New Telehealth Video Policy Changes (A & B)

A. AGENCY HOURS

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Introduction
The NADTA board acknowledges that due to telehealth video and other internship adjustments, agency hours may be comprised of the practices of case conceptualizations, journal keeping, agency preparation time (i.e. required/supplemental viewing of psychoeducational films, reading of agency manuals, agency meetings, etc.) and background research pertaining to particular settings and populations with a minimum 15 minutes per the hour counting as pre and post-intervention time—defined as non-contact hours. These aforementioned practices may occur during restricted times such as during a pandemic but also for some schools, they count as drama therapy department course requirements. Therefore, this category of agency hours will be accrued and used above and beyond what the school’s courses require and when other agency hours are not attainable in person.

Objective(s)
To address the experience hour requirements of students.

Scope
Drama therapy students

Policy
The NADTA will acknowledge agency hours comprised of case conceptualizations, journals, agency preparation time (i.e. required/supplemental viewing of psychoeducational films, reading of agency manuals, agency meetings, etc.) and background research pertaining to particular settings and populations with a minimum 15 minutes per the hour counting as pre and post-intervention time. The pre and post intervention times accounted for by the therapist are defined as non-contact hours.

Procedures
Department and program review and supervisor or BCT acceptance is required. These aforementioned practices may occur during restricted times such as during a pandemic but also for some schools, they count as drama therapy department course requirements. Therefore, this category of agency hours will be accrued and used above and beyond what the school’s courses require and when other agency hours are not attainable in person.

Definitions
Telehealth video is the provision of treatment using technological modalities in lieu of, or in addition to, traditional face-to-face, in-person methods.
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B. TELEHEALTH & ELECTRONIC MEDIA IN TRAINING

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Introduction
The NADTA will allow students during their internships to facilitate drama therapy via HIPAA compliant video-telehealth services and with the use of other supplemental electronic media tools such as VR and AR as long as electronic media is not the sole platform of intervention for one’s training. Drama therapy interventions must be comprised of experiential, embodied, visually interfacing methods with tech delivery, internet and training support and accommodations provided to the student by the school or by the agency through the school.

Objective(s)
To address the telehealth needs of our community.

Scope
Drama therapy students

Policy
The NADTA will allow students during their internships to facilitate drama therapy via HIPAA compliant video telehealth services and with the use of other supplemental electronic media tools such as VR and AR as long as electronic media is not the sole platform of intervention for one’s training. Drama therapy interventions must be comprised of experiential, embodied, visually interfacing methods.

Procedures
Students will work with their university or BCT and their internship site for the appropriate collection of experience hours. Tech delivery, internet and training support, and accommodations provided to the student by the school or by the agency through the school.

Definitions
Telehealth is the provision of treatment using technological modalities in lieu of, or in addition to, traditional face-to-face methods.