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**9/11/19**

**Duty to Warn and Protect: Considerations for New Jersey Psychologists**

Presented by:

 Gianni Pirelli, Ph.D. ABPP

**Prior to the start of the meeting today there was a “Leadership Roadshow” presentation with NJPA President Morgan Murray and Executive Director Kiera Boertzl-Smith and this is what they shared:**

-they shared about the core values and vision of NJPA and made them available today by bringing the annual report for all to see.

-increased focus will be to figure out how to get other areas of the state more involved in NJPA. Zoom (virtual) meetings have helped with this as well.

-Have been working on integrated care which is poor in NJ. Was a task force last year, now is a committee that will be working on CE’s related to the topic going forward.

-Multimedia platforms – focusing on policy and plan how to target particular audiences. New committee that is looking for new members to help.

-Looking to use video to introduce the board to membership going forward and to interest people in getting involved.

-have developed a social advocacy policy and looking for a way to endorse statements. Formed IMPACT and last April presented a conference that was a joint effort with other diverse associations and planning to do this again in May

-ECP are involved in working on bill towards all hours being done pre-doctorally, as it is in many other states

Kiera – Working on member advocacy – can see all the things COLA is working on

-Elections going on now so please vote

-CE still dominant focus for obvious reasons and working on co-sponsorships with affiliates going smoothly. In their new space in Livingston can hold much larger CE programs and meetings and plan to do so.

UPCOMING NJPA CE OFFERINGS

-**Sept. 20** – CEO of APA coming to NJ and do a short 1.5 CE program (*Emerging Framework for Healthcare: Opportunities for Psychology*) and town hall and then talk with NJ psychologists.

-**Sept. 27th** – Grand Rounds Workshop on Autism Spectrum Disorder (2 CEUs)

-**Oct. 6th** – CBT program for 4 CEUs

-**Nov. 1 & 2** - Fall conference focus is on the Anxiety Epidemic – listing of program and CE credits is towards the back of the annual report (earn up to 7.5 CEUs)

-**Dec.** will also have a Domestic Violence program so look out for that as well

**-for more info about any or all things NJPA go to** [**www.psychologynj.org**](http://www.psychologynj.org)

**Meeting announcements:**

1. Jayne: Next meeting will be on **Thurs. (10/17) from 7-8:30pm at College of Saint Elizabeth’s – Allen Weg, Ed.D. will be speaking on Cognitive Behavioal Treatment of OCD in children**. Dinner will be included in the program. Register online at [www.mcpanj.com](http://www.mcpanj.com) or reach out to Mike Zito, PhD at m.zito@comcast.net or 908-753-8696 if you prefer not to register on-line.
2. Jayne shared all CE guidelines and brief summary is: CE sign in and out and stay for the whole program is required. Entire instruction packet is available online but here is the summary: Go to link provided here today: [**http://psychologynj.org/morris-sept2019**](http://psychologynj.org/morris-sept2019)

in next 7 days to sign on and get CE**. Go to login in middle of the page to start process.**

 After completing this step, you will get a program evaluation to complete and once you have completed it, CE certificate will be emailed 1-2 weeks aft the link closes on 9/18. This program is sponsored by the Morris County Psychological Association and has been approved for 1.0 CE credit. The cost of a CE Certificate is $15 for NJPA members, $25 for non-members, and free for sustaining members.

***-Register for all upcoming programs at*** [***www.mcpanj.com***](http://www.mcpanj.com)

**Meeting Attendees:** Jayne Schacter, Sarah Dougherty, Hayley Hirschmann, Melissa Klika Mack, Susan Neigher, Mike Zito, Francine Rosenberg, Nancy Sidhu, Tamsen Thorpe, Mary Toolan, Karl Trappe, Aaron Welt, Paul Yampolsky, Josh Zavin, Marc Gironda, Ron Gironda, Lisa Hahn, Suzanne Hays, Elena Jeffries, Nikki Lacherza, Phyllis Lakin, Roman Lemega, Isabel Lerman, Marilyn Lyga, Christopher Lynch, James Messina, Lynn, Mollick Jeannine Zoppi, Rich Brewster, Herm Huber, Francesca Peckman, Megan Nervi, Carly Orenstein, Gianni Pirelli, Arthur Pressley, Barbara Rosenberg, presenter – Gianni Pirelli

**Presenter Bio: Gianni Pirelli, PhD, ABPP**

Dr. Pirelli is Board Certified in Forensic Psychology, and is licensed in NJ and NY. He is 1 of 5 people Board Certified in Forensic Psychology based out of New Jersey. He leads the group practice, Pirelli Clinical and Forensic Psychology, LLC, whereby he conducts forensic evaluations and provides expert testimony throughout the state. He has taught over 40 undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral courses, and regularly educates and publishes through his practice's Center for Research & Training. Dr. Pirelli's particular areas of expertise are: professional ethics, forensic psychology practice standards, and guns and mental health. His publications include three books with Oxford University Press, and his research has been cited in amicus briefs to the United States Supreme Court and to the New York Court of Appeals.

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**Overview / Notes from talk:**

In this seminar, Dr. Pirelli addressed the recently amended “duty to protect and warn” law in New Jersey, 2A:62A-16, which now requires licensed practitioners, including psychologists, to notify patients’ residential police departments when said duty has been incurred. Dr. Pirelli will review the law in the context of risk assessment principles to apply to clinical practice, particularly firearm-related considerations associated with violence and suicide risk.

He listed the practical responsibilities associated with NJ’s existing duty to warn and protect law, 2A:62A-16, and its most recent amendment, described a contemporary, evidence-based framework for assessing and managing risk in practice and applied foundational concepts associated with the guns and mental health arena in practice.

-he recommends and uses and Columbia measure of violence/suicide risk – very well supported/validated tool.

-suggests working from a prevention-based framework to assess-risk (not prediction)

-risk levels fluctuate – its context-specific

-recommends being proactive vs. reactive or over-reactive

***\*For complete set of slides with references from this talk go to mcpanj.com and look under Event Materials about a week after the program. – Thanks in advance to Gianni for providing these.***

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**MCPA Secretary – Hayley Hirschmann, PhD**