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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

California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists: Code of Ethics
https://www.camft.org/Portals/0/PDFs/CAMFT_Code_of_Ethics.pdf

LMFT LAW AND ETHICS EXAM SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Correct answers are in bold text.

Sample Question 1

A 75-year-old client has been in therapy for the past 3 years. After an emotional session, the client offers their expensive diamond bracelet to the therapist and states that they want the therapist to have it. The client states that they do not have any children and they want the bracelet to go to someone who will appreciate it. Which of the following actions should the therapist take to manage the ethical obligation in this case?

A. Process the client's feelings about the session and accept the gift
B. Document that objectivity will not be compromised and accept the gift
C. Explain that it is unethical to accept gifts from clients and decline the gift
D. **Discuss with the client how the therapeutic relationship could be impacted and decline the gift**

Sample Question 2

A therapist is discontinuing their private practice. The therapist has referred current clients to other therapists, and has given the clients' records to those therapists. The therapist disposes of all former clients' records that are 7 years or older by placing them into a dumpster located behind the practice. Which of the following statements describes the therapist's actions in this case?

A. The therapist acted legally because they no longer maintain a therapy practice
B. The therapist acted legally because the records were past the legal retention time limit
C. The therapist acted illegally because they did not arrange for a records custodian
D. **The therapist acted illegally because records must be disposed of in a timely manner that protects client confidentiality**

Sample Question 3

A 22-year-old client initiates therapy after their previous therapist terminated treatment. The client states that they engaged in a consensual sexual interaction with their previous therapist. The previous therapist then terminated treatment, telling the client that the interaction compromised the therapeutic relationship. Which of the following actions should the current therapist take to manage the legal obligation in this case?

A. Contact the former therapist and offer professional consultation
B. Report the former therapist to the licensing board and file a complaint about unprofessional conduct
C. **Provide the client with the booklet Therapy Never Includes Sexual Behavior and discuss the contents**
D. Discuss with the client the importance of boundaries and recommend that they press charges against their former therapist