

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Certified Peer Specialist Advisory Committee		Attending: Members: Tanya Kraege, Randall Brown, Amy Yonker, April Luderus, Charline Hart Sheehan, Chris Bivins, David Stanley, Deanna Cobun, Ellie Jarvie, Hugh Davis, Kimberlee Coronado, Todd Campbell, Christopher Zahn
Date: 9/13/2024	Time Started: 12:43 pm	Time Ended: 3:21pm
Location: Join the meeting now		State and Contract Staff: Kenya Bright, Margueirt Galindo, Gaochi Vang, Acienda Yang, Kaeden Watsford, Stacy Teegardin, Amy Cottington, Jason Cram, Jennifer Loveland, Julie Nailpinski, Tiffaney Nielson, and Ginger Steele
		Presiding Officer: Tanya Kraege

### Minutes

**Call to Order:** Randall Brown calls the meeting to order at 12:43pm.

**Zoom Logistics:** Marguerit goes over the Teams logistics, when members are voting they use the Raise Hand function to vote yay and to vote no or abstain. Please remain muted while in the meeting and raise your electronic hand when you want to contribute to the meeting and when speaking, please state your name so everyone knows who is speaking. Closed captions are available for those who are interested in utilizing them.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Members and DHS Staff introduced themselves and public guests were asked to introduce themselves in the chat.

**Announcements:** Children Come First Conference is held on October 7-8, 2025 at Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells – Registration is open through September 23, 2024 and there are 10 CEU approved by NASW Wisconsin for this event.

The Center for Suicide Awareness is celebrating their Hopeline's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday on September 21, 2024 in Kaukauna, WI on Wisconsin Avenue – all are invited.

Mental Health Council is having a fall tour taking place on September 17-18, 2024, in Superior, WI. It is a public meeting where they will be visiting UW-Superior and all of the itinerary is based on Peer Services.

**Peer Values:** Randall Brown shared on the peer value of cultural diversity.

**Public comment (limited to three minutes per person):** No public comments were made.

**WIPSEI Community Networking Group and Q&A:** Goals of the group is to have CPS/CPPS who are employed or certified and looking for employment to gather with other CPS/CPPS to discuss and debrief hard situations and to share nationwide and statewide resources such as funding, job opportunities or CEU resources. A long-term goal is to have more specific groups such as CPS/CPPS working in integrated services, in peer run respite or supervisors of CPS/CPPS to eventually break off and begin their own Community Networking Groups where we can learn and grow together to develop our skills and provide greater support to our peers. The first Community Networking Group will be held virtually on October 15, 2024 at 3:00-4:30pm and held every third Tuesday of the month following this meeting. To register for this and following groups, click here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpde6trDluEtzeIqeQKm8EgV2XhfCT0DIn#/registration>

**Review and approval of June 14, 2024 minutes:** Todd Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes and Christopher Zahn seconded the motion – motion passed unanimously.

**Peer Voice – Educating systems on peer advocacy:**

Recap:

- a. Peers engaging more in community and having a meeting space to support those feeling alone and unsupported in their work environment or in rural communities because there are not many peers to connect with.
- b. How the peer role is being seen and respected among business partners, organizations, and institutions they work alongside.
- c. Parents gaining a voice to advocate for those they walk alongside of and being met with resistance by agencies and other community members.
- d. Discussion: The committee discussed all points of discussion and the result was:

Randall Brown, co-chair of the CPSAC assigned the Professional Development subcommittee with the researching solutions to fill the gap for an organization or a body of peers who can mediate when peers or agencies are having challenges with not meeting ethical standards or when agencies are having challenges with county contracts.

**Subcommittee Report Out:**

**Governance:** Charlie Heart Sheehan (co-chair) shares the subcommittee is waiting for the Membership Subcommittees edits to the By-laws and need to complete the organization of the By-laws document to complete the project. We are anticipating the By-laws will be complete for CPSAC approval in December 2024 meeting.

**Membership:** Kimberlee Coronado (co-chair) reports they meet the first Monday of every month to meet the ask of keeping the membership roster full. She encourages the committee members to commit to a subcommittee. They are filling six member seats, they reviewed past applicants and sent out emails to those who scored the highest and they are awaiting the response from those emails to fill the seats. They are also working on editing the By-laws in the membership area as well.

**Professional Development:** Todd Campbell reports the committee has been in transition with losing some members and new members joining. They have been seeking direction and being without a co-chair and with little members he invites members of the committee to join the Professional Development subcommittee. A meeting invite will be sent out to the entire committee for the next meeting.

