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MIAMI-DADE CHAPTER

Florida Association of Marriage and Family Therapist



ORGANIZER'S MESSAGE

By Michael J. Alicea, MS, MSW, (Ed.D. Candidate)

Please take some time as you fill up your busy lives, to reflect on what the Miami Dade Chapter can do for you, and what you can do to keep it alive. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I want to remind you that we have many positions still open, and we are open to create new positions where you may see a need. We are taking nominations for several positions that are coming up on the Board; if you are interested or know of someone who would be a good Board member, please email me.

What are your goals, your dreams, your vision, your purpose, your mission? How can we help make that a reality for you? I see us working together, as a team, for the better of all. Amazing power and energy can be generated when we work together. Ask for help. Offer help. Reflect on ways we as a group, as a profession, and as an organization on how we can nurture each other's growth this coming year.

We are committed to restructuring, reorganizing and revitalizing the Miami Dade Chapter. Are you? Please share your energy and passion and help us build an organization that you would feel committed and proud to be a part of.

I'll look forward to working with you all.

Come, join us.



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ELECTIONS IN THE FALL

Elections for positions in 2010 Miami-Dade Chapter is coming in the Fall. Is this the year you have a little extra time and energy to give? Service on the Executive Board takes a little and gives a lot. Please join us!

INCORPORATION OF THE MIAMI DADE BOARD

Keeping an eye on the care of our chapter, I have been researching the incorporation of the Miami Dade Chapter as a non-profit organization. Establishment of our non-profit status will protect future Boards and the Miami Dade Chapter in general. If you have any suggestions, or would like to help facilitate this process, please let us know.

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS TO BE SCHEDULED

In our last meeting we discussed the planning of a monthly workshop that would be presented at our meetings by our active members. We also discussed the possibility of applying CEU credits to these workshop sessions. I have been in communications with Dr. Larry Barlow, PhD, LMFT (Executive Director of the Florida Association of Marriage and Family Therapy), and he has indicated that he would be sending me the appropriate application package certifying any workshop sessions presented by our members for eligibility for CEU assignment. Premysl Ulman, LMFT and Walt Liebman, LMFT have graciously volunteered to present individual workshop sessions in the coming months. If you have any suggestions for a topic or speaker, please let us know.

INTERN SUPPORT GROUP

Our goal in creating an Intern Support Group is to facilitate the Registered Intern in their journey toward eventual licensure. Do you have questions about interning, counting hours, or the MFT licensing exams? Would you like to connect with other Interns and licensed Marriage and Family Therapist? Or are you just interested in supporting this worthwhile endeavor? Please call or send an email to miamidadechapter@hotmail.com. We're here to help you find answers to your questions. We also plan to create an online group through our Blog and Twitter accounts. Let me know if you'd like to get in on the discussion.

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The Intern Support Group is open to all pre-licensed trainees and interns. The content is open to whatever those who attend would like it to be. It would be an informal conversation where we can provide mutual support, information, resources, networking, referrals, job hunting resources, and licensing exam tips to each other as needed. The group would be a safe place to reflect and share with each other about our challenges in the field of Marriage and Family Therapy. The group would be free of charge and attendance is on a drop-in basis with no commitment or obligations to attend other meetings.

Please let me know how the Miami Dade Chapter can be of help. What would you like to see happen this year for our group of Interns? Is there interest in a support group forming? A consultation group? A study group? Please call or email and let me know what suggestions you may have. It is my hope that we can support each other. And to our licensed colleagues, thank you again for your continual support. Your ideas, comments and suggestions are very much welcomed, and needed!

TRADE SECRETS

In our last meeting in June, we discussed the idea of having a reader-generated feature in which we share ideas that we use in therapy that are quick, humorous, or unusual and that really seem to click with the clients we serve. Some of us are willing to take a crack at beginning the column. Any takers?


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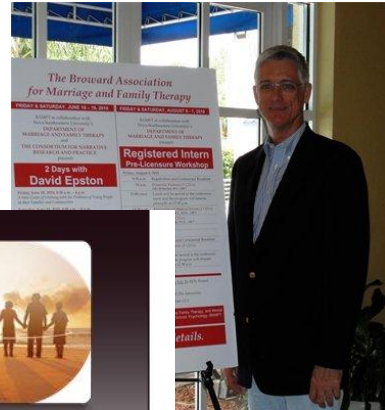
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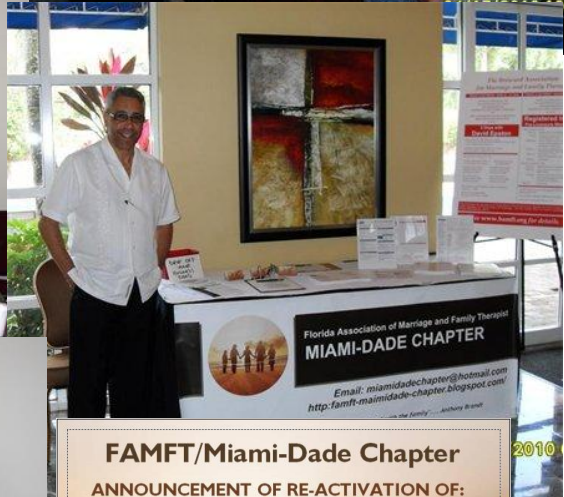
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF RE-ACTIVATION OF:
THE MIAMI-DADE CHAPTER

We extend a special invitation to our members in "good standing" as we re-connect and re-establish the Miami-Dade Chapter of the Florida Association of Marriage and Family Therapist

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