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PITTSBURGH PASTORAL INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW SEMINAR: Embracing Spiritually: Behavioral Health Treatment for Addiction

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Chemical abuse and dependence is increasingly in the news with the opioid crisis and the legalization of medical marijuana. Studies show that behavioral health issues are commonly co-occurring with chemical dependence. This course is designed to provide behavioral health providers techniques to use and topics to discuss with their clients who either have co-occurring disorders or are influenced by someone who is. This course will also provide you with material to use to engage your consumers in spiritually informed treatment that will help speak to the whole person.

Ron Barnes, director of Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry, said at another of Sean's educational presentations: "Being with other clinicians and sharing how we integrate spirituality with our clients in an ethical, compassionate way was affirming in the counseling field which so often minimizes the importance of the client's spiritual life."

This Seminar will be held at the Crossroads Presbyterian Church located at 2310 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, PA 15146 Monday Evenings from 6:30PM - 8:30PM from March 4th – April 1st. Presented by Sean T. Burns MDiv, LCSW whom is the Clinical Director, Therapist and a member of the Speaker's Bureau for the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute.

"I am excited to present information and techniques on ways to integrate both spirituality and addiction principles into your behavioral health practice. My background working for a drug and alcohol treatment center has provided me with a framework which I use with over 50% of my current consumers. The Master of Divinity degree coupled with my years of experience at the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute allows me to integrate all three components into a holistic training program that will improve your work with consumers."

– Sean T. Burns MDiv, LCSW

Sean's previous work experience includes eight years in the business world and four years of drug and alcohol treatment at Gateway Rehab. He joined the PPI team in 2009 and became Clinical Director in 2016. In 1995, Sean received a Masters in Divinity from Columbia International University and in 2007 a Masters of Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh. Sean seeks to help families who are affected by addiction by encouraging them to integrate their faith into their growth. Upon client request, he enjoys including a Biblical perspective. Using his broad range of experience, Sean's goal is to see clients take one practical step at a time in the direction they want to go.

"As a behavioral health clinician who has limited exposure to the drug and alcohol world, I found Sean's content extremely helpful in working more effectively with clients who are in recovery or who have family members struggling with addictions."

— Rachel Kornfield Becker, Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute Training Program Manager

About the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute:

Serving greater Pittsburgh since 1964, the Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute exists to enhance the health of individuals, families, and communities through an interfaith ministry of counseling and education that integrates the resources of faith and the behavioral sciences. Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute builds on the strengths and resilience of individuals, families, and communities to improve the health, wellness, and quality of life of all those whom it serves.

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