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(California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists) October 2006

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MONTHLY MEETING

October 27, 2006

8:30 am – 10:30 am

Loma Linda Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic
164 W. Hospitality Lane, Ste 15
San Bernardino, CA 92408

“Social Security/Disability Benefits”

By:

Bill La Tour, Ph. D., J. D.

Bill LaTour, Attorney at Law, received his J.D. from William Howard Taft University. He was admitted to the California Bar in 1994. In addition, he has been a licensed Clinical Psychologist since 1989, receiving his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from California School of Professional Psychology.

Objectives for the presentation include:

1. Understanding social security disability – SSI
2. Obtaining disability benefits for your clients
3. MFT Services in relation to social security

2 hours CEU's – Free for members

\$10 for non-members

(coffee and rolls at 8:15 am)



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President's Message

Chapter Members,

Have you been solicited for donations throughout the year by various causes? As the holiday season approaches, I receive the colorful requests and find myself having to sort through finances and causes to determine where and to what cause I will send a donation. Perhaps you have had this dilemma as well.

When I received the contest information on CAMFT PAC/Federal PAC, I found myself having to sort through one more cause to determine if I would donate funds. Here are some of the questions I found myself contemplating: What is the impact of legislation on our profession? How can we become more knowledgeable about this? What can I do, if anything, to support legislative efforts to benefit our profession? Who in CAMFT would be a good source of information? I want to share with you that I have been so busy working and reaping the benefits of our profession that these questions were not a concern in my history. My role as president has rearranged my priorities.

Researching answers to my questions left me with renewed respect and appreciation for the journey and growth we have achieved as MFT's. Our profession exists due to legislation and the continued parity we have with Social Workers and Psychologists is due to the representation and successes we have achieved in state and federal government. The gains we have achieved have come, in large part, from the dues and donations of folks like you and me. Calling senators and keeping up-to-date on issues which affect our profession is political savvy and has benefited us. If you are interested in donating to CAMFT PAC/FEDERAL PAC, some of the

articles I found useful on the CAMFT website (www.camft.org, login, click on CAMFT Articles) are: "CAMFT Membership: What do I get for my investment?" and "Chronology of Significant Events". The last action I took was to call Mary Riemersma, who spoke with me briefly and was a wealth of information and who also directed me to the website. I hope this is useful to you in making your decision to participate in CAMFT-PAC/Federal PAC. Thank you for reading this lengthy...but important message.

Some local news is that our CAMFT website has gone public: www.ie-camft.org. We continue to refine our options and if you have feedback please contact our web master Patrick Griffiths. I hope to see you at our meeting October 27, 2006.

Warm Regards,
Sheri

Sheri Rambharose,
Chapter President

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Membership: Pam Hart- (760) 900-3852

Hospitality: Pam Hart – (760) 900-3852

Networking Lunches/Socials: Wendy Hallum – (909) 239-8051

Newsletter Editor: Garry Raley (951) 640-5899

Program Chair: Sheri Rambharose – (951) 778-3970

Webmaster: Patrick Griffiths- (909) 338-8253

If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact Sheri, President.

Get involved! It's fun and your input helps the chapter stay strong.



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Balance as of 8/1/06	\$8,821.52
Income	
Dues	0.
Total Income	0.
Expenses	
Copies - Membership	\$ 15.52
Postage – Membership	\$ 24.00
Website Monthly Charge	\$ 29.00
Postage - Newsletter	\$ 39.00
Food – Board Retreat	\$ 23.45
Total	\$ 130.97
Closing Balance	\$8,690.55

Submitted by: Pam Hart, Financial Officer

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

As a reminder, if you have an article you would like to submit to the newsletter, please e-mail it to the newsletter editor by the last day of the month. Send to garral@sbcglobal.net. The newsletter is e-mailed (unless a hard copy has been requested) to all members by the second Friday of every month.

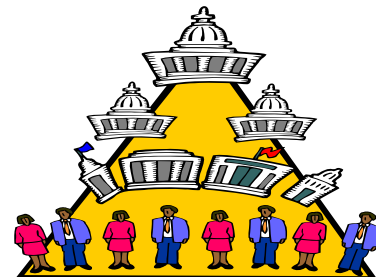


Welcome New Member!

