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On behalf of the Directors and staff of the Connecticut Certification Board, I wish to express appreciation to the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, notably Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section Chief Christian D. Andresen, for addressing the scope of practice issue for Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors in our state. Although the work of DPH regarding licensure has no direct relationship with our agency (other than the use of the IC&RC examination, administered through the CCB), we both are charged with protecting the public through our separate credentialing processes. We are pleased that DPH responded to this, and to the needs of those served, so swiftly.

The CCB has been a national leader in ensuring that our professionals demonstrate the competencies needed to work with individuals who have co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders. We were one of the first states to offer the reciprocal Certified Co-Occurring Disorders Professional credential, developed by subject matter experts and using an independently tested valid and reliable examination. In meeting the needs of the field, the IC&RC has recently eliminated the separate CCDP credential, choosing to strengthen the Alcohol and Drug Counselor (our Certified Addictions Counselor) credential by ensuring that both the standards and the examination verify the very same co-occurring competencies. I am proud to have been a part of that decision making and development process at the international level. We invite all those holding a Connecticut LADC to verify your competency in co-occurring disorders by obtaining our legally-defensible CAC credential.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Quamme