

PRIVATE PRACTICE: ESSENTIAL TOOLS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS

Summary

Social workers in private practice strive toward responsible and accountable practice yet there are myriad ethical issues, challenges and dilemmas awaiting every practitioner. This workshop offers tools to foster ethical practices related to establishing and maintaining independent private practice. It is designed to minimize unintended ethical violations and reduce associated risks. Guided by the MCSW Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics, the workshop considers critical practice and ethical considerations for private practitioners including documentation and record keeping, supervision, transparency and the importance of continuing professional development.

This workshop is sure to be a relevant resource for current private practitioners, as well as social workers considering establishing their own private practice.

Biographies



Richard Lavoie, BSW, RSW - Manager, Registration and Professional Practice

Richard Lavoie is the newest member of the MCSW team. Richard holds a Bachelor of Social Work degree and is in the final stages of completing his Master of Social Work degree. His academic focus is dedicated to conceptualizing moral distress from within a Social Work context.

Richard has 12 years of experience in clinical social work practice within hospital settings. He also was the Manager of Ethics Projects/Education with the WRHA and co-chair of the Manitoba Provincial Health Ethics Network. Richard brings knowledge and experience in ethics education, ethical consultation, resource planning and workshop development and delivery.



Liisa Cheshire, MSW, RSW - Manager, Regulatory Practice

Liisa joined the MCSW team in December 2015 as Manager of Registration and Professional Practice. Since that time Liisa has spent time discussing ethical dilemmas with members, listening to feedback from members regarding Continuing Competence needs and assisting members of the public with questions related to the MCSW Complaints process. Liisa is excited to transition into her new role with MCSW as

Manager of Regulatory Practice to further the development of policies and processes related to complaints, audits and practice standards.



Neta Friesen, BSW, RSW, MMFT – Private Practitioner

Neta has 33 years of experience as practicing social worker, M.F.T., and play therapist. Her career choice was inspired by her own personal experiences and the role modeling of her parents, who were very community minded and taking care of those that were less fortunate, alone, or struggling in other ways. Neta began a private practice in 1999, specializing in individual, couple, family & play therapy, custody/access, parent-child assessments and

home studies. She currently also works for the College completing complaint investigations. Neta provides training in the areas of Trauma & Children, Compassion Fatigue, Positive Mental Health, & Threat & Risk Assessment, & Suicide Prevention.

When not involved in her work passions, she is passionate about volleyball, and nature, and spends her time divided between her cabin at Clear Lake, hiking trips & the volleyball court. Her life mantra is be kinder than you need to be, for everyone is fighting some kind of battle.