



Glendale Area

# Mental Health Professionals Association

## NEWSLETTER

YOUR GUIDE TO GAMHPA NEWS,  
INFORMATION AND EVENTS  
October November December 2014

### A Note from the Editor



*2014 is going by quickly, summer is over and school has been in session for a month! Now is the time to prepare for 2015 before we get lost in the holiday shuffle. As you can see we have posted the 2015 Board Meetings and Networking Luncheon dates in our Calendar of Events. And we have a change in location for the luncheons. Our next lunch on Friday, Oct. 3,*

*will be at Acapulco on Pacific Avenue in Glendale. A permanent location for future lunches has yet to be determined. Hope to see you at Acapulco!*

Suzette

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### Calendar of Events

**BOARD MEETINGS**  
Shakers Restaurant  
801 Central Ave  
Glendale, CA 91203

Friday, November 14, 2014  
Friday, January 9, 2015  
Friday, March 20, 2015  
Friday, May 15, 2015  
Friday, July 17, 2015  
Friday, September 18, 2015  
Friday, November 13, 2015

All meetings 9:15 - 11 am  
All are welcome.

**NETWORKING LUNCHEON**  
Acapulco  
722 N. Pacific Ave.  
Glendale, CA 91203

Friday, October 3

Pre-pay- \$14  
At the door- \$15

All lunches 12 to 1:30 p.m.  
All are welcome.  
RSVP : Kimberly Wong at 626-260-1356, or Rachel Thomasian at [rachelthomasian@gmail.com](mailto:rachelthomasian@gmail.com) by the Wednesday prior to luncheon date.

**2015 Luncheons**  
Location TBD

Friday, January 30  
Friday, April 17  
Friday, July 10  
Friday, October 2

### Call for Submissions

**We want to hear from YOU!**  
**GAMHPA is looking for mental health articles, press releases, essays, or case studies (under 1000 words) for our upcoming issues.**

**Submit to Suzette Bray at**  
[suzette@villagecounselingandwellness.com](mailto:suzette@villagecounselingandwellness.com)

# Anger Management Certification



Anger Management Essentials is offering a 3-day live training to therapists interested in offering anger management services. Anger Management Essentials is a NAMA Authorized Certification Program.



**Training dates: October 17- October 19, 2014**

**Location:** 655 North Central Avenue, 17th Floor, Glendale, CA 91203

**Registration Fee:** \$1000. Only \$925 if 3 or more register, and \$900 if 5 or more register.

Registration fee includes 2 copies of the program workbooks. **21 CEU's are offered. BBS PCE # 5126**

To register, visit [www.AngerManagementEssentials.com](http://www.AngerManagementEssentials.com). Contact Anita Avedian, MFT, for more information . (818) 426-2495 or [avediana@aol.com](mailto:avediana@aol.com).

Anita Avedian is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist practicing in Beverly Hills, Tarzana, Sherman Oaks and Glendale. Anita is the Director of Anger Management 818, and author of Anger Management Essentials. She serves as the President of the California Chapter of the National Anger Management Association (NAMA).

## What is Love?

*By Carl Totton, PsyD*

Is it romantic, platonic, familial, or brotherly?  
Or maternal, material, natural, or even other worldly?  
This most powerful of states is one of the most mysterious  
What is love indeed?

Is it fueled by an erotic desire to please?  
Is it powered by deep seated and unconscious needs?  
It certainly has the power to drop us to our knees  
What is love indeed?

Is it a trap to escape a sense of loneliness?  
Is it a problem that leads to a noose on a tree?  
Is it a chance to escape and finally be free?  
What is love indeed?

Is it a hill too steep for anyone to climb?  
Is it just a silly impermanent state of mind?  
Is it hormones battling for a place in line?  
What is love indeed?

Is it misery waiting for a chance to tie us down?  
Is it destiny awaiting soul mates linked in body and mind?  
Is it too confusing to ever possibly understand?  
What is love indeed?

Is it unrequited yearning never to be fulfilled?  
Is it mismatched and crazy never to be real?  
Is it a dream that refuses to play by life's rules?  
What is love indeed?

Is it really just a four letter word?  
Is it a cry waiting to be heard?  
Is it bizarre and twisted and used to hurt?  
What is love indeed?

