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Making Family Code 3190 Counseling Orders Work for Your Clients

Bridging the Gap between the Legal and Mental Health Worlds

Agenda*

Friday, March 2, 2012

1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

- 1:00 – 1:20 p.m. Check-in
- 1:20 – 1:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions: *Betty Nordwind*
- 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. **Part I: Identifying the Problems and Obtaining Orders:**
- Identifying the Families in Court Who Need Counseling Help: What kind of problems are we talking about and whose problem is it?
 - Judge's perspective: *Judge Thomas Trent Lewis*
 - Mental Health perspective: *Dr. Mary Lund, Wynne Alexander, LCSW*
 - Addressing the Problem: How to raise the issues in court and get relief from the judge and cooperation from the other party and your client:
Judge Thomas Trent Lewis, Dr. Mary Lund, Betty Nordwind
 - What Are Family Code 3190 Counseling Orders? *Jacqueline Klein*
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. ○ Crafting an Enforceable Order for the Court and Mental Health Professionals:
Dr. Mary Lund, Judge Thomas Trent Lewis, Wynne Alexander, LCSW
- Orders that Mental Health Professionals can use
 - Measurable outcomes the judge can review
 - Getting the services paid
 - Confidentiality
 - Reports
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Part II: Making the Counseling Order Happen:** Finding the Mental Health Resources, Logistical Arrangements and Obtaining Meaningful Participation:
Dr. Mary Lund, Wynne Alexander, LCSW, Judge Thomas Trent Lewis
- Transportation
 - Showing up
 - Cooperation and participation
 - Payment, costs, health insurance plans, Medi-Cal and Medicare
- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Part III: Great Expectations:** What are the expectations the judge, litigants and lawyers should have about counseling ordered by the Court?
Dr. Mary Lund, Wynne Alexander, LCSW, Judge Thomas Trent Lewis
- How to evaluate success
 - How to know when to stop
 - Final wrap up and questions