



Alaska Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

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Dear fellow AKAMFT members,

My name is Lori Patin and I'd like to introduce myself as your new AKAMFT Board President. Thank you for choosing me to represent your interests and I look forward to an exciting couple of years, I truly hope to serve you well.

I am writing this email to help you understand a letter you (like me) should have received from the Alaska Division of Occupation Licensing in the last week or so, discussing the new CEU requirements that are in place for **THIS** licensing period. I'm sure you were as shocked, maybe panicked (like me), and even possibly upset by this news. The AKAMFT Board and I are here to explain and even help you easily and quickly fulfill these requirements long before the December due date catches up with you. The following list represents what is now needed to complete as a part of our CEU requirements: (please note, the **AMOUNT** of CEU's you need to obtain remains the same)

- 2 hours in ethics (nothing new, this is something we have always had)
- 2 hours in addictions (sadly, our state leads the nation in alcohol/drug addiction issues, it was decided by the regulatory board that the time is NOW to address these issues)
- 2 hours in cross cultural education (look around you, Alaska has become a melting pot of cultures especially within the last 20 years)
- 2 hours in domestic violence issues (please see reason for addiction, same explanation applies)

We said we would help, and here's what we would like to do: Over the course of the next 2-3 months watch for our email announcements about CEU opportunities offered by us that will specifically meet the state's **NEW** requirements! You will have the opportunity to attend these courses in any way that fits your particular schedule! Each CEU opportunity will be offered as a **live class, as a video-live class** (meaning we are broadcasting it live over the internet and as we present it, you are watching it from wherever you are), and a **taped-version viewable online** at your leisure (anytime after the class is already complete). Sound fantastic? We think so. So as we work out the details, you can relax and let go of that panic you may have felt when you received the letter. One more thing, the **cost will be as minimal as we can possibly make it**, that we promise you!

Lastly, thanks for your patience, and your attention in this long letter full of explanations and details. Look to hear from us soon.

Take good care.

Lori Patin LMFT, LPC
AKAMFT President

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