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EDUCATION

- 1989 University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida
Clinical Psychology, Ph.D.
- 1987 Yale University School of Medicine, Department of psychiatry, New Haven, CT.
Fellowship in Clinical Psychology.
- 1981 University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida
B.A. Psychology

CLINICAL AND FORENSIC POSITIONS

- 2008-2009 Director of Psychological Services, Neurological Rehabilitation Center (NRC), Tamarac, Florida

An out patient rehabilitation program that offers a diverse range of both preventive and restorative services to the workers compensation industry and the general community. Professional team includes licensed and experienced board certified physicians specializing in physical medicine, pain medicine, and orthopedic surgery, as well as physical, occupational and speech therapists. Psychological services include the treatment and evaluation of pain patients, presurgical psychological screening evaluations, and neuropsychological assessments.
- 2008-Present President and Clinical Director, Behavioral Health Care Associates, Boca Raton, Florida

A clinical group providing evaluative and treatment psychological services to medical populations including worker's compensation, personal injury, presurgical screening, and pain management, as well as expert testimony in related matters that are litigated.
- 2000-Present Psychological Expert for the Broward and Palm Beach County Criminal Courts. Providing psychological evaluations, and expert testimony on both adult and juvenile cases including, Competency to Proceed, Sanity, Mitigating Factors, Downward Departure, Involuntary Commitment, Mental Retardation, Phase-2 Death Penalty, Child Custody, Substance Abuse Assessment, and Guardianship.
- 1996-Present Pre-surgical psychological evaluations for more than 500 Reproductive Endocrinology patients undergoing various procedures including, IVF, egg donation, surrogacy, etc.
- 1990-Present Administrative & Clinical Director, Christopher J. Fichera, Ph.D., Sharon M. Theroux, Ph.D. & Associates, Boca Raton, Florida

A private clinical group providing comprehensive forensic, behavioral medicine, and mental health services. Staff includes licensed clinical psychologists, forensic psychologists, clinical neuropsychologists, and psychometricians serving both inpatient and out patient populations

as well as providing consulting services to various medical and psychiatric facilities, including Independent Medical Evaluations, and pain management.

- 1993-1995 Consulting Clinical Psychologist, InterPhase Recovery, Inc., Boca Raton Florida
- An extended care substance abuse treatment facility. Responsibilities include weekly group supervision of clinical staff, participation in diagnosis and treatment planning, coordination and/or provision of psychodiagnostic and neuropsychological services.
- 1992-1995 Consulting Clinical Psychologist, National Recovery Institute, Boca Raton, Florida
- An acute and extended care inpatient substance abuse treatment facility. Responsibilities include the supervision of clinical staff, and the coordination and/or provision of comprehensive psychological assessment batteries, psychological screening assessments and neuropsychological services.
- 1987-1990 Consulting Psychologist, Sunrise Rehabilitation Hospital
- An acute medical rehabilitation hospital caring for general rehabilitation diagnoses including pulmonary, orthopedics, stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, and pain management. Conducted psychological evaluations and provides psychological treatment services to both adult and juvenile patients.
- 1983-1992 Director of Adolescent Services and Substance Abuse Program, Clinical Provider Organization, Miami, Margate and Boca Raton, Florida
- An out patient non-profit mental health center. Responsibilities included group psychotherapy with adult, adolescent and substance abuse patients, family therapy individual psychotherapy, complete psychodiagnostic assessment at out patient and in patient referrals, neuropsychological screening, comprehensive intake interviews including mental status examinations, clinical liaison to several local and state-wide substance abuse programs, co-director of EAP development, and clinical liaison to Eastern Airlines Employee Assistance Program.
- 1981-1992 Director of Group Therapy, Center for Family Counseling, Margate, Florida
- An out patient non-profit mental health center. Responsibilities included group therapy (adult, adolescent, and parent groups), intake interviews, individual, family and marital psychotherapy, and comprehensive psychodiagnostic assessments.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association

American Psychological Association, Division 41, Psychology-Law Society

LICENSURE

Florida Psychologist: PY4473

CERTIFICATION

Florida Forensic Examiner Training

CONSULTING AND ADVISORY APPOINTMENTS

- 1996-2000 Prudential Insurance Company, Mental Health Advisory Board Member
South Florida Region
- 1993-1996 Fair Oaks Hospital, Governing Board member, Delray Beach, Florida
- 1995-1996 Mental health Network. Peer Advisor, Board Member, Florida
1995-1997

PRESENTATIONS

Fichera, C.J. (August 19, 2011). "The Causes and Detection of False Confessions." A presentation to the Major Crimes Division of the Palm Beach County Office of the Public Defender.

Fichera, C.J. (October 22, 2010) "Working effectively with the competent but communication-challenged defendant: techniques for differentiating between incompetency and Pseudo-incompetency, and strategies for overcoming such obstacles." A presentation to the Felony Division of the Palm Beach County Office of the Public Defender.

Fichera, C.J. (May 19, 2010). "Utilization of Research-Driven Psychological & Psychosocial Variables in the Evaluation of the Work-Injured Patient." A presentation to Kelley Kronenberg, Miami Lakes, Florida.

Fichera, C.J. (May 1, 2009). "Psychological Considerations in the Conceptualization, Case Management, and Treatment of Pain Patients." A presentation to Gallagher Bassett, Sunrise Florida.

Fichera, C.J. (February 20, 2009). "An overview of psychiatric, epidemiological, and evaluative issues related to psychological aspects of work-related injuries." A presentation to Palm Beach County Educational Seminar: Boca Raton, FL.

Fichera, C.J. (October 15, 2008). "Psychological Issues and Disorders in Work-Related Injuries." A presentation to Lamorte Burns & Co: Dania, Florida.

Fichera, C.J. (January 27, 2006). "Psychological variables related to the causes and management of profession-related stress." A presentation to the Major Crimes Division of the Palm Beach County Office of the Public Defender.

Fichera, C.J. and Adamse, M.A. (1993). "The psychological aspects of pain management." Presented to the public and hosted by the Boca Raton Out Patient Surgery and Laser Center, Boca Raton, Florida.

Fichera, C.J. (1993). "Psychological factors surrounding adolescent gang membership." Presented to the Parent Teacher Association at Omni Middle School, Boca Raton. Florida.

Fichera, C.J. (1991). "Psychological and neuropsychological assessment of inpatient substance abuse patients." Presented to the clinical Staff of the CARE Unit, Coral Springs, Florida.

Fichera, C.J. (1988). "A basic outline of psychological services within an employee assistance program." Presented to the management of WPLG, Channel 10, at Jackson memorial Hospital, Miami, Florida.

Fichera, C.J. (1986). "Differential diagnostic considerations regarding learning disability and conduct disorder in a substance abuse population: A case study." Presented to the faculty and clinical fellows of Yale University School of Medicine, Substance Abuse Treatment Unit, New Haven, Connecticut.

REFERENCES UPON REQUEST