

CCB meeting 1/9/2024

Program and Services

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Items to present:

1- The Prevention Training and Technical Assistance Service Center (TTASC)

Narrative: Jeff has begun conversations about increasing CPS numbers and bringing back an older credential called the APP (non-reciprocal, similar to the CIT for Addiction Counseling) with funding up to \$20K. The initial payment will be \$5k to cover the administrative costs of setting up. They are not seeking any discounts based upon those they refer, the Registry, application, and exam will be paid in full for any professional they refer. **Previously, expected start date for credentialing is 1/1/25, admins work and initial payment before that.**

a. Key points:

- i. reactivating a credential application that has already been created and becomes part of our normal credential review process
- ii. Identity will be verified by the submission of a government issued ID with photo as part of the registry, as well as via any factors to authenticate electronically. The notary seal and signature can be burdensome to many, and any use of false identity is an issue for the Ethics committee to resolve
- iii. There is a need for electronic submissions to ensure efficacy and faster response to candidates.

2. Applications

Narrative: To create a SINGLE, SIMPLIFIED application for all credentials, with an accompanying booklet that outlines the process, the standards and codes of ethics for each. **Goal for this is 6/30/25.**

a. Key Points:

- I. If anything happened to the physical space (fire, etc) and paper files were lost, that puts a burden on the staff and applicants to have them redone. Electronics files would be kept in the cloud.
- II. Scott provided an update about the electronic submission that CCB is able to take out references, apply a e-book per credential, and an assistant w/ checkbox in replace of a notary.
- III. ICRC versus CCB standards for simplified application – The IC&RC requires that specific information is made available on application materials. They do not specify that it needs to be on the actual forms, so it could be in the handbook. They also do routine QA checks on application materials for boards to ensure compliance.

3. Outreach:

Narrative: P&S will look at opportunities for **1)** funding / grants that support individuals pay for training/certifications and **2)** increasing awareness of CCB certifications and training opportunities.

- a. Key points:
- I. On 1/6/2025, P&S contacted Giovanna Mozzo, LMSW <gmozzo@catalystct.org> to inquire more about The Recovery Works-WIOA grant through The WorkPlace/Recovery Works. Jacqueline M. Calayag, MSJ, RCP <jcalayag@catalystct.org> was CC on the email to F.U with CCB. Her return date back to office is 1/10/2025.
 - II. On 1/9/2025, P&S contacted stacy@ccar.us and lila@ccar.us reached out on behalf of the Connecticut Certification Board (CCB), seeking to have a conversation about an opportunity to be a part of your training academy agenda to introduce CCB certifications and further opportunities for professional development . This would be an amazing collaboration opportunity for CCB and CCAR as we work together to advance the professional development and growth of upcoming professionals in the field of addiction services.
 - III. On 1/9/2024, P&S contacted Advocacy unlimited . **Same as above.**

4. Certifications- deferred for now.

Credentials for CCB – total 16

ICRC- 8

- Advanced alcohol and drug counselor
- CAC- once approved can go for criminal justice
- Clinicals supervision
- Cooccurring diplomat
- CPRS
- Criminal justice professional (only renew)

Note: This will be an ongoing discussion while looking at several factors (financial, demand, political issues)

5. Announce the presenters for our conference

Keynote: Dr. Geri-Lynn Utter

Plenary: Dr. Victoria Sanders

Closing Session: Pete Rubinas, ED, SMART Recovery USA

Breakouts:

- Angela Alston: Resilience in the Ranks: Managing Stress for Addiction Professionals
- Dr. Fred Dombrowski: Working with Veterans Living with Substance Use Disorders
- Dr. Samia Hussein: Working with Muslim Clients
- Mark Lefebvre: Building Recovery Ready Communities
- Michael Serrano: Understanding the Ethical Guidelines for Recovery Coaches
- Charlotte Stanley: Forensic Mental Health and Co-Occurring Disorders