Is it me sitting around waiting for you to call?  
Is it you hoping to get a smile when we pass in the hall?  
Is it disappointment wielding its heavy hand just when we  
thought all was going so well?  
What is love indeed?

Is it you struggling to be you?  
Is it me trying hard to be me?  
Is it us trying to be we?  
What is love indeed?

Is it a chance to soar above the highest cloud?  
Is it absolute joy yelling its name out loud?  
Is it spirit fulfilling destiny's call from infinity to eternity?  
What is love indeed?  
What indeed is love?

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# *Mental Health in Terminal Illness, Expected Loss and Grief*

*By Greg Stanford, Psy. D.*

The majority of life is experienced as unencumbered, free of multiple hospital visits, and without a death sentence in the near future. With the advancement of modern medicine, more individuals are being diagnosed with illnesses that require treatment, resulting in quality of life questions, loved ones becoming caregivers, and the urgency to take care of one's estate. These stresses add up very quickly following the discovery of cancer, auto-immune diseases, organ failure, stroke, and many other issues that affect general health. Understanding the interconnectedness of physical and mental well-being, therapy offers services at multiple stages of the terminal illness process. Mental health treatment can be geared toward those who are terminally ill and everyone involved in their care. Therapy may aid in each of the following periods: the initial shock of diagnosis, coping with treatment, accepting limits in the face of exhaustive measures, and grieving post-departure.

Exposing misconceptions may be a key to offering more psychological services to those suffering from terminal illness and their loved ones. There seem to be a few common misconceptions that confine treatment attitudes to physical health and disallow the integration of mental health. Do the following misconceptions sound familiar?

1. I am already going to the hospital too much so therapy is not how I want to spend my free time.

Negative attitudes towards treatment, whether in a psychotherapy office or hospital, are defensive scripts that get handed down through family, media, and culture. The truth is, mental acuity can be kept in tact regardless of most physical conditions. The despair that often accompanies terminal illness may best be treated by preparing quality of life goals in therapy. Caretakers can prepare for a provision of care without future regret. Most caretakers are not well versed in weighing work, self-care, family, and caretaking responsibilities. Therapy allows caretakers to identify how they can best spend the remaining time they have with their loved ones while being able to work on their individual functioning in the here-and-now. Terminally ill individuals can maximize the potential of whatever time in life remains. Existential questions come up for those who are diagnosed as terminally ill, yet they often feel isolated with no one to talk to. Therapy normalizes their experience, providing the space to process end-of-life issues.

2. Grief is only experienced after a death.

Though loss is most significantly related to death, there are multiple types of loss that can be effectively treated with grief work. Multiple identities and parts of the self can be experienced as lost, including work, sexuality, physical fitness, social life,

aspirations and goals, spirituality, emotional regulation, family roles, and mental states. Therapy often provides services beyond the identified patient, treating caretakers (e.g. nurses, spouses, children, parents) and their anticipated loss. Loss is not purely a linear experience. Losses may be complex with the delay of individuality caretakers experience from putting their own lives on hold in order to care for their loved ones, combined with the anticipation of then handling post-departure duties and uncertainties. In addition to therapy being able to treat caretakers' anticipated loss, there is most likely a thoughtful dialogue that terminally ill individuals want to undergo but may feel guilty about putting others through. Proper timing, forgoing last minute confessionals in favor of forgiving the self, and attributing meaning to life's events are all enhanced through therapy.

3. If I don't dwell on the disease then it won't have as much power.

Magical thinking is a powerfully denying experience. Some terminal illnesses are not fully understood and may not have treatment plans with a defined period of time and/or modality (e.g. number of months receiving chemotherapy, dialysis). Someone who has just been diagnosed may be confused about the technicalities of their illness and question whether their loved ones should become caretakers or not. In lacking information related to prognosis, denial may rear its head in the form of an imagined, pre-terminal illness state that can be cured. Therapy plays a very important role in that denial can be normalized while irrational beliefs are not colluded with or encouraged. Therapy can help terminally ill individuals and their loved ones process uncertainty, minimize assumptions, and find proactive ways to approach medical consults to glean useful information.

