

NCHERM NEWSLETTER SPRING 2008

Happy New Year friends and colleagues

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1) An Update on NCHERM Happenings and Activities

- We have one big piece of news we are excited to share this spring. For ten years, we have talked of making our publications available to you for free, as part of our not-for-profit mission, if and when we could afford to do so. Well, that day has finally arrived, thanks to your support and long-term patronage of our services. Effective immediately, 40 articles on a range of higher education risk management topics are available as free .pdf downloads at www.ncher.org/articles.html
- Additionally, we have converted the ten books in the NCHERM library into free .pdf downloads accessible at www.ncher.org/books.html
- NCHERM has an inventory of 100+ hardcopies of its publications that it will be giving away for free at the ASJA conference in February 2008, in Clearwater, FL. Stop by our exhibit table and take your pick.
- NCHERM will again be a Platinum Sponsor at the 2008 ASJA International Conference. We hope to see you there.
- NCHERM Consultant W. Scott Lewis, JD, the Asst. Vice Provost at the University of South Carolina, will present Lessons from Virginia Tech: The Changing Landscape in Higher Education, an online course with reslife.net from 1/18-08 - 2/15/08. Details are posted at <http://thehousinguniversity.com/asja/>

2) Upcoming NCHERM Fall 2007 Webinar Schedule

- The NCHERM/MAGNA Publications Behavioral Intervention & Threat Assessment Webinar Series:

- PART 1 – College & University Behavioral Intervention Team Formation & Operation -- Presenters Brett A. Sokolow, JD, W. Scott Lewis, JD and Pete Liggett, Ph.D. Friday, January 25th, 2008.
 - PART 2 -- Advanced CUBIT Team Protocol and Integration -- Presenters Brett A. Sokolow, JD and W. Scott Lewis, JD. Friday, February 22nd, 2008.
 - PART 3 -- Identifying and Responding to Student "Red Flag" Behaviors -- Presenters Brett A. Sokolow, JD, Stephanie Hughes, Ph.D., and Carolyn Reinach Wolf, Esq. Friday, February 29th, 2008.
 - PART 4 -- Threat Assessment and Aggression Management Strategies -- Presenters Brett A. Sokolow, JD and John D. Byrnes. Friday, March 14, 2008.
- Risk Management for Collegiate Athletics – The Other Side of Title IX. Presenters Brett A. Sokolow, J.D. and Stephanie Hughes, Ph.D. Friday, April 4th, 2008.
 - Retaliation Claims Against Colleges: A Liability Explosion, featuring Sandra Schuster, Esq. and Brett Sokolow, J.D. – Friday, April 25th, 2008.

Details on each of these events are posted at www.ncherm.org/webinars.html

3) NCHERM SCHEDULE OF CAMPUS VISITS

The schedule may be accessed at <http://www.ncherm.org/schedule.html> or by clicking this link. To schedule a visit, please contact Kate Halligan, NCHERM's Director of Client Relationships at (610) 579-3725 or kate@ncherm.org.

4) NCHERM SPRING 2008 CONFERENCE APPEARANCES

- ASJA International Conference, 2008. February 6th-10th, 2008. Clearwater Beach, FL. Brett Sokolow will be presenting a half-day pre-conference session on alcohol culture change. He will be providing concurrent sessions entitled “Beyond the Clery Act”, “Legal Issues in Facilitating Meaningful Collaboration Between Counselors and Student Affairs Administrators” (co-presented with Carolyn Reinach Wolf, Esq.), and “Mental Health Issues and the Campus Community: Concerns, Challenges, Compliance and Coordination” (co-presented with Carolyn Reinach Wolf, Esq.).
- Southeastern Interfraternity Conference. Saturday, February 16th. Atlanta, GA.
- NASPA 2008 Conference. March 8th-12th. Boston, MA. “Crisis Management Post-Virginia Tech” (co-presented with Erica Woodley of Tulane University).
- ACPA 2008 Conference. March 29th – April 2nd. Atlanta, GA. Coordinating Presenter: The ACPA 2008 Commission on Student Conduct and Legal Issues-Sponsored Legal Issues Pre-Conference; concurrent session presenter: Beyond the Clery Act (co-presented with Michael Mancini, SUNY Fredonia).

5) Two Upcoming NCHERM Behavioral Intervention & Threat Assessment Institutes

- **April 10th & 11th 2008 – NCHERM Behavioral Intervention & Threat Assessment Institute at Illinois State University in Normal, IL.** Details are posted at www.ncherp.org
- **May 15th & 16th 2008 – NCHERM Behavioral Intervention & Threat Assessment Institute at the University of Texas, San Antonio.** Details are posted at www.ncherp.org

Our first Institute, held at Kean University in New Jersey in December 2007 was a resounding success. We had 85 attendees from all over the country. Here is what some of our attendees thought about the Institute:

“The NCHERM Threat Assessment Institute provided a valuable opportunity to examine models of best practice, federal laws, and innovative ideas in prevention, identification, and early intervention. What made it so worthwhile for me was how approachable and engaging each presenter was, not just during the sessions, but throughout the entire conference.” – Anne Lawing, Sr. Asst. VP for Student and Academic Services, University of New Hampshire

“I found the course to provide a wealth of information and to be a valuable tool to any professional interested in threat assessment or risk management. The presenters were knowledgeable, interesting, and approachable. I came back to my institution with useful information and strategies that I was able to pass on to my colleagues. I was also impressed with the willingness of the speakers to answer questions afterwards and to be a future contact.” -- Mary Dietrich, Culinary Institute of America

“The institute provides an invaluable learning experience that focuses on resolving difficult college and university issues through a clearer understanding of behavior analysis and threat assessment.” – Steve Rittereiser, Asst. VP Business Auxiliaries and Public Safety, Central Washington University

“The value of what I received far exceeds the cost of the seminar.” -- Lisa Blankenship, Director of Counseling and Psychological Services, University of Texas, Pan American

6) The NCHERM 2008 Whitepaper

This year’s Whitepaper focuses on the NCHERM College and University Behavioral Intervention Team (CUBIT) Model. The 2008 Whitepaper has been posted at <http://www.ncherp.org/pdfs/2008-whitepaper.pdf>