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EDUCATION

Walden University, September 2, 2008: Entered Ph.D. program in Human Services with a specialization in General Psychology with emphasis on social policy.

Post Doctorate Training: Cornell University, Proactive Leadership, (Certificate Program), eCornell, May to December 2006.

PH.D. Kennedy-Western University, Cheyenne, WY, Health Administration, August 19, 2002.

MBA, Webster University, St. Louis, MO, Management, July 13, 1988.

MA, California State University, Sacramento, CA, Communication Studies, (Organizational) June, 1980.

MA, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO, Psychology, June 9, 1979.

BA, Union College, Lincoln, NE, Religion and Journalism, August 1969.

COLLEGE TEACHING/EXPERIENCE

1989 to Present: Psychotherapist and Hypnotherapist: developed and managed one Texas Corporation and one non-profit corporation. Have also had experience with non-health care businesses. Have taught for over 16 years in under graduate programs. Six years as a quarterly columnist, Annals (Journal), American Psychotherapy Association (APA); member of several professional boards of directors.

Manages a growing private practice in mental health that includes the development of corporate compliance committee policy development; organizational development; development and administration of communication audit; employee manual and professional compliance manual; developed and have maintained a strong coordination with referral sources' such as Child and Adult Protective Services, primary care providers, dentists, chiropractors, churches, schools and probation officers, juvenile and family court, posted adequate documentation with feedback letters. In addition has a case load of child custody cases and has given expert witness testimony in such cases and foster care programs and child protective agencies. Has generated successful experiences working with volunteer board of directors (AMHA, APA, BCPC, Eagle Pass ISD Drug Free Committee). Expert witness in Federal Immigration Court, 2008, San Antonio, TX.

Have extensive research in deportation cases where a parent needs help in providing documented evidence of exceptional and unusual hardship; also where relief is requested due to the threat of torture and assassination by either the government directly or indirectly (i.e., at the hands of the Zetas). Expert witness in Federal Pre-trial Court, 2008/2009, Del Rio, TX.

Expert witness in Municipal Court 293, Eagle Pass and in Carrizo Springs on Custody cases, mental health issues as it related to personal injury cases. Applied for Provisional Sex Offender Treatment Certification. Developed a Drug and Alcohol Program for outpatient juveniles/adults.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland, 1981-1986, European Division, Psychology & Management

Texas Central College, 1982-1983, European Division

U.S. Army Behavioral Science Division, 1986-1989, San Antonio, TX

Southwest Texas Junior College, Eagle Pass, 2004 - Present

HONORS AND AWARDS

Certified Drug & Alcohol Screening, American Screening Corporation, 2010.

Certified Homeland Security V Level 1, American College of Forensic Examiners Institute, April 2008.

Awarded Distinguished Board Member Service Award, American Psychotherapy Association, October 2007.

Awarded Master Therapist Certification, American Psychotherapy Association (APA), June 2007.

Awarded Board Certification as a Professional Counselor, ABCPC, January 2007.

Awarded Lifetime Member, American Psychotherapy Association, November 2006.

Award for Contributions to Practice Management, American Psychotherapy Association, September 22, 2006.

Selected Member Heritage Registry of Whos Who In America, 2006 to 2010.

Awarded Certificates of Appreciation from Eagle Pass ISD, TX Title IV V Safe and Drug Free School & Communities Program, 2004 - 2010.

Certification Program, Proactive Leadership, Cornell University, 2006.

Certified Diplomat, American Psychotherapy Association, 1998.

Board Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, 1998.

Clinical Member, American Association Marriage and Family Therapists, 1997.

National Certified Counselor, 1995.

Licensed Profession Counselor, 1995.

Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist 1994.

Certification/Registration, Clinical Hypnotherapy, 1993.

PUBLICATIONS

Hixson, R. (2011). In search for satisfaction. *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association Journal*, Spring, 14, 1.

Hixson, R. (2010). Self-destructive behaviors and the costs to self, family, and community. Workshop presentation at the American Psychotherapy Association, Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, September 24, 2010.

Hixson, R. (2010). The Mexican drug cartel war and how it affects Americans. Workshop presentation at the America Board for Certification in Homeland Security, Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, September 24, 2010.

Hixson, R. (2010). Return on educational investments. *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association Journal*, Fall, 13, 3.

Hixson, R. (2010). The value of connectivity. *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association Journal*. Summer, 13, 2, 76-77.

Hixson, R. (2010). Value is the heart of health care. *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association Journal*. Spring, 13, 1, 68-70.

Hixson, R. (2009). How to build a successful practice. *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association Journal*, Winter, 12, 4, 71-73.

Hixson, R. (2009). The Mexican war in our backyard. *Inside Homeland Security, The American Board for Certification in Homeland Security (ABCHS)*, December, 7, 4, 46-50.

Hixson, R. (2009). Of gardening, seeds, and sunburn. *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association Journal*, Fall, 12, 3, 80-82.