4. Estate planning is depressing and I can do it later.

Taking care of important legal documents such as advanced health care directives (living wills) can be intimidating. Most imaginations make legal tasks like these seem a lot scarier than they actually are and more prone to be avoided. Therapy can expose how putting things off actually gives more power to the incomplete task. Death, grief, and loss are conditions that can be managed when professional care is sought. Therapy involves case management, including, but not limited to, making referrals to estate planners who are sensitive to end-of-life issues. By making these difficult decisions, life can be experienced with a reduced anxiety as loved ones will be able to make the right choices for care and terminally ill individuals will have "faced their fears."

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# Age Regression Hypnosis: Memory and Creative Imagination

Karin C. Meiselman, Ph.D.

Hypnotic suggestion can easily be used to engage a client's imaginative capacity to progress into the future or regress into the past. The most common uses of clinical hypnosis focus on relieving current symptoms of anxiety, stress and/or pain or to change noxious habits by teaching the client to employ self-hypnosis. Cognitive-behavioral therapy, mindfulness meditation, mantras, and symbolic visualization are easily merged with hypnotic techniques, as is **age progression** in which the client is asked to go into a visualization of successfully coping with the presenting problem. *You are now awakening on the day of your licensing exam, able to calm yourself effectively by breathing out excessive energy, able to focus intently.*

**Age regression** is used far less frequently, partly because of concerns about its effects on vulnerable clients. As with any exploratory technique, there is the possibility of eliciting high levels of affect, so assessment of the client's ego strength and careful psychotherapeutic processing of the experience are imperative. The techniques described below should only be practiced by licensed mental health professionals who are also trained in hypnosis!! That said, it is actually rather easy to do and often produces fascinating results.

The most basic age regression simply asks the client in hypnosis to go back through time to the situation to be explored. *Now return in time to your first day in kindergarten [or] the day you lost your mother [or] the kitchen of the house where you lived at age ten.* To this basic suggestion you can add imagery about the pages in a calendar turning back--2006, 2005, 2002, 1998--or other regressive ideas. *You're descending in an elevator where floors represent years in the past. Your body is becoming smaller, more child-like.* It is also common to **vivify** the past scene by suggesting experiences in several sensory modalities. If the client is asked to visit the kitchen of his family home, for instance, you can make the imagined experience more intense and immediate by suggesting that he can smell the food recently cooked there, hear the sounds of birds outside the windows, see the sink and stove, feel the warmth of the air, and experience the emotion of being there.

Once you have moved the client into vividly imagining a scene from the past, you have created the backdrop for a psychodrama. You can ask the regressed client about relationships with long-gone or much-changed family members by suggesting that they enter the scene: *And now your dad is entering the kitchen in his work clothes. What does he look like? How are you feeling about him?* Or, you could ask the client to wander around the other rooms in the house and report on his experience while you maintain a supportive presence with neutral comments such as, *Umhmmm . . . and then what happens?* Return to a previously established safe place can be suggested in the unlikely event that the client is becoming overwhelmed with negative affect.

A less commonly used age regression technique is the **affect bridge**. The hypnotized client is initially regressed to a recent

situation where he experienced strong affect. *Go back through the days to your supervisor's office to listen to your job review . . . [vivify].* Emphasis then shifts to the feeling state evoked by the scene: *Notice how you are feeling as your performance is criticized and where you experience those feelings in your body.* When the client signals that he is intensely involved in the scene, suggestions to return to an earlier time in which he felt this way are given, sometimes with a count backwards. *And now you will go back in time as I count from five to one, to another time in your life when you felt just this way.* You may find the client describing a scene from his last job or being criticized by his cub scout leader or experiencing an Oedipal drama of early life. In fact, if you omit the words "in your life" from the suggestion to regress, your client could land in a past life job situation!

The greatest danger of age regression work is the client's naive belief that whatever is produced by hypnosis **must** be historically correct information. One of the myths reinforced by portrayals of hypnosis in the popular culture is that it is a kind of litmus test that can tell us what really happened in the past. This belief has been debunked in the context of research about police use of hypnosis to help witnesses recall the details of crimes--and this preceded the "false memory" fracas of the 90's. To put it in a nutshell, the use of hypnosis for recall produces a larger number of "memories" some of which are true and others "false positives". The same is true in a therapeutic situation, so if you subscribe to the idea the hypnotically generated "memories" are necessarily historically true, you will be far outside the standard of care. It is more accurate to interpret the regressed experiences as being analogous to a dream state in which there is emotional truth and perhaps **some** factual truth as well, but also distortions and downright confabulations. As with good police work, hypnotically enhanced memories must be corroborated or they remain hypothetical.