Keri Stenson

Membership Information

Membership to the Inland Empire Chapter of CAMFT requires a membership to CAMFT. There are multiple benefits to belonging to both. For more information on membership benefits or how to join, contact Pam Hart or any of the board members for assistance. Phone numbers are on the first page of the newsletter.





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A Note from the Financial Officer....

As you all know (and if you don't, look for details inside this newsletter!), CAMFT is having a contest to recognize the chapter that contributes the most and has the most members contributing to its PAC funds. It is extremely important that we support the PAC funds, as it has a direct impact on our profession. Just yesterday, I had to refer a MediCal client who recently became eligible for Medicare after I had been seeing him for some time. I will not be getting paid for his sessions from the time his Medicare became effective. LCSWs can see Medicare clients, but MFTs can't! Yet, that is. I know that CAMFT is working hard to bring parity to MFTs, but CAMFT needs your help because as an association, CAMFT is not allowed to donate to the PAC funds. The PAC funds, funded by members, help CAMFT ensure that our lobbyists speak up for us politically.

I am pleased to announce that the chapter Board has approved that our chapter donate \$200.00 toward the PAC funds. We are contributing \$100.00 to the state PAC and \$100.00 to the federal PAC.

Our chapter is also having an internal contest. Every member that donates to the PAC fund(s) between 2/06 and 11/06 will get his or her name put on a list for a drawing, to be held at the November meeting. Prizes will be \$100, \$50, and \$25 gift cards. So far, the following members have contributed to CAMFT PAC funds and will be included in the drawing:

Illiana Carroll
Pam Hart
Wendy Hellum
Sheri Rambharose

If you have contributed to the CAMFT PAC funds from 2/06 to now and your name is not on the above list, please contact me at PHartMFT@cs.com or (760) 900-3852. It is not too late to donate. Our chapter has approximately 100 members. Surely we have more than four members that care about the future of our profession! Even if every member donated as little as \$10.00, the PAC funds would increase by \$1,000.00. Every little bit counts, so make your donation today!

See you at the next meeting,
Pam Hart, MFT



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Send the form with your check, money order, diamonds, gold or any legal tender to:

Pam Hart, Financial Officer
Inland Empire – CAMFT
9708 SVL Box
Victorville, CA 92392

Yes I want to support CAMFT-PAC and/or CAMFT Federal PAC and its efforts to elect legislators responsive to the concerns of marriage and family therapists!

CAMFT-PAC \$ _____ CAMFT Federal PAC \$ _____

Contributions designated to CAMFT-PAC will only be used in connection with State elections and CAMFT Federal PAC with Federal Elections.

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name: _____

Name of CAMFT chapter to which you belong: _____

CAMFT Member ID# _____ License # _____

If self-employed, check here [] and indicate address and city of business.

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer/Position Held: _____

* Above information required by law; please complete this information and submit with your check.

Separate checks must be made payable to **CAMFT-PAC** or **CAMFT Federal PAC**



A group of 4 to 8 year-olds answered the question: "What does love mean?"

When somebody loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth. Billy – age 4

Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other. Karl – age 5

Love is what makes you smile when you're tired. Terri – age 4

Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well. Tommy – age 6



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**The Riverside Chapter
a Chapter of the
California Association for Play Therapy
presents...
Make Your Own Play Therapy Goodies**

Hey, kids love this stuff! Play dough is always more fun when you make it yourself. Come learn how to make your own play dough, bubbles, clean mud, lip gloss, flubber, putty, clay and more. Cook it, knead it, freeze it, color it, dry it, paint it, you get the idea. You will leave this workshop with recipes for your own goodies and ideas to use them in play therapy interventions. Come ready to have fun and be as creative as you can! Oh and don't be afraid of your hands getting a little goopy!

Presenter: Lisa Romero, MSW

Date/Time: Tuesday October 24th, 2006 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: The Carolyn E. Wylie Center
2nd Floor Conference Room
4164 Brockton Avenue
Riverside, CA 92501

Cost: FREE OF CHARGE!

In our on-going effort to promote the use of play therapy, you are invited to join us for the quarterly meeting of the Riverside Play Therapy Chapter. We welcome input and involvement from social workers, marriage and family therapists, psychologists, school counselors, and students. This opportunity is open to the public and you do not need to be a member of APT. Please join us if you work with youth and are interested in learning more about the curative powers of play!

