

# GUIDELINES

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## From the President's Desk

Don Bubenzer, Ph. D., LPCC

### Counselors as Leaders in the New Century

I've been a bit surprised how much the moving to a new century has impacted my thought. Usually, I do not get very publicly excited about birthdays, anniversaries, and other nodal events. The millennium and I are in dialogue. Maybe my advancing years add to the drama. I've noticed myself becoming more intentional about my work and thinking more about who I want to be and where I want to spend my time for the next 100 years.

One of the puzzles I've been working on is, "What do we as counselors have to offer the new millennium?" I think, more than anything else, what we have to offer is "good talk." It seems that is where we started, and knowing how to stimulate "good talk" holds the key to our having a place in the future. David Stone used to ask a rhetorical question, "Who is better at helping people talk in helpful ways about real issues between themselves than counselors?" I think he is right.

Our conversations of possibilities must be rooted in situations and circumstances others share. Our role as leaders is grounded in helping clients, colleagues, elected officials, students, and other leaders engage in conversations of possibility that call people to vision--conversations that result in our becoming a people of hope, conversations that result in our relating to each other and the natural world in more tolerant, caring, and less brutal ways.

Oh, we need the legislation and policies that allow us to work and that sustain the rights of all. But, we can all be those small scale leaders that get up out of our chair and invite conversation and collaboration in our particular, knowable, lovable place--that place we call home that we can walk across or drive to in a few minutes. We can all be leaders of these conversations of hope. If we engage in this "good talk", we will have a place, our communities will be strengthened, and even OCA will grow. Hopefully, this year we will strengthen these bonds of solidarity with all people in our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as OCA President this year. I

hope that it will be a year of good talk and meaningful action.

## From the Executive Director

Joe Saunders, Ph.D., LPCC

Beginning my seventh year as executive director of OCA, I've never been more excited about the quality of the leadership of OCA for 1999-2000. Don Bubenzer possesses not only the heart of the counselor but also a curiosity which explores more efficient ways of doing the business of the profession.

Your votes and efforts by past leaders to bring experience to the executive council has resulted in a decision-making body which knows the issues counselors face along with an aptitude for interfacing with those concerns. They will clearly be advocates for the profession.

And, advocate we must. Concerns of school counselors, hiring practices and internship placements in the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Medicare and other third party recognition--all are critical concerns for counselors.

The **Bureau of Workers Compensation (BWC)** awarded provider status for LPCCs on July 8, 1999. To apply, call Provider Enrollment Department at (614) 752-7458, and ask for Regina Saunders. In addition to applying as a provider, one must also be Health Partnership Program (HPP) certified. This can be addressed at the same number.

OCA hosts the **Midwest Region Leadership Conference** Sept. 30 - Oct. 3, 1999, at the Omni Netherland Plaza in Cincinnati. Call Jason McGlothlin, OCA Public Relations chair and conference liaison, at (614) 617-1264 for information. This conference is for chapter/division/branch leaders.

You will soon be receiving brochures for the **1999 All Ohio Counselors Conference** to be held Nov. 3 - 5, 1999, at Adam's Mark Hotel in Columbus. Coordinator Tim Luckhaupt reports several changes in response to suggestions of conferees which will enhance the experience. Since parking convenience proved to be a problem, a shuttle will run to the Adam's Mark from nearby parking lots throughout the days and evenings. Flow of traffic among conferees has been improved by rearrangement of common and exhibit areas to eliminate bottlenecks around the escalators.

OCA's address changed July 1, occasioned by my leaving Heidelberg College to assume position as Chair of Law Enforcement and Corrections in the Tiffin University School of Criminal Justice. My counseling responsibilities continue at TU in writing new graduate corrections counseling curriculum. In the spirit of being accessible, my Tiffin

University phone is (419) 448-3330. Give a call!

### OCA Ethics Column

Richard Watts, Ethics Chair

#### **Q: Do counselors have an ethical responsibility to people who call or are referred when counselors are unable to see them as clients?**

**A:** The counselor's obligation to assist persons who contact them but whom they choose not to see is addressed in many professional ethical codes (Curtis, et al., 1995). For example, section A.11.b of the American Counseling Association's (1995) Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice states:

"If counselors determine an inability to be of professional service to clients, they avoid entering or immediately terminate a counseling relationship. Counselors are knowledgeable about referral sources and suggest appropriate alternatives. If clients decline the suggested referral, counselors should discontinue the relationship."

Counselors do, therefore, have an ethical responsibility to assist persons that cannot be engaged as clients find alternative, appropriate resources. According to Curtis et al. (1995), this referral process need not be a great burden for counselors. They offer the following suggestions:

"The busy [counselor] can prepare a one-page listing of other local resources [that] can be mailed to those who inquire. This directory would include the name, address, and phone number of each resource, with a description of specific areas of competence. . . . Counselors can also suggest that the person seeking help look for other private counseling services in the phone book yellow pages, call the

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area's community mental health center, or contact the local crisis center. (p. 243)

One final issue deserves special attention. If the person making contact is in danger of harming self or other persons, counselors have ethical and/or legal responsibilities. This does not require that the counselor engage the individual as a client. However, it does require that counselors remain in contact with the person until an appropriate resource can be notified and placed in charge (Curtis, et al., 1995).