The **selection** of clients for exploratory, regressive work is actually the most crucial phase of treatment. A client who has already benefited from therapy and has a moderate level of ego strength plus some imaginative capacity and willingness to experience hypnosis would be a good candidate. In addition, the intellectual and emotional capacity to accept uncertainty is a prerequisite for this work. A special consent form is an excellent idea and provides a springboard for discussion of the fallibility of memory and common myths about hypnosis. The American Society of Clinical Hypnosis ([www.asch.net](http://www.asch.net)) has published guidelines for clinical hypnosis and memory work that you can consult.

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## Five Questions with Kimberly R. Anderson, ACSW

By Jessica Davis, MFTi

1. If you weren't a therapist, what would you be?

*A teacher, a public defender, or a journalist. Luckily, teaching is a significant part of my role as a sex therapist. I've been involved in graduate medical education for 20 years. My personal mission is to help physicians increase comfort in discussing sexual issues with patients. I also offer a training course in clinical sexuality for mental health professionals who want to help their clients achieve optimal sexual health. I enjoy presenting at national and international conferences on a variety of sexual health issues. The appeal of public defense work and/or journalism would be to advocate for the underdog; and hold those in positions of authority who exploit others accountable for their actions.*

2. What is the one thing in your bag of therapeutic tricks you could not live without?

*I'd have to say the one thing I find to be most impactful to my clients is providing them an opportunity to have an honest, comfortable conversation about the role of sexuality in their lives. You would be surprised by how many people have never spoken out loud about their sexual feelings, concerns, interests, etc. People long to speak about these personal topics but our culture, on many levels, forbids it. Another key therapeutic intervention is to help individuals share aspects of their sexuality with their partners. Sharing intimate details about one's sexuality can foster trust and add invaluable*

*perspective. Many therapists are uncomfortable with sexual material (and clients can tell). There is an "art" to discussing sexual issues with clients. When managed appropriately, this can be life-changing.*

3. Where is the most beautiful place you have ever been?

*It is a four-way tie between The Trossachs National Park in Scotland, Bora Bora, the Norwegian Fjords, and Venice, Italy.*

4. What is the best advice you have ever been given?

*I have received lots of good advice from many mentors throughout my life, but I would have to say the most useful piece of advice is to "sleep on it." Humans are, by nature, reactive. We often make assumptions and jump to conclusions. We respond in the heat of the moment without taking time to look at our role in events or look at the big picture. Taking time to consider consequences before we react goes a long way toward de-escalating potentially volatile situations or saying or doing something we might regret in the morning. I see so many clients who wish they could take something back. "Sleeping on it" can provide fresh perspective and enable us to tame the knee-jerk instinct to react on the spot.*

5. What do you do to re-energize yourself?

*I am a massage junkie!*

*Kimberly R. Anderson, Founder of Clinical Concepts in Sexual Health, is an ASSECT-certified Sex Therapist with more than 20 years experience treating individuals, couples, and groups with psycho-sexual concerns. Clinical Concepts in Sexual Health (CCSH) is located at 450 North Brand Boulevard. For information, please call (818) 334-5811.*



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## Classified Advertising

### GROUPS

#### **Dialectical Behavior Therapy Skills**

**Training Groups** for teens and adults who have difficulty with emotional regulation. We are comprehensive DBT program in Burbank. Please contact Suzette Bray, MFT, MFC37518, Executive Director of Village Counseling and Wellness, (818) 238-9895 or [suzette@villagecounselingandwellness.com](mailto:suzette@villagecounselingandwellness.com).

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#### **Teen Talk Support Group.**

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#### **Write Your Life to "Right" Your Life.**

Writing group in Toluca Lake. This group meets once per week for 10 weeks; anyone can join any week as this is not a "chronological" process. Help your clients augment their therapy process by journaling and writing, even fictionalizing the stories of their lives into publishable works. I am both a licensed MFT in California and a professional writer and teacher of creative writing. [Vickie.saxon@gmail.com](mailto:Vickie.saxon@gmail.com) or 818-640-3789.

