

CCB Board of Directors Meeting

Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2022

Mission: “cultivating and maintaining the highest standards of professional practice within the recovery field”

Present: Christina Cipriani, Teodoro Anderson Diaz, Nicole Hampton, Andrew Kesler, Jennifer Kolakowski, Art Mongillo, Steve Randazzo, Amy Sedgwick

Not Present: Tenesha Grant, Jennifer Valva, Ebony Wilson

Staff Present: Jeffrey Quamme, Scott Schaefer

I. **Call to Order: Board meeting called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Amy Sedgwick**

II. **Approval of Minutes from July 2022**

MOTION: To approve the July 2022 meeting minutes

Motioned by: Teodoro Anderson Diaz

Motion Seconded by Steve Randazzo

Outcome: Approved Abstentions: 0 Voting Record: 7

III. **Credentialing Reports – *written reports attached***

IV. **ED Report - *No motions, 1 agenda item and no action items submitted - written report attached***

Discussion:

1. Interested Board members should reach out to Jeff for his Global Exchange Conference registration valued at \$800

V. **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee – No motions, 1 agenda item and no action items submitted

Discussion:

1. Think about starting conversation with CAAP regarding CAC billing opportunities related to the 1151 waiver

Finance Committee – No motions, no agenda items and no action items submitted – refer to ED report

Ethics Committee – No motions, 3 agenda items and no action item submitted

Discussion:

1. The individual is complying with sanctions
2. We would like to see more activity from this committee
3. **Possible partnership with Haven for ethics trainings?**

Programs and Services Committee – No motions, 1 agenda item and no action item submitted

Discussion:

1. The CCB Needs survey will be included in the next edition of The Hub's newsletter, and survey results will be mined to determine revenue opportunities for the CCB

VI. Federal Policy Liaison Report – Andrew Kessler's written report attached

VII. Old Business

1. What are the podcast sponsorship fees?
2. The CCB continue to work with Counselor magazine, and the next issue will include an article by the CCB

VIII. New Business

1. Exam prep course and hopes to offer it quarterly
2. Support of overdose prevention centers since the Public Health Committee will be introducing legislation to approve them
 - a. Harm reduction, and they save lives
 - b. Jeffrey and Jennifer Kolakowski will be visiting a center in November
 - c. The CCB will not publicly support the centers

MOTION: To adjourn the September 2022 Board Meeting

Motioned by: Jeffrey Quamme on behalf of Amy Sedgwick

Motion Seconded by Teodoro Anderson Diaz

Outcome: Approved

Abstentions: 0

Voting Record: 7

Meeting Adjourned: 11:58 a.m. by Jeffrey Quamme on behalf of Amy Sedgwick

Board minutes taken by Scott Schaefer

CCB Monthly Report

August 2022 – Fiscal Year 2023

As of August 2022, the CCB maintains 837 active certifications in the following areas:

Addiction Counseling	554
Counselor in Training	31
Clinical Supervision	35
Co-Occurring Disorders	60
Criminal Justice	12
Gambling	27
MATS	39
Prevention	44
Recovery Coach	35
Total	837



As of August 2021, the CCB maintained 877 active certifications in the following areas:

Addiction Counseling	570
Counselor in Training	30
Clinical Supervision	37
Co-Occurring Disorders	70
Criminal Justice	15
Gambling	28
MATS	46
Prevention	45
Recovery Coach	36
Total	877



Compared with August 2021, there was a decrease of 40, which represents a 4.6% decrease in the number of certifications

Non-Reciprocal Professionals:	
CAC	8
Co-Occurring Disorders	5
Total	13

Current Certifications with the CCB

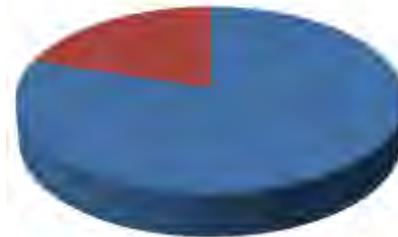
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Total	837	135	406	8	35	1	16	34	12	44	34	31	1/3	39	10		23	5
Reinstatements																		
Females	569	96	254	4	22		12	27	9	41	21	19	3	32	6		20	3
Males	268	39	152	4	13	1	4	7	3	3	13	12	1	7	4		3	2
African American	127	22	68		5		2	3	3	1	7	7		6	1		2	
American Indian	3	1						1						1				
Asian	6	1	4							1								
Caucasian	626	100	291	8	29	1	14	25	8	41	26	21	4	24	9		20	5
Hispanic	64	9	37		1			4			1	3		8			1	
Other	11	2	6					1	1	1								

