



Guidelines on

PHILOSOPHICAL CONSULTATION

The AIPPA promotes *non-medical, non-clinical, non-therapeutic* philosophical consultation for educative purpose only. Individuals as well as corporations can approach to philosophical practitioners for consultation.

METHOD

AIPPA does not have any preference. It depends on individual practitioners which method they would like to use. It may vary from 'no method' to analytic or existential-phenomenological.

Philosophical practitioners may use critical thinking, Socratic dialogue, logical and conceptual analysis as tool. They may provide people philosophical resources, primarily Stoic literature, to read and reflect on them. To sum up, they may facilitate people by providing thinking tools and philosophical resources.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

1. with Individual

- (a) The examination of clients' arguments and justifications;
- (b) The clarification, analysis, and definition of important terms and concepts;
- (c) The exposure and examination of underlying assumptions and logical implications;
- (d) The exposure of conflicts and inconsistencies;
- (e) The exploration of traditional philosophical theories and their significance for client issues;
and
- (f) All other related activities that have historically been identified as philosophical.

2. with Organization

- (a) Ethics Code-Building
- (b) Ethics Compliance
- (c) Moral Self-Defense
- (d) Dilemma Training

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. On or prior to the first meeting, the philosophical practitioner should provide the client with clear, accurate, honest, and complete information regarding the nature of services he or she is qualified to render, and should not make any unwarranted claims about the utility or effectiveness of such services.
2. Philosophical practitioners should not employ techniques or methods not associated with training in philosophy (for example, hypnosis, or other psychiatric/psychological interventions) for which they are not otherwise qualified.

3. When a client's problem or reason for seeking philosophical services falls outside the purview of the practitioner's qualifications or areas of competence, then the practitioner should provide the client with an appropriate referral.
4. Philosophical practitioners should facilitate maximum client participation in philosophical explorations. They should avoid dictating "correct" answers to client queries and issues, but should actively encourage the client's own engagement of reflective powers and rational determinations. In cases in which a client is seeking assistance for purposes of resolving a specific problem such as an ethical problem or other practical matter, philosophical practitioners may, in light of philosophical exploration of the matter, suggest possible courses of action. However, they should make clear to the client that the final decision rests with the client.

DISCLAIMER

AIPPA neither has authority nor intention to regulate philosophical practice. It is concerned with maintenance of minimum standards in the profession of philosophical practice.

AIPPA has neither registered nor certified any philosophical practitioner. Readers should use their discretion in visiting a philosophical practitioner.

AIPPA is not liable for any damages claimed by clients as the result of a consultation with any philosophical practitioner.

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