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If you would like more information on this topic, please call Courtney at (818)348-6700 or send an email to [courtney@thelawcollaborative.com](mailto:courtney@thelawcollaborative.com).

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**GLENDALE.** PT space available for mental health professional. Attractive, upscale and professional building. Highly secured. Beautiful waiting area with refreshments available. Separate exit. Handicap accessible. Great networking opportunities. Newly painted and furnished tastefully. Floor to ceiling window with a view. Nearby freeway. Reasonable rates. Café within the building. Call Anita Avedian at (818) 426-2495 for more information or email her at [avediana@aol.com](mailto:avediana@aol.com).

**PASADENA.** Window office in attractive, cozy building. Shared waiting room in friendly suite. Office set up for kids or adults. Available all day Friday and on weekends, Monday mornings and until 4:30 on Thursday. \$200/day/month or by the hour. Contact Bruce Hirsch (626) 395-7833 or [drbruce@brucehirschphd.com](mailto:drbruce@brucehirschphd.com)

**PASADENA.** Office space available at 309 office at 711 East Walnut Street in Pasadena for reasonable rates. Includes free mentoring in helping you get started in your practice. Lovely office and free parking. Great location in the Playhouse district. Contact Debbie Hedgecock at 626-821-4028 for info.

**SILVERLAKE.** Spacious and sunny 2nd floor office available Fridays after 12 PM and Saturdays after 11 AM. The Silverlake Avenue location is ideal for therapists

wishing to serve the East side communities of Echo Park, Silverlake, and Los Feliz. We are "freeway close" -- just a few minutes from the 2, the 5, and the 101. Please call Anita Frankel MA MFT at 323-661-0297.

**BURBANK.** Office space to share. Available Monday-Friday all day, plus some evening and weekend hours if needed. Located in the heart of Toluca Lake at 10000 Riverside Drive (across from Paty's). Rent is less than \$400/month depending on time needed. Waiting room, plus comfortable, bright corner therapy office. Vickie Saxon: 818-640-3789 or [Vickie.saxon@gmail.com](mailto:Vickie.saxon@gmail.com)

**BURBANK.** Comfortable, warmly decorated office space available in therapy suite. Medical building close to Toluca Village, St. Josephs Hospital, NBC, Disney and freeways. All amenities supplied, including call light. Available on hourly, daily or monthly basis Contact: Miriam Davis, MFT at (818) 848-3022 or [miriamdavis@verizon.net](mailto:miriamdavis@verizon.net)

**LA CANADA.** Part time office space available for rent in La Canada (in a newly remodeled building with 4 other offices, 1 large bathroom, waiting area, kitchen, private parking, on a small street) Cost: \$550. Available hours: M-W: anytime before 12pm, Th-Sun: all day New year lease starts March 1st. Contact Hillary Haynes at (818) 516-3561.

**BURBANK.** Inviting office space available for sublease at 4444 Riverside Drive. Located between Bob's Big Boy and Paty's Restaurant. Convenient parking. Reasonable rent. Available weekday mornings, all day Saturdays, and all day Sundays. Free group consultation with experienced and supportive officemates on Thursdays at noon. Contact Wendi Svoboda, LCSW at (818)288-6711 or [wsvobodalcsw@yahoo.com](mailto:wsvobodalcsw@yahoo.com).

**BURBANK.** Fully furnished office with a cozy, yet professional style. It is centrally located in a quiet area in Burbank close to the studios and near the Golden State Freeway. Parking is ample and free. If interested, please call (818) 848-5653.

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## MISSION

GAMHPA was founded in 1992 by a few local area mental health professionals in private practice. Within several years, it grew to over 100 members. Our mission is to advance professional development through networking, continuing education, and public awareness. We offer equal membership to all licensed mental health professionals regardless of discipline, reflecting real patterns of professional referral. We are an interest group only and do not provide referrals to the community. We are not a profit making organization.

## MEMBERSHIP

Download an application form from our website. Full member dues for licensed mental health professionals, \$60 per year. Associate Member dues for students, interns and others, \$35 per year. Organizations, \$125 per year. Dues may be deducted as an ordinary and necessary business expense but not as a charitable contribution.

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