Starting, Maintaining and Expanding a Successful Private Practice:
Surviving or Thriving?

Seminars offered:
- December 11-12, 2020 • LIVE ONLINE WEBINAR • 10 CE Hours
- February 26-27, 2021 • LIVE ONLINE WEBINAR • 10 CE Hours
- May 21-22, 2021 • Schaumburg • 10 CE Hours
- September 17-18, 2021 • Location TBA • 10 CE Hours
- December 3-4, 2021 • Location TBA • 10 CE Hours

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Registration Deadlines: Registrations must be received by the IMHCA office one week prior to the workshop. Spaces are limited in each workshop.
These two day private practice workshops are designed for the clinician who is planning to start a practice within the next year or those who have started a small practice and wish to expand. Given the two day format, participants will be able to explore more in depth the essential components of startup, business entities, money management, billing, office procedures, social media, public speaking, advertising and marketing that each participant needs to develop a plan to start or expand a practice with actionable steps with proven techniques. Get all your questions answered. Do it right the first time. Most small businesses fail in the first year. Don’t let that be you.

These workshops are the only 2 day workshop available in the Midwest that will function as a group consultation. Most practice consultants charge $175.00 or more per hour. For far less than the cost of two hours of consulting you get ten hours of consulting tailored to you and your practice! Seating will be limited.

These workshops are from 9:00AM -3:00PM on all days.

Program Objectives

1. Learn how to work effectively and profitably with insurance companies.
2. Implement the business strategy of “value added” to differentiate your practice from the others.
3. Incorporate additional income-generating sources to a practice.
4. Differentiate effective and non-effective strategies for marketing, social media and building your private practice.
5. Learn the essential features of informed consent, transfer plan, documentation, social media, and HIPAA compliance.
6. Identify cost effective support services to streamline office procedures for a thriving practice.

Program Schedule

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Sign In 8:30 a.m.
Workshop 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Lunch (on your own) 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Workshop 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Outline

I. Introduction
   - Making the shift to a business paradigm
   - Addressing business anxiety – going towards the roar
   - Opening closed doors

II. Start Up and Practice Expansion
   - Eight step method to increasing referrals
   - HIPAA basics
   - Multiple Income Streams - other sources of revenue
   - Business Consulting - apply counseling skills to business
   - Business Entities
   - Finances
   - Breaking Through to the Next Level
   - Other Considerations

III. Office Procedures
   - Accessing clients to your practice
   - Informed Consent
   - Documentation and electronic medical records
   - Insurance and verification
   - HIPAA compliance
   - Transfer Plan
   - Fees – setting and collecting
   - Client and insurance billing options
   - How to Work Effectively with Third Party Payers
   - Back Door Method for Getting on Closed Panels

IV. Marketing and Advertising
   - Marketing Plan – what it communicates
   - Marketing Plan – a two prong approach
   - Prospecting Referral Sources
   - Social Media
   - Networking
   - Publishing
   - Public Speaking
   - Cross pollination of referral sources

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Workshop Description

The landscape of private practice for mental health professionals is ever changing. The thriving practice must adapt, change, and continue to redefine its relevance to clients and referral sources. For the mental health professional just starting, to the large group practice, thriving practices take risks and differentiate themselves from the competition.

This practical, nuts and bolts seminar will present tried and true practice building strategies to begin a practice from the ground up and expand an existing practice to the next level.

In this informative workshop the participant will learn:

- Business paradigm development
- Start a practice on a shoestring
- Take an existing practice to the next level
- Eight step method to increase referrals
- Three essential components of a marketing plan
- Develop multiple "income streams"
- Social Media
- Streamline office, billing and fee collection

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Norman C. Dasenbrook, MS, LCPC is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor who has over 30 years’ experience in the fields of mental health, consulting, teaching, business and alternative dispute resolution processes. Norm is Past President of the Illinois Mental Health Counselors Association, served on the Governing Council for the Illinois Counseling Association and winner of the Distinguished Service Award. He served as a consultant to the American Counseling Association on Private Practice Issues. He and Robert Walsh launched ACA’s Private Practice Initiative. He is a member of the American Counseling Association, American Mental Health Counselors Association, Illinois Counseling Association, and Illinois Mental Health Counselor Association. Norm has been providing practice coaching services and presenting his workshops, “Starting, Maintaining and Expanding a Successful Private Practice: Surviving or Thriving?” nationally for over 18 years. He has authored the leading book on private practice, “The Complete Guide to Private Practice for Licensed Mental Health Professionals”. He has just released his latest book, “After 40 Years in Therapy: What Have I Learned?” Why Do We Do What We Do & What To Do About It!” 2017 Crystand Press (counselingprivatepractice.com). Norm also co-authored “Harnessing the Power of Conflict: Leading, Learning and Living” 2003 Crystand Press.” He serves as an executive coach for improved performance and interpersonal skills for organizations (crystand.com). Norm has extensive experience consulting for businesses, industry, and health care. Lecturer, teacher and consultant, Norm is a clinician who maintains a private practice in individual, marriage and family counseling in Rockford, Illinois.