**Employment:** Randall Brown (co-chair), reports the subcommittee is working on the Employer's Toolkit. He invites the members to the next meeting held on October 4, 2024 from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

**DCTS Update:** Ginger Steele, Administrator of the Division of Care and Treatment Services, shares that Teresa Steinmetz, the previous Director of the Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery role is vacant. Also, DCTS continues to receive feedback on how to enhance peer services and programming effort. As they continue to evaluate this feedback and are seeking to implement process improvements where these needs are identified. DCTS is doubling down on peer services efforts as these programs are effective and critical to our

behavioral health system. They will continue to evaluate the current contributions, hear feedback, adjust as necessary and repeat.

Jason Cram, Deputy Director of Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery reports they have heard from advocates regarding delivering peer services information and dispelling miscommunication. We are working on how to best disperse information and are addressing how to provide TA to providers – whether this means by broad brush to a larger group and for some it may mean a more unique TA approach for others. We really want to listen to the committee to improve services and provide transparent feedback on next steps and prioritizing the initiatives and strategies the committee identifies.

Then, Jason shared the general DCTS points of information were shared with links:

#### RULE MAKING

- [DHS Administrative Rules](#) webpage. There you will find information on current rulemaking initiatives including Crisis Hostels (DHS 33), DHS 75 changes, Recovery Coaches (DHS 72), and DHS 31 (CUCOF).
- Monday (9/16) will be the third Crisis Urgent Care and Observation Facility Advisory Committee. There will be 2 or 3 more advisory committees. These are open to the public and people can go to <https://publicmeetings.wi.gov/> and search for meetings. Meetings are posted about 8-10 days before the date of the meeting. There will be a public comment period for the rule in several months.

#### OPEN STAFF POSITIONS IN BPTR

- BPTR Director position update, the due date for applications was September 2nd. Division of Care and Treatment of which BPTR is a bureau of, is beginning the interview process next week. Second interviews will likely take place at the end of the month. A new BPTR Direction should be announced in October.
- Section Manager positions for the Children Youth and Family Section as well as the Performance Management section will be posted soon.
- All DHS career opportunities can be found by going to <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/job-ops/index.htm>

#### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- [DHS Current Grant Funding Opportunities](#) webpage. There you will find current grant funding opportunities for all DHS including several DCTS opportunities including:
  - Youth and Family Support and Education
  - Parent Peer Support in Youth and Family Crisis Continuum
  - Community Partnerships for Diversion from Youth Justice
  - Qualified Treatment Trainee
  - Urban Youth Primary Substance Use Prevention
  - Substance Use Disorder Treatment Platform
  - Mobile Narcotic Treatment Program.

- The State Opioid Response Notice of Award is anticipated later this month from SAMHSA. This SOR-4 grant from SAMHSA will replace the SOR-3 grant which expires at the end of September. This grant to DHS will result in additional grant opportunities for Tribal nations, counties, and non-profit providers.
- DCTS anticipates the release of two additional opportunities in the next 3-5 weeks. These opportunities are funded by the [National Prescription Opioid Settlement Funds](#) – these opportunities are “Tribal Nation Opioid Abatement Efforts” and “Room and Board”.

#### BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COUNCILS

- Link to DHS Boards, Committees, and Councils:  
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aboutdhs/councils.htm>

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 7, 2024:** [Rally for Recovery](#) (Madison)
- **September 19-20, 2024:** [Crisis Intervention Conference](#) (Wisconsin Dells/Virtual)
- **September 26-27, 2024:** [Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine Annual Conference](#) (Oshkosh)
- **October 7-8, 2024:** [Alcohol Policy Seminar](#) (Oshkosh)
- **October 7-8, 2024:** [Children Come First Conference](#) (Wisconsin Dells)
- **October 17-18, 2024:** [Mental Health and Substance Use Recovery Conference](#) (Wisconsin Dells/Virtual)
- **October 21-23, 2024:** [National Association of Social Workers - Wisconsin Chapter Annual Conference](#) (Milwaukee/Virtual)
- **October 29-30, 2024:** [Frontline Worker Mental Health & Wellness Symposium](#) (Green Bay)
- **November 6-8, 2024:** [Wisconsin School Counselor Association Annual Conference](#) (Wisconsin Dells)
- **November 8-9, 2024:** [Wisconsin Counseling Association Annual Conference](#) (Madison)
- **November 20-21, 2024:** [FOCUS Conference](#) (Green Bay)

#### GOV DELIVERY SIGNUP

- <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIDHS/subscriber/new?preferences=true>

**Access to Independence Contractor Report:** Please see the attached WIPSEI Report 9.13.2024

**Agenda items for next meeting:** Presenter for next meeting – David Stanley volunteered.

**Adjourn:** David Stanley motioned to adjourn and Chris Bivins seconded that motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 3:17 pm.

Prepared by: Marguerit Galindo on 11/18/2024.

They have been presented and approved by the governmental body on: 12/13/2024