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A total of 5 certifications were issued by the CCB this month in the following areas:

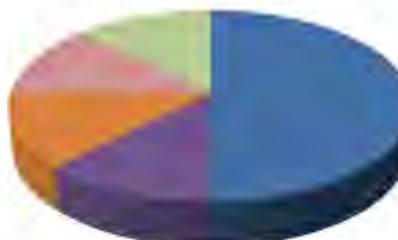
Addiction Counseling	4
Counselor in Training	1
Clinical Supervision	0
Co-Occurring Disorders	0
Criminal Justice	0
Gambling	0
MATS	0
Prevention	0
Recovery Coach	0
Total	5



- Addiction Counseling
- Counselor in Training
- Clinical Supervision
- Co-Occurring Disorders
- Criminal Justice
- Gambling
- MATS
- Prevention
- Recovery Coach

8 certifications expired this month in the following areas:

Addiction Counseling	4
Counselor in Training	0
Clinical Supervision	0
Co-Occurring Disorders	1
Criminal Justice	0
Gambling	1
MATS	0
Prevention	1
Recovery Coach	1
Total	8



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- Counselor in Training
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- Gambling
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- Recovery Coach

8 certifications lapsed this month in the following areas:

Addiction Counseling	6
Counselor in Training	0
Clinical Supervision	0
Co-Occurring Disorders	0
Criminal Justice	0
Gambling	0
MATS	2
Prevention	0
Recovery Coach	0
Total	8



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<i>Addiction Counseling</i>	
CIT	Counselor In Training
AADC	Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor
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SCSA	Specialty Certificate in Substance Abuse
MATS	Medication Assisted Treatment Specialist
<i>Clinical Supervision</i>	
CCS	Certified Clinical Supervisor
SCCS	Non-Certified Clinical Supervisor
<i>Co-Occurring Disorders</i>	
SCCD	Specialty Certificate in Co-Occurring Disorders
CCDP	Certified Co-Occurring Disorders Professional
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<i>Criminal Justice</i>	
CCJP	Certified Criminal Justice Professional
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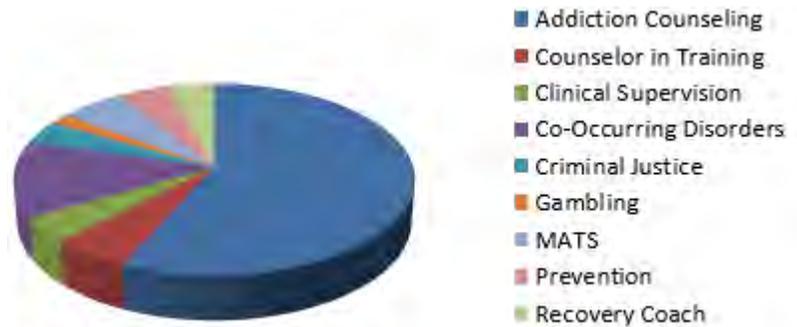
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Clinical Supervision	37
Co-Occurring Disorders	68
Criminal Justice	15
Gambling	28
MATS	46
Prevention	46
Recovery Coach	38
Total	880



Compared with September 2021, there was a decrease of 35, which represents a 4.0% decrease in the number of certifications

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CAC	9
Co-Occurring Disorders	5
Total	14

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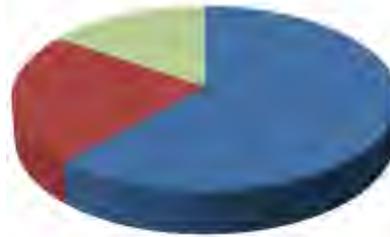
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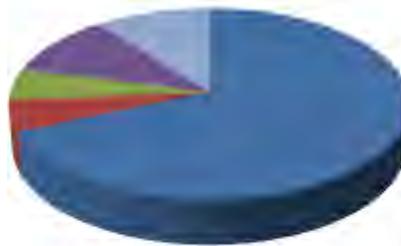
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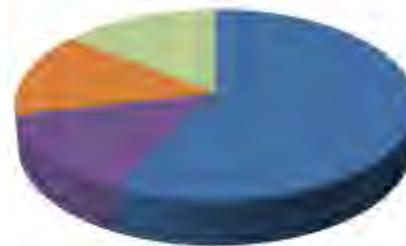
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7 certifications lapsed this month in the following areas:

