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Date: March 13, 2025

Time: 09:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: 2085 Rustin Ave. Riverside Ca 92507

**RUHS-BH Staff - Please register for this course via COR at <https://corlearning.sumtotal.host>
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Free to all registered participants

Continuing Education Credits: This course is approved for 6 continuing education units/credits/hours.

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Audience: LMFT's, LCSW's, LPCC's, and LEP's; Audience can also include associate therapists.

Level of training: Introductory - new topic for audience

Seat #: 60

Location: Virtual- Zoom link will be sent to participants

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Educational Goals:

1. Participants will improve their understanding of applicable California law, including recent changes in law.
2. Participants will better understand the nuances of current ethical debates in the field, including debates about the appropriate role of self-disclosure.
3. Ultimately, participants will be able to apply their improved understanding of legal and ethical obligations to their specific practice contexts, improving overall legal and ethical compliance.

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify at least four (4) recent changes in relevant state law for California mental health providers.
2. State at least two (2) recent changes in relevant state regulation for California mental health providers.
3. List at least one (1) planned future change in relevant state law for California mental health providers.

4. Identify at least three (3) requirements under federal law for mental health providers.
5. Describe at least three (3) common causes for professional disciplinary actions.
6. Describe current research findings surrounding at least three (3) types of self-disclosure in mental health care.
7. Connect at least one form of self-care with ethical compliance.
8. Describe at least two ethical concerns surrounding app-based psychotherapy.

Course outline:

Time	Topic/Content
9:00am-9:10am	Introductions
9:10am-10:30am	Recent changes to California Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earlier changes you may not have known about • 2022 and 2023 changes
10:30am-10:45am	Break NON—CE
10:45am-12:15pm	Recent changes to California Law cont. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision • Continuing education • Future changes planned and under consideration
12:15pm-1:15pm	Lunch-NON CE
1:15pm-1:45pm	Recent changes to federal law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Surprises Act and Good Faith Estimates • Waivers and exceptions during the COVID-19 pandemic • The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act and proposed federal budget
1:45pm-2:30pm	Common causes of discipline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal convictions, especially DUI • Advertising-related violations • Employment and supervision-related violations • Letters, documentation, and confidentiality
2:30pm-3:00pm	Special issues with children and families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent • Self-harm and crisis
3:00pm-3:15pm	Break NON-CE
3:15pm-3:30pm	Special issues with children and families cont. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telehealth and technology
3:30pm-4:30pm	Current ethical issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-care • Self-disclosure • Employment and supervision • Technology / therapy by app

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Continuing Education: Course meets the qualifications for (6) hours of continuing education credit for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, and/or LEPs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health is approved by the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists to sponsor continuing education for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs and/or LEPs. Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health maintains responsibility for this program/course and its content.

CAMFT approved continuing education provider number: 1000060

Provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider # CEP17400 for (6) Contact Hours.

Provider approved by CCAPP-EI, Provider Number 1N-98-402-1225 & 3-22-341-0526 for (6) CEH'S.

Mailing address: Riverside University Health System-Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH), Workforce Education and Training (WET), 2085 Rustin Ave., Riverside, CA 92507.

Requesting Continuing Education:

If you haven't received your CE certificate within 10 days after the training, please email Germeen Armanious (Gina) at G.Armanious@ruhealth.org. Please include the following information in your email request: full name, title of training, and certification or license number.

Attendance Policy: Participants who arrive to the course after the scheduled start time may not be admitted. To receive continuing education credit for a course, participants must attend the entire scheduled time. Participants who arrive late, leave early or return late from lunch/breaks will not receive continuing education credit. To receive credit, participants cannot miss more than 15 minutes total of instruction. **There is no partial credit issued.**

Enrollment/Registration Policy: RUHS-BH Staff should register for this course via COR Learning Management System (<https://corlearning.sumtotal.host>) The enrollment deadline is three (3) business days prior to the course start date (excluding holidays and weekends). All other interested partners, please visit www.rcdmh.org/wet.

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