Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Telehealth: Ethical Considerations for Behavioral Health Providers and Support Workers

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DETAILS & LOGISTICS

Time: 11:00am—12:30pm EDT

Where: Virtual *(Adobe Connect webinar)*

SPEAKER:

Karen L. Fortuna, PhD, LICSW, holds a doctorate in Social Welfare and a master's degree in Social Work. Dr. Fortuna is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry in the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College. Dr. Fortuna is co-producing digital peer support programs with peer support specialists as equal partners in development, research, and ownership. Her team has developed a commercially viable smartphone app, PeerTECH, in which they are currently testing its impact in a real-world environment. Dr. Fortuna was awarded an NIMH K01 award (K01MH117496), a NARSAD Young Investigator Grants from the Brain and Behavior Foundation and the Alvin R. Tarlov & John E. Ware Jr. Award in Patient Reported Outcomes for her work, and the Association of Gerontological Education Social Work Faculty Achievement Award. Dr. Fortuna's work can be seen in numerous book chapters on digital peer support, in Nature, Psychiatric Services, and Forbes Magazine. She currently serves as editor of the JMIR: Journal of Participatory Medicine. She is a board member of the International Association of Peer Supporters. She currently serves on the International Editorial Board for the British Journal of Social Work. She was invited to serve as a member of the American Psychiatric Association's Smartphone App Expert Advisory Panel.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

From face-to-face visits to videoconferencing to virtual reality therapy -- the landscape of behavioral health care has transformed in the past year. Telehealth shows promise in increasing access and reach to some of the most vulnerable populations (e.g., people experiencing homelessness, older homebound adults, people in rural areas). As a growing number of clients/service users seek telehealth, behavioral health providers and support workers must consider the related ethical issues. This webinar will discuss the latest scientific knowledge regarding (1) telehealth privacy, confidentiality, and security issues; (2) behavioral health providers and support workers telehealth competence; (3) communication specific to technology; (4) research gaps; and (5) emergency situations.

OBJECTIVES

- Determine personal views on the ethics of telehealth
- Understand the risks and benefits of telehealth with regards to privacy, confidentiality, and data security
- Develop expertise in how to develop an action plan to prepare for a telehealth emergency

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Behavioral health care professionals and support workers, licensed social workers, psychologists, case managers, and peer support specialists

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