

# Responding Proactively or Punitively: Rethinking Prosecution by Service Providers of Those They Serve

Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

8:45 AM – 5:00 PM

MCLE, 10 Winter Place, Boston, MA, 02108

People with mental health issues receiving services across a range of institutional settings increasingly face the possibility of being arrested and criminally charged for behaviors for which the program is designed to provide care. We will spend the day examining the problem of assaults and arrests, and learning about programmatic and advocacy responses that can help improve the situation for both the clients/patients and their service providers.

Youth face this problem in schools, often initiated by a school resource or police officer or by a school administrator, or in residential programs, where vendor staff or administrators may press charges after an incident during a restraint or similar incident. Adults experience this problem in hospital emergency rooms and psychiatric inpatient units, where staff may press charges on their own or at the directive of administrators when a patient acts out. It is also a problem in Massachusetts prisons where DOC must report all felonies to the DA and in jails where some sheriff departments pursue charges as a means of discipline and control.

**CREDIT:** This program has been approved by the CPCS for (4) CAFL, (6) Adult Criminal Trial Panel, (6) YAD and (6) MHLA credits (MHLA includes 2 trial credits). This program has been approved by MaMHCA for (6.75) CEs, MaMHCA Approval # 17-0883. This program has been approved for 7 Social Work Continuing Education hours for relicensure, in accordance with 258 CMR. Collaborative of NASW and the Boston College and Simmons Schools of Social Work Authorization Number D 73010. Check [http://www.mhlac.org/Upcoming\\_Training](http://www.mhlac.org/Upcoming_Training) for updates.

**PAYMENT:** \$125.00 when registered by **November 2, 2017**. Written materials included. An additional \$25 will be charged for registrations received after the November 2nd deadline.

**TO REGISTER: NEW! Now you can register and pay online [here](#)** or complete and mail this Registration Form before **November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017** with a check for \$125 (**payable to MHLAC**) to: MENTAL HEALTH LEGAL ADVISORS COMMITTEE, ATTN: Conference Registration, 24 School Street, Ste. 804, Boston, MA 02108. Registration confirmations will be sent via email. If you register at the door, please have a check or cash with you for full payment (\$150).

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**DIRECTIONS TO: MCLE, 10 Winter Place, Boston MA**

Public transportation is strongly recommended. MCLE is conveniently located down the street from the Park Street Station stop on the Red and Green Lines or the Downtown Crossing stop on the Orange Line of the MBTA. Commuter Rail lines from the west and south and buses also arrive into South Station, which is an easy walk to MCLE. For driving directions, consult GPS or the internet. There is no parking available at MCLE; however parking nearby is available (though expensive) at various garages either on or adjacent to Washington Street.

**REFUND POLICY:** If you cancel your registration before the close of business on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 MHLAC will issue a refund of your registration fee minus \$25. All persons canceling registration after close of business on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 or unable to attend will receive a packet of materials from the November 16<sup>th</sup> conference.

**Do you have an Accessibility Request?** Please contact Gisela Valdez directly at (617) 338-2345 x131 or [gvaldez@mhlac.org](mailto:gvaldez@mhlac.org)

**FOR QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION:** Contact Ellie Sarcia at (617) 338-2345 x121 or [esarcia@mhlac.org](mailto:esarcia@mhlac.org). You can also visit the event page at [http://www.mhlac.org/Upcoming\\_Training.htm](http://www.mhlac.org/Upcoming_Training.htm)

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### Registration Form:

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**Registration deadline is Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney  BBO # \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address **(required)** \_\_\_\_\_ Other profession?  \_\_\_\_\_  
Company \_\_\_\_\_ Attending for credits? CPCS   
Address \_\_\_\_\_ First time attendee?   
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Check included for:  \$125      Registrants attending for credit  
 \$150      Late Registrants (received by MHLAC after 11/02/17)  
 \$ 50      Reduced rate for Legal Services/Social Services staff  
Please indicate name of organization \_\_\_\_\_

***Please mail this registration form together with your check (make payable to MHLAC). Thank you.***