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Clinical Supervision	0
Co-Occurring Disorders	1
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Gambling	1
MATS	0
Prevention	0
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Total	7



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 8, 2022

Directors,

There has been some movement in our financial situation that points to brighter days ahead, hopefully in the very near future, for despite all the delays and misinformation provided to us from specific members of the DMHAS community, both the 3 year PSA (\$32,625 quarterly for 36 months) and the Peer Certification contract (\$79,000 total for one year with \$51,000 due upon execution) have been signed and returned to the Department for continued processing, including Attorney General approval. The 3-year PSA is of greater importance overall, so I encourage you all to reach out to DMHAS leadership to request that they prioritize this in conversation with the Attorney General's Office.

We also have a great need to fill the position of Treasurer for the remainder of the term (through 6/30/2023). In our final meeting of FY 2023, we will elect a new treasurer. The individual who accepts the role to finish this FY will be eligible to run. I will work closely with this individual on identifying and developing ways to reduce expenses and increase income.

The CCB, although recognized nationally for our areas of expertise, continues to be a second thought, (often) at best, here in our home state. We must all work harder to increase our visibility in Connecticut, as well as providing services needed to our stakeholders. To that end, the P&S committee has been working on a survey to gather this information. Additionally, I propose that we move forward with something that has been talked about on and off for a few years: presentation of White Papers to take a position or provide information on, things important to the workforce and the field. At the time of this writing, I have prepared an outline for the Executive Committee to express the CCB's support for the establishment of Overdose Prevention Sites (OPCs) here in Connecticut. Although controversial, there is an evidence base for their effectiveness in western Canada (specifically Vancouver) and the data from the nation's first OPCs in New York City are encouraging. Both VP Jennifer Kolakowski and myself are working on a visit to the NYC sites to see them first hand, learn about their operation, and speak with those they serve. More information on OPCs is available at our podcast website, <https://www.podbean.com/ew/pb-ahg9g-128823a>.

While on the subject of the podcast, please encourage your employees and staff to listen – there is no cost, and increased listenership means increased opportunity to gain sponsorship funds. Significant time and effort go into the planning, preparation and interviewing individuals on subjects generally not common knowledge to our workforce,

making it a unique learning opportunity. I have added the list of our podcasts to date, all available on demand, again at no cost. Please forward through your networks.

I have asked our contracted Federal Policy Liaison, Andrew Kessler, JD, to join the meeting for 15 minutes or so to give us an update on what is happening policy wise in Washington, DC. It is important to know how he has represented us and what we have been involved in.

A special thanks to Teodoro Anderson-Diaz for his personal financial contribution to the CCB. I am incredibly grateful.

As always, thank you for serving.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JPO" with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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Andrew Kessler, Principal

First and foremost, we advocate for programs that directly benefit the state of Connecticut, which results in funding for programs within the state. This requires a knowledge and utilization of the appropriations process. Our chief ally in this pursuit is the office of Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, who represents the New Haven area, and is also chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee (as well as its subcommittee on Health, which is responsible for funding agencies such as SAMHSA and CDC.) Connecticut has received \$19.1 million in SAPT block grant funding so far this fiscal year. Another grant that goes to states is the State Opioid Response Grant. This grant is far more flexible than the block grant and allows the state to invest in areas they deem a priority. Last year, Connecticut invested in the following:

- Five Regional Behavioral Health Action Organizations (RBHAO's) conducted naloxone training and distribution, and suicide screenings at events. As of September 2020, 2,766 persons were trained, and 3,014 kits were distributed.
- Fourteen outpatient clinics throughout Connecticut are funded to increase MAT availability throughout the State. Six of the clinics provide enhanced MAT services that include recovery coaching and employment support.
- In partnership with the Department of Corrections, Connecticut expanded the availability of MAT (including induction and maintenance) in nine facilities. Sixty-six new inmates have received services from these facilities.

