

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Certified Peer Specialist Advisory Committee		Attending: Members: Michelle Uetz, Eric Seubert, Robert Kaminski, Oleka Parker, Hugh Davis, Randall Brown, Renee Sommer, Amy Yonker, Tanya Kraege, April Luderus, Morgan Potter, Ellie Jarvie, Shelley DeSmith, Kimberlee Coronado, Christine Ullstrup, Todd Campbell, Christopher Zahn
Date: 12/8/2023	Time Started: 12:36 pm	Time Ended: 1:48 pm
Location: https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/peer-specialist/1602312127		State and Contract Staff: Kenya Bright, Margueirt Galindo, Gaochi Vang, Tiffany Nielson, Teresa Steinmetz, Lynn Maday
Presiding Officer: Michelle Uetz		

Minutes

Call to order: Michelle Uetz Co-Chair: called the meeting to order at 12:36 pm.

Zoom Logistics

Michelle U. discussed Zoom logistics, including renaming to include member or DHS status.. Members of the public are welcome to offer comments during public comment time or utilize chat. Otherwise, it is a place for observing, Participants were reminded to remain muted unless speaking. Captions for this meeting are enabled for anyone needing that accessibility feature.

Welcome & Introductions

All members and state/contract staff introduced themselves.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Peer Values

Michelle shared about the value of personal and professional boundaries.

Public Comments

David Stanley, seeking connection with other peer specialists throughout the state and in local government to learn from and identify what others are experiencing in terms of successes, barriers, and challenges as he is developing his new role in a county capacity.

Review and approval of September 8, 2023 minutes

Christine Ullstrup made a motion to approve with Randall Brown seconded the motion. Committee votes to approve: Motion for minutes is approved.

Subcommittee report out on general activities and motions

Employment

Michelle U, co-chair, indicated that a meeting was not completed but working on a January date for the next meeting.

Governance

Ellie, co-chair, is looking for another co-chair. If you are interested on how things work and then governance is the place to be. An energetic bunch was able to make progress with the focus on Mission and Values.

Professional Development

Tiffany Nielson, lead staff for the subcommittee reported the group is working on a SWOT analysis to help identify how to make training and certification more equitable and what changes can be made. There is a request for a co-chair by Rob Kaminski.

Membership

Oleka Parker, co-chair reports a survey went out a couple of months ago, there have been 46 applications for membership and there are about 6 openings coming up, there is hope membership elections *will be made by March 2024.

DCTS Report

Teresa Steinmetz, Director of Bureau of Prevention, Treatment & Recovery

Teresa Steinmetz shares the updates in staffing. New Substance Use Services Section Supervisor is Dan Bijack and Jason Crams CYF Supervisory position has been filled with Shaina Martindale. New unit supervisory roles have been created to support and oversee high level specific initiatives. Karen Bittner has filled the Unit Supervisor role in Children, Youth and Families section. There is recruitment for a Unit Supervisor who will over see all of the behavior health programming except crisis services and a Harm Reduction Unit Supervisor for the Prevention, Intervention and Recovery Section.

Kenya Bright, Integrated Services Section Supervisor, Bureau of Prevention, Treatment & Recovery

Kenya Bright, provides an update on the Administrative Rule, DHS 72 that comes from Act 122 to create a program to assist people with overdose and will allow Peer Recovery Coaches to provide services and Medicaid reimbursement. An advisory committee supported with the writing within several meetings with them and final touches are being completed to the writing of the rule. This will then go through the process of DHS and Medicaid, as it is a unique rule-overall, it will go through DHS leadership, Office of Legal Council and some additional public meetings will happen. There is a public comment portion and DCTS will keep the committee updated as those public meetings are being held so those who would like to participate can participate or provide comment via email. The hope is this will be complete by early 2025.

Additionally, Kenya reports on the WI DHS Transformation Transfer Initiatives or TTI, a program working to improve crisis care and suicide prevention for children, adolescents and their families by improving the capacity for the behavioral workforce and same day rapid access for individuals who need assistance and in part of what they are doing is embedding peer support and parent peer support into crisis systems. Request for Applications (RFA) for crisis systems that wish to have peer specialists embedded into the crisis response use – Contract should be from 8/24-8/25.

Last Kenya reported there is a huge survey out that those with lived experience are asked to complete as we transform the WI system of care for people experiencing mental health and substance use emergencies, the surveys help us understand how comfortable people with lived experience are about working in crisis services and how those who are currently working in crisis services are doing. The survey will close December 20, 2023.

CPPS Updates

Lynn Maday, Integrated Services Section Peer Coordinator

Lynn Maday reports the CPPS Exam questions are currently being updated to create a more accessible exam. The 2024 CPPS exam schedule is February 20, 2024, April 17, 2024, and September 11, 2024. We are in pilot mode for the CPPS Curriculum and as it changes, the CPPS Exam questions will be updated too. There is work is being presented with other agencies, sharing and developing the need for the CPPS Workforce and when people hear about what a CPPS does there is immediate interest in it, so there is a lot of conversation with DPI and other agencies about how we can work together to create a demand for CPPS'. There are 2 privately funded trainings and 4 state funded trainings coming up by September 30th, 2024.

Question regarding the number of trainings being enough for the year is presented by Todd Campbell – Lynn responds with insight regarding the measurement of demand and employment opportunities for CPPS once certified to balance supply and demand for CPPS. Additional insight is shared regarding outreach to a broader scope of individuals being met and Lynn shares there will be an attempt to utilize other listservs through community partners as well as sharing training information with the CPSAC members as a whole to disseminate information to their networks too.

Access to Independence - Wisconsin Peer Specialist Employment Initiative (WIPSEI) Report

Gaochi Vang, Peer Specialist Program Manager, provided a report on activities for this contract.

- Quarter 1 -we have four Training of Trainers this year, one complete so far.
- We have 1423 CPS and 55 CPPS, which will increase as we have several trainings going on each month.
- We have completed 0 DHS funded trainings so far, and 6 privately funded trainings and 8 privately funded trainings are scheduled
- 1 CPS ToT was completed
- Exams
 - All 2023-2024 contract year CPS/CPPS exams are scheduled. Check out the exams page on the WIPSEI website for more information: <https://www.wicps.org/exams/>
 - CPS exam on November 15th
 - 62/70 passed
 - Passing rate of 89%
- August 2024 CPS Recertification – 545 CPS are due to recertify on August 31, 2024
- Working on website to be more accessible. Changes are happening.
- Curriculum revisions are in process with DHS.
- Skill development trainings are now being offered along with communities of practice.
- Collaborating with EOTO for peer mentorship.

2024 CPSAC Schedule

Committee voted that we would follow the 2023 CPSAC meeting frequency

Agenda items for next meeting on March 8, 2024

Tanya – Ethics Board

Rob – Training opportunities for CPPS

Inviting Uplift to give an update – guest presentation

Membership Committee – Resource table at convention

Motion by Randall Brown seconded by Rob Kaminski to adjourn. Motion Carried
Meeting adjourned 1:48 pm

Prepared by: Marguerit Galindo on 2/27/24.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: