

SOCIAL WORK & COUNSELING CONNECTION newsletter

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Clinician Conversation



Elana Bouldin, LMSW

Quality Management & Privacy Coordinator

Elana's Sheppard Pratt journey began in 2012 when she completed her second year social work internship on the Towson co-occurring disorders unit. With a passion for advocacy and mental health, Elana excelled and was hired after graduation to work on the Ellicott City co-occurring disorders unit.

Searching for ways to help patients on a larger scale, Elana joined the Quality & Evaluation Services department in 2015. Over the past four years, Elana has been promoted from Patient Advocate and QES Coordinator to her current role of Quality Management and Privacy Coordinator. Elana's current challenge is to identify areas of vulnerability across the health system and develop strategies to improve in preparation for regulatory surveys. Additionally, Elana is tasked with documentation compliance and ensuring that protected health information is safeguarded.

At the end of the day, Elana is grateful to be working with the QES team. Elana states, "my role allows me the opportunity to collaborate with many different departments across the health system with a common goal of providing our patients with the best possible care. It is my goal to continue to be a part of the Sheppard Pratt legacy and to make contributions that will positively impact our patients for years to come."

Elana's dedication to our patients is spectacular! Thank for all that you do, Elana!

Policy, Procedure & Practice

Institutional Review Board (Policy HS-120.11.a)

The purpose of the Sheppard Pratt Institutional Review Board (IRB) is to ensure that all research is undertaken in compliance with the requirements of federal, state, and local law guided by the principles of respect for persons, beneficence, and justice. The IRB is guided by the institution's commitment to protect the rights and welfare of research participants from undue risks and unreasonable invasions of privacy as well as the applicable legal and regulatory requirements that form the basis of the institution's research policies. For more information on this policy, click [here](#). Questions may also be directed to Faith Dickerson, Ph.D. at fdickerson@sheppardpratt.org.

Celebrate with Us

The **National Association of Social Workers** celebrates social work practice in March! For more information, click [here](#) to learn about this year's theme: Elevate Social Work.

The **National Board for Certified Counselors** honors the counseling profession in April! Click [here](#) to learn more about Counseling Awareness Month in the coming weeks.

Recognition!

Mann RTC clinical leadership would like to recognize **Henry Apencha, LCPC**, for his hard work and determination. Sr. Clinician Nadine Centineo, LCSW-C, states that Henry is "an employee that has many years' experience working for the health system and has pursued further educating himself to achieve his career goals." Congratulations, Henry!

Continuing Education

Family Caregiver Support Webinar Series

The American Society on Aging (ASA) has teamed up with Home Instead Senior Care to present a series of twelve web seminars that address pertinent caregiving issues. This family caregiver support webinar series features a variety of topics that will help caregivers navigate the many issues that arise while caring for an older adult. Continuing education is available at no cost to attendees. This series offers an opportunity to earn CE credits while gaining valuable information that will help you in your work with older adults. **All Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) credits claimed must be for watching a web seminar live.** For more information, click [here](#).