Hixson, R., (2009). When social change isn't fast enough to prevent pain and death. *American Psychotherapy Association Journal*. Summer, 12, 2, 64-67.

Hixson, R. (2009). Suicide Prevention, February 17 and 18, 2009. Presentation to the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Supervisors, Eagle Pass, TX.

Hixson, R., and Unhuh, Dana, (2009). Ethical concerns for counselors today: A review. Continuing education course. American Psychotherapy Association.

Hixson, R. (2009). The future is now. *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association Journal*. Spring, 12, 1.

Hixson, R., (2008). Sticks and stones and other tales, *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association Journal*. Winter, 11, 4.

Hixson, R., 2008. Compassionate fatigue: Healing the healers. Presentation at the American Psychotherapy Association national conference in San Diego, CA, September.

Hixson, R. (2008). HIPAA V Demystifying the myth. *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association*. Fall, 11, 3.

Hixson, R. (2008). Roots of uncertainty. *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association Journal*. Spring, 11, 1.

Hixson, R. (2007). What is driving us, and in what direction? *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association*. Winter, 10, 4.

Hixson, R. (2007). The price of depression, *The News Gram, Eagle Pass, TX*, November.

Hixson, R. (2007). But do we want to? *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association*. Fall, 10, 3.

Hixson, R. (2007). Balancing ethics in an unethical marketplace, *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association*. Summer, 10, 2.

Hixson, R., Survival in an unethical marketplace, Presentation, Laurel Ridge Treatment Center, San Antonio, TX, April 20, 2007.

Hixson, R. (2007). Accountability to whom? *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association*. Spring, 10, 1.

Hixson, R. (2006). Effective progress notes, *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association*. Winter, 9, 4.

Hixson, R. (2006). Do we need health care reform? Presenter, National Conference of the American Psychotherapy Association. Orlando, FL, September 22-23.

Hixson, R. (2006). Have we lost control? *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association*. Fall, 9, 3.

Hixson, R. (2006). Does good mental health have value in today's marketplace? *Annals, American Psychotherapy Association Journal*. Summer, 9, 3.

- Hixson, R. (2006). Weakening the storms of disaster, Annals, American Psychotherapy Association. Spring, 9, 2.
- Hixson, R. (2005). Speak out for your profession, Annals, American Psychotherapy Association. Winter, 8, 4.
- Hixson, R. (2005). The politics of therapy, Presenter, National Conference, American Psychotherapy Association, San Diego, CA, September 30.
- Hixson, R. (2005). Practicing in a rural community, Annals, American Psychotherapy Association Journal. Fall, 8, 3.
- Hixson, R. (2005). Risky business, Annals, American Psychotherapy Association Journal. Spring, 8, 1.
- Hixson, R. (2004). Do we need management skills? Annals, American Psychotherapy Association. Winter, 7, 4.
- Hixson, R. (2004). The economy of therapy, Annals, American Psychotherapy Association Journal. Fall, 7, 3.
- Hixson, R. (2004). The business of therapy, Continuing Education Seminar Presentations in South Texas, Summer.
- Hixson, R. (2004). The business of therapy, Annals, American Psychotherapy Association. Summer, 7, 2.
- Hixson, R. (2002). Meanwhile, back home, Letters to the Editor, San Antonio Express News, Oct. 21.
- Hixson, R. (2000) Violence in schools: Being prepared for tragedy, American Marriage & Family Therapy Conference Presentation, Denver, CO, November.
- Hixson, R. (1999). Working towards safer schools, Prepared for the Texas School Violence Prevention Force, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, December 3.
- Hixson, R. (1995). Guided imagery in healing, Health Care, July.
- Hixson, R. (1993). Heighten Your Awareness & Creative Ability, Sports & Fitness, September.
- Hixson, R. (1982). With a little help, stress can be overcome, Madigan Mountaineer, January.
- Hixson, R.,(1980). Human Relations Effects on Safety, National Safety Journal, July.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Hixson, R. (1980). Developing an organizational audit for a community hospital. Masters Dissertation, California State University, Sacramento, May.
- Hixson, R. (2002). Meeting the mental health needs in rural south Texas, Doctorate Dissertation, Kennedy-Western University, August.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2010, Sexual Offenders Training Program, 40 hours, April, Austin, TX.
- 2010, American Psychotherapy Association Convention, 10 hours, Orlando, FL.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- Member, Board of Directors, International College of the Behavioral Sciences (ICCS), September, 2010.
- Member, Academic Advisory Board, Psychology, McGraw-Hill Higher Education, Contemporary Learning Series, July 6, 2010.
- Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Neuroscience and Behavioral Health (JNBH).
- Member, Level 1, American Board for Certification in Homeland Security (CHS).
- Member, Board of Directors, American Mental Health Alliance.
- Member, Executive Advisory Board, American Psychotherapy Association.
- Member, Board of Directors and Past Chair, Board of Directors, American Board of Professional Certified Counselors.
- Member, Editorial Board, Annals, Journal of the American Psychotherapy Association.
- Member, American Counseling Association.
- Member, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapist.