

Mental Health Facilitator (MHF) Update



NBCC-I has seen a considerable increase in domestic interest in the Mental Health Facilitator (MHF) program. Several U.S. organizations and universities are exploring partnerships with NBCC-I to implement the MHF program in their communities or academic programs. The University of Phoenix has incorporated the MHF in its human services bachelor's program. In addition, a number of University of Phoenix faculty and staff have completed the MHF master training or the MHF training of trainers this year and plan to introduce the program in their communities. Training events have been conducted at University of Phoenix campuses in Phoenix; Santa Teresa, New Mexico; Las Vegas; and Detroit, with plans for additional training this summer in Denver.

In May, NBCC-I conducted its eighth MHF master training at NBCC headquarters. NBCC-I is pleased to welcome Sherry Allen, Dr. Yvonne Castillo, Mary Christy, Traci Collins, Dr. Mary Alice Fernandez, Kristal James, Dr. Lindsey Nichols, Jay Ostrowski, Dr. Ioana Panc, Nathan Perron and Dr. Leila Roach as master trainers.

Dr. Panc is the executive director for the NBCC Romania national office. She and her team translated the MHF curriculum into Romanian in preparation for a June multinational master training, conducted in Romania together with the European Board for Certified Counselors (EBCC), an affiliate of NBCC.

The MHF research team, led by Dr. Melissa Luke, traveled to Malawi in May to visit several schools that have implemented the MHF program through NBCC-I's partnership with the Guidance, Counselling and Youth Development Centre for Africa. The researchers collected data to study the effectiveness of the MHF program in that country. The team will travel to Mexico in August to complete data collection for their research. Mexico and Malawi have been very successful in implementing the MHF program to fit their needs.

In addition, two universities outside the U.S. have expressed interest in incorporating the MHF curriculum into their counseling programs. NBCC-I will continue exploring these and any other potential new collaborations as interest in the program continues to increase both domestically and internationally.

In Memory of Dr. Lloyd A. Stone

come to be and operate as a result of his leadership in and respect from the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES). His longtime friend and counselor education colleague Fred Bradley often roomed with Lloyd on professional trips. Fred tells me that much of the formulation of NBCC happened late at night in conference hotel rooms. Fred says Lloyd was intent on helping to create an organization that could change our profession and change with our profession.

I've long known Fred Bradley through his work and passion for the counseling profession. He was one of the last people to talk to and touch Lloyd. Fred's grief is still palpable, like so many, yet he can't forget so many great stories about Lloyd. I liked his comments about Lloyd's birthday: "Lloyd had a delightful sense of humor. One thing he liked to do until those around him caught on, and it took me several years, was to tell me at a meeting, national or state, that it was his birthday on that particular day. I would go up to the band that was playing dance music in the conference where we were meeting and tell them it was his birthday and, of course, at the next break they would acknowledge Lloyd. I did the same thing at state counselor meetings and it took me some time to recognize that Lloyd had several birthdays. I was not the only one fooled by his jokes."

Martin Ritchie, a past chair of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP), recently wrote

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