We know during the SARS epidemic that many people expressed helplessness and their mental health had severely or moderately deteriorated because of the epidemic -- and demonstrated posttraumatic stress symptoms. Similar effects should be anticipated in the U.S. if COVID-19 begins to significantly spread.

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#### Join AMHCA on a trip to Scotland!

Each president of AMHCA has an opportunity to select a location and plan a trip during their commitment to the office (President-elect, president, past president). As the current past-president, I have decided to go to Scotland. On May 6th and 7th of 2020, we will be in Edinburgh, Scotland, which for me is a truly magical place. The goal is to have some interchange -- learn how they prepare clinical mental health counselors and perhaps understand and compare some of the differences between the two countries. On the second day, May 7th, they have a student postgraduate research conference, where their masters and doctoral students present on their research projects and we have been invited to attend. This is not a conference but rather a travel opportunity and it will give us a chance to build relationships.

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### Professional Development

#### March 18, 12 - 1 PM ET 2020 ASCA Webinar Series: School Counselors vs. Mental Health Counselors

About four million 9 to 17 year olds have a major mental health disorder resulting in significant impairment at home, at school and with peers, according to a report of the Surgeon General's Conference on Children's Mental Health. At least one in five children and adolescents has a mental health disorder, and one in 10 has a serious disorder. Mental health disorders affect students' ability to succeed in school both academically and socially.

After viewing this webinar, you should be able to:

Identify the unique role of school counselors and mental health counselors in addressing students' mental health needs.

Describe how to address the mental health needs of students appropriately depending on your role and expertise.

Identify best practices for schools to follow to protect the mental health and safety of all students.


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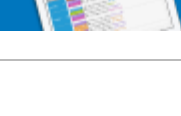
#### April 6, 7 - 8 PM ET Spring 2020 AMHCA Town Hall with President Eric Beeson

Join AMHCA President Eric Beeson in a Town Hall discussion on Monday, April 6, 2020.

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### 2020 Conference Updates

#### Join Us in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 24-26, 2020!

The 2020 AMHCA Annual Conference is in Las Vegas, Nevada! We will be going to Vegas for the annual conference June 24-26, 2020. Hope we see you there!

**Hotel Rooms Going Fast**

We are experiencing a record number of hotel reservations this year and have already increased our room block to accommodate this. Lock in the low hotel rate for our conference and book now! Once the current room block is full, prices may increase when more rooms are added.

Hotel Information

**Schedule Posted**

Check out our full schedule for the 2020 conference in Las Vegas! Click on the breakout session times in the Schedule-at-a-Glance to see what sessions are offered during that time.

Schedule

### Publications

#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### Declaring 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.

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### Chapter News and Events

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

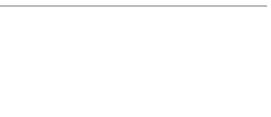
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- TMS for Depression
- Addiction Treatment Center
- LGBTQ+ Recovery Program

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### Governance

#### Voting for AMHCA Board Positions Open

Voting members will receive an e-ballot notification message that will include a hyperlink to their ballot. If you are a voting member please cast your vote for for a person to fill the positions of Midwest Region Director, Western Region Director and President-Elect, until June 30, 2023. If you live in those regions and do not receive a ballot, please email Whitney Meyerhoeffer at [wmeyerhoeffer@amhca.org](mailto:wmeyerhoeffer@amhca.org). Voting will end April 24, 2020 at 5:00 PM Eastern.

Election Information

#### Website Construction: New 'Career Development' and 'Becoming Essential' Sections

In an effort to guide counselors in their career AMHCA has developed a roadmap for professional development to enable each individual to reach the highest standards of professional expertise. This step-by-step approach to career advancement is crucial to the profession of the profession.

Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors (LCMHCs) are Primary Health Care Providers. We are uniquely educated and licensed in ways that make us distinct from the other mental health professions.

Feel free to reach out to Whitney Meyerhoeffer ([wmeyerhoeffer@amhca.org](mailto:wmeyerhoeffer@amhca.org)) at AMHCA if you have any questions or concerns.

Take a moment to check out AMHCA.org's new 'Career Development' and 'Becoming Essential' sections.

Becoming Essential

### Latest Jobs

#### Behavioral Health Services Manager, WakeMed Health & Hospitals, Raleigh, North Carolina

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#### Behavioral Health Counselor, WakeMed Health & Hospitals, Raleigh, North Carolina

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#### Sex Offender Counselor, ITM Group, Brooksville, Florida

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#### Emergency Mental Health Psychiatric Screener, Full Time, Evenings, Capital Health, Trenton, New Jersey

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#### Residential Care Specialist, Multiple openings, Rogers Behavioral Health, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

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#### Psychology Assistant, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Einstein/Resnick - Bronx, New York

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#### Staff Assistant II - Part Time - Neuropsychology, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York

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

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