

## **Do You Have an Ethics Question? Consult the Maine Counseling Association Ethics Committee**

Do you have an ethics question? Are you struggling with an ethical dilemma? The Maine Counseling Association Ethics Committee can help.

**What is the Ethics Committee?** The purpose of the Ethics Committee is to provide members with information, ideas, consultation, and a process with which to make sound ethical decisions. Committee members (listed below) are experienced counselors and counselor educators who represent professions in Counseling. The ACA Code of Ethics is the primary reference, but committee members may suggest guidelines from other codes of ethics (i.e. ASCA, AMHCA, NCDA, etc.) and/or law or policy if appropriate to the situation. The Ethics committee is educational in nature only. Cases can be brought for information and ideas and suggestions with resolving ethical dilemmas and questions. The committee is not advisory. The decision about how to act remains with you, informed by the information you receive from the committee.

### **Who Are the Ethics Committee Members?**

**Chair:** Deborah Drew, Ed. D., Counselor Educator, LCPC

#### **Specialty areas**

##### **School Counseling**

Sandy Robinson, School Counselor  
Mary Warren, School Counselor  
Lisa Erhardt, School Counselor

##### **Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

John Yasenchak, Ed. D., LCPC  
Jeri W. Stevens, Ph. D., LCPC  
Colleen Owens, LCPC

##### **Career Counseling**

James Westhoff, Career Counselor

##### **Counselor Education**

Annette Nelligan, Ed. D.  
Mikal Crawford, Ed. D., Licensed Psychologist  
John Yasenchak, Ed. D., LCPC

##### **Group Counseling**

John Yasenchak, Ed. D., LCPC  
Annette Nelligan, Ed. D.

##### **Pastoral Counseling**

Julie Libby, MS Pastoral Counseling

**How do I contact the Ethics Committee?** Deborah Drew, Ed. D., Counselor Educator at Husson University, is the Chair of the MeCA Committee on Professional Standards and Ethics. Send Deb your question and de-identified details of your dilemma and your contact information via e-mail at [drewd@husson.edu](mailto:drewd@husson.edu) or call her at 207-992-4912.

**What happens then?** Deb sends your question and details, without your name and contact information, to the Ethics committee for feedback. Once the responses are in, Deb compiles the information and gets it back to you. You then review and make your decision about how to act.

**For questions:** Deborah L. Drew, Chair, MeCA Professional Standards and Ethics [drewd@husson.edu](mailto:drewd@husson.edu) or 207-992-4912