

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Certified Peer Specialist Advisory Committee			Attending: Members:
Date: 6/9/2023	Time Started:	Time Ended:	State and Contract Staff: Holly Audley, Lars Brown, Jennifer Beer, Kenya Bright, Jason Cram, Janet Fleege, Ann Kelly-Kuehmichel, Lynn Maday, Chelsey Myhre Foster, Tiffany Nielsen, Jennifer Roberts, Joannette Robertson, Gynger Steele, Teresa Steinmetz, Stacey Teegardin, Gaochi Vang, Acienda Yang, Marguerit Galindo
Location: https://dhs.wi.zoomgov.com/j/1603140601			Guests: Tim Saubers
			Presiding Officer: Michelle Uetz
Minutes			

Call to order: Michelle Uetz Co-Chair: called the meeting to order at 12:32 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.

Peer Values- Peer process of selecting new members

Michelle U. welcomed all the new members and shared about remaining peer in this space to share their ideas, ask questions. Randall B. shared that he appreciates the diversity of this meeting and celebrating the diversity and learning from each other with an open mind. Lynn M shared that this is a safe space to share for those with lived experience and make this your meeting. Sara E. asked if you can identify yourself before you speak.

Introductions

All members and state/contract staff introduced themselves.

Announcements

ILR-Peer Recovery Conference will be April 2024, call for proposals will be out soon. [Wisconsin Peer Recovery Conference - Continuing Education and Outreach | UWSP](#)

Call for Presenters for Children Come First: [Children Come First Conference - Wisconsin Family Ties | Nov 6-7, 2023 - Kalahari Resort • Wisconsin Dells \(wifamilyties.org\)](#)

Harm Reduction Conference-June 28-29, 2023

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aoda/prevention-conference.htm>

Peer Center Recovery of Excellence [Peer Recovery Center of Excellence | SAMHSA](#)

DCTS Report

Jason Cram, Joannette Robertson and Kenya Bright shared the updates in staffing. New peer staff is Katie Sparks and Marguerit Galindo.

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

Update on Act 122 we are working on an administrative rule meeting with an advisory committee. Rule making process takes about two years. There will be a public comment period available.

New ARPA program to fund and coordinating with the Bureau of Forensics to have peer specialists available for those justice involved. Two year pilot program.

Jason Cram, Youth and Family Section Supervisor, Bureau of Prevention, Treatment & Recovery

UW Green Bay and DHS will create an advisory committee with representation from counties, DHS, UWGB, people with lived experience. Looking to recruit individuals with lived experience as part of the crisis system. Identify core competencies and curriculum for the crisis project.

Holly Audley, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Prevention, Treatment & Recovery

Budget proposal updates-expansion of the OARS services through the State. Correction officers added to the DHS staffing to provide training for rehabilitation.

Public Comment

Tim Saubers- shared and commented about SAMHSA about their National Model Standards. Lived experience and DEI that we should take a look at as the State of Wisconsin.

[National Model Standards for Peer Support Certification \(samhsa.gov\)](https://www.samhsa.gov)

Review of March Minutes- Todd made a motion to approved with Rob seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Approval of New Members- Kenya B. shared the process of having 28 seats and 18 turned over. Lynn shared about the orientation on May 31, 2023.

Motion to approve the new members made by Rob K. Second by Todd C. Motion carried.

Youth Peer Support Presentation- Jason Cram, Youth and Family Section Supervisor, Bureau of Prevention, Treatment & Recovery

Workgroup met several times through the year about what it would be to have a Youth Peer Specialist certification. The certification would allow for Medicaid reimbursement and opportunities for others to receive services. The workgroup recommended the age be younger than 18. Youth topics recommended; identity building, homelessness, violence prevention, trauma informed care, social media and safety, ageism, and others. This is not the final opportunity, and this will be added to future agendas to advise DHS on the process. There was research to other states(Georgia, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Texas), but recognize that others look to Wisconsin for their curriculum development.

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 3 -we have four Training of Trainers this year, one complete so far.
- We have 1253 CPS and 55 CPPS, which will increase as we have several trainings going on each month.
- We have completed 5 DHS funded trainings so far, and 12 privately funded trainings.
- Reviewing applications for future TOT's. Doing 2 TOT's for the DOC.
- CPPS training will be in September.
- Exams- four CPS exams and two CPPS. Passing rate is an average of 80% and if people register and don't show up that is an automatic zero, which effects the average.
- August 31, 2023 is the latest date to recertify for CPS if your certification expires. This date is for all of 2023 recertification.

- 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.

Question about funding for those that can be recertified and don't have the funds to do that.

Subcommittee report out on general activities and motions

Employment

Michelle U, co-chair, indicated that during the last meeting there was discussion about Medicaid. It was an informational meeting and no voting was done. The question was if we can bill Medicaid direct instead of going through CCS.

Discussion about the limitations including supervision. Crisis intervention services for peers are available through CCS.

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. Jason-working on the charter and converting to by-laws for the CPSAC.

Professional Development

Sara, co-chair met and had quorum. Working on meeting every other month. Working on the strengths and challenges for the professional development. National Standards will be reviewed and discussion around those as well for our next meeting. Looking for new members.

Membership

Lynn-membership committee had challenges with the review of applicants, interviews, and scoring with the rubric.

Kenya shared that the committee can discuss orientation and work on other aspects with new members.

Agenda items for next meeting on September 8, 2023

Rob- CPPS TOT Update

Randall- Bob's Rules (simplified), Jason offered an exercise

Acronyms

SAMHSA National Standards

Michelle- vote for a cochair

Motion by Rob seconded by Aleka to adjourn. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned 2:21pm

Prepared by: Lynn Maday on 6/8/2023.

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