### References

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### Duty to Protect

The Coalition for Fair Responsibility, of which OCA is a member, is sponsoring a one-day workshop on the implications of House Bill 71. This bill arose from the *Morgan vs. Fairfield Family Counseling Center* case, which held that a therapist is obligated to prevent an outpatient from harming another person if the therapist is aware of risk to the other person.

The workshop will take place at the Columbus Convention Center on Sept. 14, 9AM-4:15PM. Cost is \$75. Counseling CEUs will be awarded. For information, contact Yolanda Hebert at (614) 466-9902.

OCA has asked that the deadline for registration be moved past Sept. 1 to allow for receipt of this issue of **Guidelines**.

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## Legislative Update

Cynthia Snyder, J.D.

Ohio General Assembly is in recess in the summer, to reconvene sometime in October. House Bill 71, the *Morgan vs. Fairfield Family Counseling Center* legislation, was passed during the spring session. Effective date is September 15. A one-day seminar on the implications of *Morgan* is scheduled on September 14 at the Columbus Convention Center (more information elsewhere).

The Mental Health Parity bill (House Bill 53) is stalled in the Insurance Committee. Since no opposition testimony has been

offered, it might be assumed that opposition groups have such strength in the General Assembly that they can influence the decision sufficiently behind the scenes.

Senate Bill 75, which would license marriage and family therapists, remains dormant in the Health Committee. It is not expected to be passed out of committee.

## All Ohio Counselors Conference - Nov. 3-5, 1999

Make plans now to attend the annual All Ohio Counselors Conference November 3-5 at the Adam's Mark Hotel. The theme for this year's conference is "A Place to Stand -- A Vision of Hope."

## Chapter and Division News

### Ohio Career Development Association

A respectable number of OCDA members attended the National Career Development Conference in Portland, Oregon in June. It was great to see Ohio so well represented. It was an excellent conference for professional development, and Portland was wonderful. Professional development is what the Ohio Career Development Association is all about.

OCDA has a very successful spring conference last April and will look to have a repeat performance this spring. Watch for details. We are committed through our conference, our newsletter, and now our website to provide helpful information to career practitioners. Look for the link from OCA's site to OCDA's new site this fall. Another primary goal this year will be involving new

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people in the leadership of OCDA. We have been blessed with excellent leadership in the past, but think we could be of more value to our members with even more input. We invite anyone interested to call Wendy Miller, (440) 775-8140 and learn more about OCDA and how you can get involved.

--Wendy Miller

### Ohio Association for Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling

As Cynthia Osborn moved from her position as president to that of past president, OASERVIC reflected on the growth of its organization facilitated under her excellent guidance. The new officers, anxious to continue and build on her efforts are: Thomas W. Rueth, president; Elliott Ingersoll, president elect; Cynthia Osborn, past president; Beth Bennett-Hill, secretary; and Angela Nicolosi, treasurer.

An exciting aspect of this year's agenda is the funding of OASERVIC's Research Support Program by a grant from ASERVIC, the National Parent Organization. The grant enables us to award stipends to selected counseling students at the master and/or doctoral level who engage in meaningful research relating counseling to ethical, spiritual, and/or religious values. The reports of students receiving the awards will be a major focus of the spring meeting.

The fall meeting will be held during the All Ohio Counselors Conference. We are looking forward to meeting all current members and encourage them to bring non-members who may be interested in learning more about us.

Remember OASERVIC welcomes subscriptions to its on-line listserv. Send an e-mail message addressed to [listserv@listserv.kent.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.kent.edu). Please leave the subject line blank. In the text area, enter the command "subscribe" (without the quotations) and "OASERVIC-L" (again, without quotations) followed by your first and last name.

--Thomas W. Rueth  
[Rueth@keiko.udayton.edu](mailto:Rueth@keiko.udayton.edu)

#### East Ohio Counseling Association

EOCA has been in the training mode since a very successful workshop in March featuring Robert Wubbolding, Ed.D., LPCC, NCC, on the topic of "Using Reality Therapy With Resistance and Other Difficult Behavior." We offered six CEUs to over one hundred twenty-five counselors, social workers, psychologists, and chemical dependency professionals.

The training marked our second year of collaboration with other mental health providers and educators in the Youngstown area. A third training committee is planning an encore. Happily, an additional benefit has been stronger affiliation with our counseling colleagues across the community.

EOCA's annual and always well attended dinner meeting on October 18th, Holiday Inn, Boardman, will feature Kimberly Resnick Anderson, LISW, on the topic of sexual dysfunction.

A major project this year is a mentoring program between EOCA members and counseling graduate students at Youngstown State University. JoLynn Carney, Ph. D., has provided much assistance with developing this program which will be chaired by Tom Kupec, EOCA Past President.

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We in the east wish you all a very successful year in your chapter and division activities and stand ready to offer or receive assistance and sharing. Look us up at the All Ohio!

--Toni Beard

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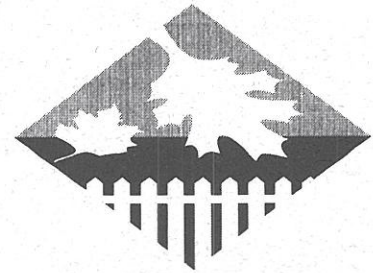
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(Areas not covered by clubs listed, please contact Diane Robinson who will facilitate making the appropriate contacts for you.)

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