

## This Week at AMHCA

### AMHCA News Updates

AMHCA's Resource Site for COVID-19 - **Continuously Updated**

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](#)



### Continuing Education

**Webinar: Counseling & Military Culture**

Oct 16, 2020 from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM (ET)

Presented by W. David Lane, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, LMFT, AAMFT, CPCS and Keith J. Myers, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, ACS

Objectives

1. Participants will gain an understanding of military culture, values, and language
2. Participants will gain an understanding of common difficulties experienced by service members, veterans, and their families
3. Participants will gain an understanding of evidence-based practices for counseling service members and veterans

Current AMHCA Members in Other Categories: \$10

Non-Members: \$20

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**The NCMHCE: Purpose, Preparation and (No) Panic (GSEP Webinar Series)**

Oct 30, 2020 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (ET)

Please note - space is limited so we encourage you to allow students and recent graduates the opportunity to sign up first. The presentation will be recorded and made available on our site for our members to view.

Presented by Francesca Giordano Ph.D., LCPC

Objectives:

1. Participants will learn how the NCMHCE is different from the NCE.
2. Participants will learn effective strategies for NCMHCE preparation.
3. Participants will understand how to use their NCMHCE preparation in their clinical work with clients.

Current AMHCA Student and Professional Associate Members: FREE

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### 2021 Conference Updates



Viva Las AMHCA! Early Bird is OPEN!

We are headed to Vegas for AMHCA's Annual Conference Wednesday, June 23 - Friday, June 25, 2021

Early bird is open and we are anticipating our call for proposals to come out in the next month or two. Join colleagues in Vegas next year at the LINQ for empowering sessions and energizing fellowship. This year's theme is UNITE! Recognize. Reframe. Restore.

[Register](#)

**Interested in Serving on the Conference Planning Committee?**

The 2021 AMHCA Annual Conference call for proposals is open and we want to hear from you! This year's theme is UNITE! Recognize. Reframe. Restore. We hope that you will consider submitting a proposal to present at this year's conference. This is an excellent opportunity to share your expertise with colleagues from across the country.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Woodson, AMHCA's Director of Events, at rwoodson@amhca.org or 703-548-6002 x108.

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### 2020 Fall Virtual Summit: Integrating Cultural Competency Skills Into Your Practice

Register to attend AMHCA's 2020 Fall Virtual Summit!

The 2020 AMHCA Fall Summit on "Integrating Cultural Competency Skills Into Your Practice" will provide several presentations on better understanding the origins and dynamics of cultural diversity, and how to address several problems through cultural humility, cultural opportunities, and cultural comfort into your daily practice. You will learn hands-on strategies for increasing multi-cultural competencies in your work with clients and improving your overall counseling effectiveness.

[More Information](#)

### Advocacy

**Congress Passes Landmark VA Mental Health Counselor Bill**

Today, the House of Representatives approved S. 785, sending a major VA mental health and counseling bill to President Trump for signature. The bill is the most significant new legislation for the counseling profession in over a decade and a tremendous advancement for mental health counselors working for the federal government, and particularly the Department of Veterans Affairs.

AMHCA Legislative Affairs consultant, David Bergman, posted an update in the AMHCA community today.

[Advocacy Update](#)

### Publications



**The Advocate Magazine: Special Focus on Diversity & Justice**

with guest editors Angele Moss-Baker and Dr. Beverly Smith

**Member Reflections:** CMHCs can help Black clients through pain and suffering -by Napoleon Harrington

**Counseling Tips:** Improving cultural competence for behavioral health professionals

**Promoting Sanity in Insane Times** -by Dr. Courtland Lee

**Facilitating Difficult Conversations About Power, Race, and Privilege** -by Dr. Fredrick B. Dombrowski

**Microaggressions as a Mental Health Concern. What is our role?** -by Dr. Elisa Niles

**Police Violence, Racial Injustice, and Police Burnout in the Aftermath of George Floyd's Death** -by Dr. Norman Hoffman, Ekom Essien and Aaron Norton

**Inside AMHCA**

**Congress Passes Historic Mental Health Counseling Medicare Legislation**

**Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion: Owning Our Voice, Sharing Our Voice**

**Mental Health Disorders Are Soaring Dramatically This Year: AMHCA Releases New "Beyond a Perfect Storm Report Documenting the Trend**

**Licensure Portability-A Path Forward**

**Attend a Monthly Neuroscience Webinar**

Plus

**From the President's Perspective:** We're Energized, Empowered, Unified!

**From AMHCA's Executive Director/CEO:** Making America Mentally Healthy

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**AMHCA released a report on the number of Americans reporting mental health distress over the last few months.**

AMHCA released a major report yesterday on the number of Americans reporting mental health distress over the last few months. Please see our new study -- Beyond the Perfect Storm -- How Racism, Covid-19, and Economic Meltdown Imperil Our Mental Health -- and our press release on the study.

Based on the AMHCA report, nearly 41 percent of adults nationally are reporting that they are suffering from a mental health disorder -- or about 103 million adults in the U.S.

[Press Release](#)

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**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](#)

**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!**

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

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### Latest Jobs

Licensed Therapist / Counselor (LCSW, LMFT, LPC), Monument, Phoenix, Arizona

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Counselor (ages 0-5), AACI, San Jose, California

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