For the purpose of providing materials and refreshments, please RSVP by calling Anna Alcaraz at (909) 732-2011 or email aannaa_gram@yahoo.com.

Directions: From the 91-W, exit 14th St and turn right. From the 91-E, exit 14th St and turn left. Turn right on Brockton. The Carolyn E. Wylie Center is the two-story, brown building on the right side of the street. Parking is under the building.

The California Association for Play Therapy (CALAPT) is approved by the Association for Play Therapy (APT) to offer continuing education specific to play therapy. CALAPT's provider number is 00-094. CALAPT maintains responsibility for the program. NOTE: No CEs are available for this workshop.



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Our colleagues in the CAMFT DESERT CHAPTER are sponsoring a workshop

Working with At-Risk Adolescents

Friday, November 3, 2006 9am-5pm

Annenberg Center

Contact Mariam J. Rickard, LMFT for registration

Copies of flyer will be at our meeting on 10/27/06

7 hours CEUs

CAMFT's Fall and Winter Workshops

Thought Leaders in Mental Health

Los Angeles November 3-5, 2006

What Does the Law Expect of Me?

What is This Thing Called Grief?

Cross Cultural Issues in Clinical Supervision?

Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy?

Adolescence and Self Inflicted Violence

Busting the Myths of "Duty to Warn" and "Informed Consent"

All workshops repeated at Burlingame January 19-21, 2007

These comprehensive workshops deliver valuable information you need to know to optimize your career. Check your inbox or mail for more information.

PSYCHODRAMA

Fridays at 7:30 PM on Oct. 20, Nov. 10 and 24, Dec. 1 and 15

Week-end Workshops Oct. 28 and 29

At University United Methodist Church, 940 East Colton Ave., Redlands, CA.

Contact: Don Miller, Ph.D. (909)798-2765

Free for participants

Small fee if earning certification or education units



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Chapter Events to Remember

Nov. 17, 2006 Susan Hagerman, MFT
Adolescents and Substance Abuse

December 2006 – Happy Holidays –
No Meeting

January 26, 2007 – Mary Riemersma
CAMFT Executive Director “Current Issues for
Marriage & Family Therapists”

Feb. 2007 – David G. Jensen, J.D.
Law & Ethics (Date and Location to be confirmed)

The board meeting is open to all members and held
immediately following the regular presentation.

All regular Friday meetings are held at the Loma Linda
Marriage & Family Therapy Clinic, 164 West Hospitality Lane,
San Bernardino, CA.

California Coalition On Sex Offending

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday
of each month at the offices of Sharper
Future. 1025 S. Mt. Vernon Ave, Ste B,
Colton, CA (909) 783-1473
mdiehl@sharperfuture.com

Meetings are typically attended by a
diverse group of private and
governmental representatives.

Open to all professionals - No Charge

Prevent Child Abuse Riverside County
Coachella Valley
Fall Children's Conference
October 20th

Indian Wells Country Club
Contact (951) 778-0327 for more
information

ETHICAL ISSUE

You have a new client who tells you that she needs assistance to determine if it is safe for her husband to return home. Her husband has been out of the home for two years while completing a sex offender program after molesting her daughter; his step-daughter. She states that she never doubted that he had fondled her when she was 10 years old.

Do you have to file a child abuse report? (answer at the bottom of page 10)



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Please RETURN BY December 15, 2006

I. GENERAL MEETINGS

Is the fourth Friday of each month (dark in July and December) a good day, time and location?
Yes / No (circle one) If no, what other day/time would be better?

Is the format of 8:15am (Networking and refreshments) followed by 8:30am-10:30am Program
(with 2 hours CEUs) a good structure? Yes / No (circle one)

If no, what other structure would you suggest?

Suggested topics or presenters:

II. NEWSLETTER

I receive the newsletter by Email
 Hard Copy

The content I like most is: _____

My suggestion(s) to improve the newsletter is/are: _____

III. ORGANIZATION

The board currently meets after each monthly meeting; and one full day each year. All members
are invited to attend. Do you have enough access to board members? Yes / No (circle one)

What could be done to increase your participation in our Chapter?

Our dues were last set 5 years ago. Do you think we should survey and adjust based on other
chapters? Yes / No (circle one)

IV. WEB SITE

The Chapter has established a web site that is still under construction. The beginning page is
expected to include information about the chapter, contacts, calendar of events and other basic
items. Is there content that you would like to see on the web page?

