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Board of Behavioral Sciences Statutes and Regulations Relating to the Practice of Professional Clinical Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, Educational Psychology, and Clinical Social Work.
https://www.bbs.ca.gov/pdf/publications/lawsregs.pdf

American Counseling Association (ACA) 2014 Code of Ethics
https://www.counseling.org/resources/ethics

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Correct answers are in bold text.

Sample Question 1

An LPCC observes that another mental health professional's behavior with a client violates an ethical standard. Which of the following actions should the LPCC take first to manage the ethical obligation in this case?

A. **Attempt to address the issue with the other professional**
B. File a formal complaint with the Board of Behavioral Sciences
C. Recommend that the client file a complaint against the other professional
D. Report the violation to the American Counseling Association's Ethics Committee

Sample Question 2

A client who was recently treated for breast cancer is referred to counseling by their physician. The client has been experiencing anxiety attacks and extreme mood swings. After three sessions, the LPCC begins to have difficulty discussing the client's issues because the LPCC's mother just died of cancer. Which of the following actions should the LPCC take to manage the ethical obligation in this case?

A. Discontinue treatment and refer the client to another LPCC
B. **Seek consultation with a colleague or other professional**
C. Continue treatment while managing countertransference issues
D. Use self-disclosure to establish an empathic bond with the client

Sample Question 3

A client who had been treated for several years by an LPCC dies. Three years later, the client's spouse contacts the LPCC and requests a copy of the client's records. Which of the following actions should the LPCC take to address the legal obligation in this case?

A. **The LPCC must not release a copy of the client's records; client confidentiality continues after death**
B. The LPCC can release a copy of the records in summary form, omitting damaging statements
C. The LPCC must release the a copy of the records to the spouse if the client was legally married to the spouse at the time of death
D. The LPCC can release a copy of the records after the client's death if an evaluation shows that no harm could result to the remaining family members