We have also taken a lead role in supporting legislation that impacts the entire nation. Senator Murphy's office is heavily involved in the reform and improvement of mental health and SUD services and has introduced legislation to this effect. CCB was one of only two statewide organizations that is listed as an original endorsing organization. We also responded to Senator Murphy's solicitation for feedback earlier this year, citing the importance of a highly trained and competent SUD workforce, as well as the need to expand MAT services. As a result of this input, Senator Murphy highlighted the need for reauthorizing HRSA's Mental and Behavioral Health Education and Training Grants to increase the supply of behavioral health professionals with a special focus on helping children, adolescents and youth at risk for behavioral health conditions. We also worked with Senator Blumenthal's office to offer our support for the Veteran Peer Services Act.

Going beyond Connecticut, we also sought to exert influence with lawmakers who are champions for our cause. Rep. Abigail Spanberger's bipartisan Summer Barrow Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Act authorizes more than \$900 million in funding through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) to support American communities' fight against the substance use disorder epidemic. Specifically, the bill would reauthorize several substance use disorder programs. These authorizations include key programs focused on overdose prevention, first responder training, co-prescribing programs, pregnant and postpartum women substance use disorder treatment, and alternatives to opioids in emergency rooms. Only two statewide organizations outside Virginia endorsed the bill, with CCB being one

of them. We also were able to have our Executive Director, Jeffrey Quamme, quoted in the Spanberger press release. “The opioid epidemic- and the scourge of overdoses that accompany it- has gone on for far too long. It is a public health crisis in need of immediate action, and we must fund these actions accordingly. Rep. Spanberger’s effort to increase funding for these essential programs at SAMHSA is welcome by all regions of the country, and we endorse this legislation in hopes that it will bring long-awaited services and a highly skilled workforce to every state and every community.” (https://spanberger.house.gov/posts/wide-coalition-of-virginia-nationwide-organizations-endorses-spanbergers-major-bipartisan-bill-to-reauthorize-critical-substance-use-disorder-programs-as-overdose-rates-hit-record-levels?fbclid=IwAR0hL6jPtOuEZVY9NEPIeCXoHAW1o7ZJSCb_CqbCwmCK-KA0wGX_Hq4jDXY)



**Treasurer’s Report
September 8, 2022**

As of the end of August, the actual income and expenses are reflected in the following tables:

Budget Category	Income	Expenses
General and Administrative	\$5107.00	\$37,267.00
Credentialing	\$14,290.00	\$0.00
Testing	\$5,655.00	\$0.00
Training	\$5,300.00	\$0.00
Podcast	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals	\$30,352.00	\$37,267.00

Net income/loss	\$6915.00
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To date, we have not received invoices from IC&RC for tests given to date or fees associated with credentialing, with those expected soon. Most notably, we have not received DMHAS funding related to our yet-to-be-executed contracts for both the Peer Credential Development project (currently owed \$51,000 upon execution) and our 3-year Personal Services Agreement valued at \$130,500 annually for FYs 2023-2025. That was due to be executed on July 1 and we are currently owed \$32,625, which will double on October 1 if not received by that date.

These delays are not related to efforts of the CCB: the amount for the Peer Credentialing project was approved by then Commissioner Dr. Miriam Delphin-Rittmon in May of 2021. Although told otherwise by the acting Director of the Office of Recovery Community Affairs at the beginning of FY 2022, the contract was not written or submitted until March of 2022, but no action was taken and it was resubmitted on 9/2/2022. Additionally, we received notice from the new Director at the Office of Workforce Development that our contract was submitted on 6/14. Unfortunately, that did not prove to be the case, as we received it for signature and resubmitted on 9/2. There are no identified dates for either when they will be approved by the Attorney General’s office and executed. Until that date comes, our financial circumstances are dire.

We also need a volunteer to step into the role of Treasurer for the Board. This individual will work with the Executive Director to develop specific objectives and tasks that can help increase income and reduce expenses as well as impel members to take action that supports everyone’s fiduciary responsibility to the organization. The job description from the Bylaws of the Corporation are on the following page.

Job Description: Treasurer (from the Bylaws of the Corporation, amended and approve July 14, 2022)

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to oversee the keeping the cash, funds, securities, and notes belonging to the Corporation, ensure regular entry in books kept for that purpose all monies received and disbursed on account of the Corporation (and shall take proper vouchers for such disbursements), which books shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the directors of the Corporation. The Treasurer is authorized to sign all receipts, vouchers and checks of the Corporation.

Submitted in lieu of a treasurer,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Quamme', written in a cursive style.

Jeffrey Quamme, MS, AADC, CCS, CNE, CNC
Executive Director