

# CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES

The Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah

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## News and Announcements

The Program Committee of the CSWA-S would like to extend their gratitude to Dr. Klugh Kennedy for presenting this year's Spring Institute. The topic was "Updates in Psycho-pharmacology," and the event was a huge success. Klugh utilized an entertaining and educational teaching style which brought the subject to life, and the Institute was well-received by those who attended.

To become more involved with the CSWA-S and help with the Program Committee, please contact Cheryl Turner: [turnerche@sjchs.org](mailto:turnerche@sjchs.org)



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## Upcoming Events

### Monthly Colloquium

The CSWA-S would like to thank Nicole Coughlin Ware, LAC for her excellent and informative lecture "Treating the Mind and Body with Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine" at last month's meeting. Ms. Ware did a great job of de-mystifying traditional Eastern medical and metaphysical philosophies while applying them to today's modern, Western science-based approach to the healing arts.

The topic for this month's meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am will be "Essentials of Weight Loss Surgery for the Mental Health Professional" with Cynthia Turner, PhD. It will be held at the Hoskins Center of Memorial Hospital. RSVP to [lkseago@yahoo.com](mailto:lkseago@yahoo.com) by **Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** indicating if you will attend and if you would like a box lunch (\$5). RSVPs for lunch provided after **Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** will not be accepted.

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### Calendar of Events:

- 05/25/11: Monthly meeting at the Hoskins Center of Memorial Hospital. Topic is "Essentials of Weight Loss Surgery for the Mental Health Professional" with Cynthia Turner, PhD. Lunch is scheduled for 11:30am.



## For Your Consideration

### Jail Diversion Trauma Recover (JDTR)

Priority To Veterans was initiated to provide people, particularly veterans with mental illness, co-occurring disorders, or trauma, who are involved in the criminal justice system, with treatment rather than incarceration.

The purpose of JDTR is to increase public safety by addressing individuals with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), with or without other mental illness and/or co-occurring Substance Use Disorders. A priority is given to Veterans, who repeatedly come into contact with the criminal justice system.

The services are delivered through an innovative

cross-system collaboration of a Veteran’s Court, and other intercept points along the justice continuum, which is targeted and responsive to the needs of eligible, non-violent offenders, while preserving the integrity of the court.

Seeking Safety is a 25 week psycho-educational group empowerment program that includes individual therapy, access to case management, and include s assistance with securing housing, employment possibilities, benefits exploration, links to psychiatric and medical care and many other community services.

### JDTR Program Eligibility:

1. Candidates must be 18 years or older.

2. They must answer yes to 3 of 4 screening questions for PTSD

3. The individual must be diverted from jail. This means that charges could have been filed.

### REFERRAL PROCESS:

Contact the JDTR Program Director, Rosemary Clark at 912-414-2884 or [rclark@gatewaybhs.org](mailto:rclark@gatewaybhs.org)

**The Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion** is seeking to compile a list of mental health providers for our patients in need of therapy during treatment or in survivorship. If you have an interest in caring for folks with cancer or questions please email Sister Jackie Griffith at: [griffithja@sjchs.org](mailto:griffithja@sjchs.org)