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FROM THE EDITOR

The purpose of any academic journal on the state level is, in my opinion, twofold; to add to the body of knowledge of the profession, and to offer useful, relevant, and practical information to the membership of the state association. Due to the miracle of modern technology and the foresight of the leadership of the Michigan Counseling Association, our journal is also available beyond our borders through an agreement with EBSCO, an electronic journal database. We can say with some amount of pride that our journal is available to the entire profession through our publisher. In this way, our small association is adding to the body of knowledge of the mental health profession. It is our hope and goal that we produce a quality product that is worthy of such distribution.

This edition contains three articles that offer information for school counselors, college counselors, and those professionals who work in the community providing group therapy. Each of the articles went through numerous reviews and revisions to insure the information offered was accurate, relevant, and practical. The first article seeks to offer insight on adolescent sexual behavior and its correlation to parental views of premarital sex. This is important information given the impact of teen pregnancy on the future educational and life goals of the children involved. Bryant & Nicolas, authors of our second article, review the results of their study on differences between first-generation college students and continuing-generation college students as it relates to college exploration, application, and decision-making. Finally, Hollenbaugh reviews the treatment compliance literature in group therapy and offers insights into raising compliance and improving interventions.

As always, I am indebted to my editorial review board for their willingness to read, reread, and offer direction to our authors to insure our membership and profession receives a quality journal. And finally, my thanks to the unsung hero of the journal, Christina Barbara, my editorial assistant who reads, corrects, and formats the journal for production.