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What's New with NBFE?

Forensic Mental Health Evaluator of the Year



With great pride and enthusiasm, the National Board of Forensic Evaluators (NBFE) announces the recipient of the first annual *Forensic Mental Health Evaluator of the Year* award, **Dr. Tom Black** of <u>Darsey, Black, and</u> <u>Associates</u>. This prestigious award will be conferred to a Certified Forensic Mental Health Evaluator (CFMHE) each year in recognition of the CFMHE's exemplary contributions to the specialty field of forensic mental health evaluation, as evidenced by any of the following:

1. Extensive volunteer contributions to NBFE, CFMHEs, and partnering organizations:

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- 2. Publication or dissemination of key research and/or best practice guidelines in forensic mental health;
- 3. Professional advocacy for forensic mental health evaluators;
- 4. Unique and innovative application of best practices in a forensic practice; and/or;
- 5. Contribution to the professional development of other CFMHEs through mentoring, training, education, consultation, and/or supervision-related activities.

Dr. Black has demonstrated exemplary contributions to the field of forensic mental health evaluation by:

- 1. Developing and presenting the *Testing for Forensic Populations* series, a workshop designed to enhance the competency of licensed mental health professionals who wish to administer, score, and interpret psychological tests for forensic practice, and assisting with partnership agreement with Psychological Assessment Resources (PAR) for Level C Certification status for graduates of the workshop;
- 2. Growing and managing a thriving, successful private practice in forensic mental health evaluation that provides employment opportunities for numerous mental health professionals;
- 3. Successfully advocating for appropriately-trained Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) in Georgia to maintain the right to administer and interpret psychological tests and to diagnose mental disorders in partnership with the Fair Access Coalition for Testing (FACT) with regard to Senate Bill 319;
- 4. Contributing numerous volunteer hours writing and developing policy as Chair of NBFE's Policy Committee; and
- 5. Volunteering to train mental health professionals in the administration and interpretation of psychological tests commonly used in forensic evaluation at no cost to NBFE.

Congratulations, Dr. Black! Well done.



NBFE Trains New Cohort at FMHCA Conference



Dr. Hoffman, Mr. Norton, and Mr. Travieso from NBFE attended the Florida Mental Health Counselors Association's 2018 annual conference and trained a cohort of 23 new CFMHE candidates (some of which attended virtually). We had a blast! To see photos from the event, <u>visit our Facebook page</u>.





NBFE Welcomes New Marketing Committee Chair





Daniel Newman is currently a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) in the states of Massachusetts, Florida, and New York, as well as a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in the state of Connecticut. Daniel has been a National Certified Counselor (NCC) since 2013 and achieved the Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor (CCMHC) credential from the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) in 2014. In addition, Daniel has gained the Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS) in 2015 and has the distinction of Florida Qualified Supervisor for Mental Health Counselor and Massachusetts Certified Clinical Supervisor (MaCSS). Daniel is employed at UMass Memorial Medical Center's Emergency Mental Health (EMH), which assesses patients that present to the hospital's emergency department with suicidality, homicidality, psychosis, and/or mania. As of September, Daniel has embarked upon a new academic venture by entering the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program at Massachusetts General Hospital's (MGH) Institute of Health Professions. Daniel is extremely proud to have become the 83rd Certified Forensic Mental Health Evaluator (CFMHE) in the nation. Recently, Daniel joined the National Board of Forensic Evaluators (NBFE) board as the Interim Chair of Marketing. A position of which he covets and is excited to engage in.

NBFE Welcomes New CFMHEs and CCCEs!



Candace Reed, CFMHE #000094





Tawanna Frazer Lumpkins, CFMHE #000095





Tracey Pace, CCCE #019

Upcoming Training Events



NBFE has a busy year! We will be presenting next month for the Utah Mental Health Counselors Association, in June for the Florida Mental Health Counselors Association, and in August for the American Mental Health Counselors Association. Next month, we're doing a webinar on the mental health professional's role in assessing the need for emotional supports animals, and we have several other trainings in the works. <u>Visit our events page</u> to learn more!

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