

A One Afternoon Seminar
*(3 Continuing Education Credits)

Friday, April 22, 2005
12 noon - 4:00pm

UAA – SSB 211
UAF – Library 341 joint conference room
Workshop Coordinator – Bill Connor, PhD
KPC – room #128
Workshop Coordinator – Kristy Sellers, PhD

*Ethical Dilemmas in Alaska:
Selected Topics in Forensic & Clinical Psychology*

Presented by

David Sperbeck, Ph.D.
&
Maggie McQuaid

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Workshop Summary-

This workshop will focus on APA Guidelines for Ethical Standards for Professional Psychologists as well as specific issues of ethical concern to Alaskan professionals. Dr. Sperbeck will speak on boundary issues, pitfalls in conducting child custody evaluations, appropriate use of psychological testing, and issues of expertise and competence as well as other ethical concerns. Maggie McQuaid will expand on these issues and also describe the activities of the state Division of Occupational Licensing in investigating ethical complaints. Both are familiar with the most frequent sources of ethical complaints in Alaska and will discuss the most common problem areas as well as specific hypothetical events. In addition to these practice issues, the presenters will discuss what to do if one sees fellow professionals involved in ethical violation and how to manage ethical dilemmas related to agency cutbacks that may compromise quality of service and/or patient care.

The goal of the workshop is to review and renew knowledge of ethical standards and guidelines for the practice of psychology in the state of Alaska. A portion of the workshop will be spent addressing specific concerns raised by attendees in pre-workshop communications with the presenter (see below). This workshop is primarily directed toward behavioral health practitioners who are professionally bound by the APA code of ethics or who have ethical concerns and questions.

Workshop Objectives-

- Learn/review basic principles and ethical standards of the APA ethical guidelines and of the ethical standards for the state of Alaska.
- Learn practice guidelines for managing ethical dilemmas with clients and/or peers
- Address specific ethical questions of participants
- Learn how the state Division of Occupational Licensing manages ethical complaints

Workshop Outline-

12:00 Introductions and announcements
Ethical Dilemmas in Alaska
1:45 Break
2:00 Review of specific ethical concerns of participants
(see pre-workshop instructions below)
3:30 Summary and AK-PA Evaluations
4:00 End

Specific Pre-Workshop Instructions for Participants

Attendees are encourage to submit a confidential detailed description of an ethical dilemma or question they have encountered in the past year directly to Dr. Sperbeck at his e-mail address below. He will review and consolidate the questions and, in the second half of the workshop, address general and specific areas of concerns presented in the e-mails. You must be registered to participate in this activity so please submit your registration as soon as possible.

Submit Ethics questions to: david_sperbeck@health.state.ak.us before April 11, 2005

*note: there is an underscore between david and sperbeck

About the Speakers

Dr. David Sperbeck earned Masters degrees in Social Psychology (1978) and Developmental Psychology (1981) before completing an 18 month pre-doctoral internship in neuropsychology at the University of Rochester School of Medicine. After earning his Ph.D. from the University of Rochester (1982), he completed a one year post-doctoral internship in Clinical Psychology at the V.A. Medical Center in Bath, N.Y., Dr. Sperbeck accepted a staff psychologist position at the Alaska Psychiatric Institute in 1982 where he performed forensic psychological evaluations for the Superior and District Courts of the State of Alaska. In 1992, he developed and supervised the Dept. of Correction's mental health programs from 1992 to 2003, returning to API in 2003 to once again serve as the State of Alaska's Forensic Psychologist for criminal litigation. He also has maintained a private practice in Anchorage since 1984 specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of complicated, treatment-resistant neuropsychiatric disorders, forensic psychological assessments in civil litigation, and threat assessment consultations to law enforcement agencies, corporations, and social service agencies. He has served as a consultant on several crime task forces including the Green River Killer Task Force and the Washington D.C.-area Sniper Task Force. He is presently contracted to the Department of Homeland Security evaluating and profiling domestic and international threats to national security. He served as the Chair of the Alaska Psychology Licensing Board from 1996-2003. He has served the University of Washington School of Medicine as an Associate Clinical Professor since 1987. Since 1982, he has averaged approximately 100-150 formal appearances per year in Alaska as an expert witness in civil and criminal litigation.

Maggie McQuaid has been an investigator for the State of Alaska Division of Occupational Licensing since 2002. Prior to this she had worked in Ketchikan and Anchorage since 1981 as a social worker and licensing specialist for the State child protection system (DFYS). In this position she was responsible for having a thorough knowledge of all state regulations and statutes governing child protection and child care facilities.

As an investigator with Occupational Licensing, she is responsible for having in-depth knowledge of statutes, regulations and ethics codes for the dentistry, chiropractic and mental health professions.

In the past 24 years she has conducted over 1500 investigations of child abuse/neglect, noncompliance in licensed care facilities, and ethical violations by licensed professionals. These investigations have involved intensive interviewing, gathering and examination of forensic evidence, research of civil and criminal court files, and coordination with law enforcement personnel.

On a personal note, Ms. McQuaid was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Honduras, Central America from 1976-1978. During that time she became fluent in Spanish and has used this skill to translate regulatory information to Spanish speakers in Alaska. She also developed Spanish language curriculum for Hispanic day care and foster care providers. Since her Peace Corps service, she has done ongoing volunteer work for various Non-Governmental Organizations in Latin America.

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