Would you participate in a listing of members (services, location, etc.) Yes / No (circle one)



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V. SOCIAL

One goal of our chapter is to promote networking. Our regular meetings are during the workweek. Do you have suggestions for activities that you would attend for social or networking purposes? Please include Place/Times/Dates

VI. TRAINING

In addition to monthly programs for CEUs, the chapter has traditionally sponsored an annual Law and Ethics program. Should this practice continue? Yes / No (circle one)

Are there other training programs you would like the Chapter to sponsor?

Please give this survey to **any board member**, or send to:

Garry L. Raley, MFT
P.O. Box 51591
Riverside, CA 92517
garral@sbcglobal.net



Answer to ETHICS ISSUE: Yes, Penal Code § 11165 et.seq. is clear that reporting is an **individual responsibility** for each mandated reporter. Do NOT assume that a report was made by law enforcement when they arrested the step-father, or by the probation officer upon disposition of the adult criminal case. The fact that government officials failed to report is **not** an adequate defense if you are the subject of a criminal or BBS complaint.

Penal Code § 11166(f) does provide that two or more mandated reporters may make a single report by mutual agreement. That circumstance does not exist in the situation described in this example. Furthermore, the mother's affirmative statement that the molest occurred may not have been known at the time of any initial report. Also, if the mother reports that nobody from social services contacted her or her daughter, that statement should increase your concern that no report was made at the time of step-father's arrest. Therefore, no services may have been offered to assist the mother and daughter.

SUMMARY: Do Not Assume a child abuse report has been made solely on the basis that a parent or child has been adjudicated through the criminal, juvenile or family court process.



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MFT/LCSW Openings

Cornerstone is a rapidly growing behavioral health group with 15 clinicians on staff. Looking to add several more qualified clinicians immediately. Please call 909-234-1580 and visit www.conerstonebhg.com/contractor for information.

Office Available: Large, furnished office with shared waiting room on Brookside in Redlands. Available part-time, with additional days negotiable. \$390/month. 909-777-2120.

Clinical Coordinator: Full Time in Redlands Provide case management and therapy for Childhelp Foster Family Agency. Fax Resume to (909) 793-7466

MFTs & LCSWs

Looking for a change in your career?

Follow the road to Cornerstone.

Cornerstone is a rapidly growing behavioral health group that has over 15 therapists and psychiatrists on staff. We are looking to add several more qualified clinicians immediately.

- ❖ Be your own boss.
- ❖ Flexible hours.
- ❖ Part-time or full-time positions available.
- ❖ Insurance credentialing assistance.
- ❖ All scheduling and billing done for you.
- ❖ Full office staff support.
- ❖ Full marketing support.
- ❖ Family like atmosphere.
- ❖ Stock benefits available.

We are looking forward to talking with you. Please call:

Jennifer Weniger, Ph.D.
909-234-1580

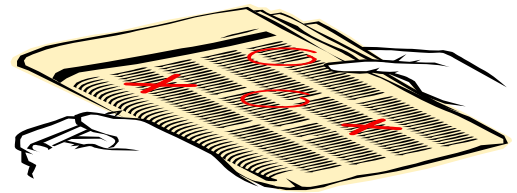


Cornerstone
Behavioral Health Group

1430 E. Cooley Dr. Suite 111
Colton, CA 92324
Phone: 909-825-5128
www.cornerstonebhg.com

CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Members:	Free
One month:	\$20
Three months:	10% off - \$54
Six months:	25% off - \$90
12 months:	40% off - \$144



DISPLAY ADS RATES

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-members</u>
Business card size:	\$10	\$20
1/4 page:	\$20	\$40



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name and Degree _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number () _____ Fax Number () _____

E-Mail Address _____

Business Name _____ Business Telephone Number () _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (CHECK ONE)

- Clinical (Licensed).....\$40
 Prelicensed (Trainee, Intern, Social Worker Associate.....\$25
 Associate (Licensed in a related mental health field).....\$40
 Affiliate Practitioner in another field (e.g., RN, Attorney).....\$40

CAMFT Member # _____

Must be a member of CAMFT to join the local chapter, unless Affiliate member)

Dues are paid annually in April. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO IEC-CAMFT**



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