

PREVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY 9, 2009

Craig Comedy's Office

Members Present: Tracy Mason
Mary Haag
Craig Comedy
Bob Field

Conference: Doug Wentz

Others Present: Marilyn Maciejewski

Craig called the meeting to order. The minutes from May 14th Committee meeting were approved.

Bob reported that after the May meeting he met with Craig and Mary to discuss the direction the committee should take. It was decided that the committee's priority should be to focus on the re-alignment of the credential, to promote the certification and to maintain professional quality.

Mary had taken the proposal for the Practitioner's Level to ADAPAO for their feed back. Their reaction was not to pursue the Practitioner's Level, establish those requirements for the current RA, change the name of the RA and eliminate the exam for the OCPS levels. They felt there are currently too many levels.

They recommended a new name for the RA: Ohio Prevention Assistant, OPA. Committee later changed name to Ohio Registered Prevention Assistant, **ORPA**

Bob reviewed the Prevention certification requirement comparative matrix for realignment:

ORPA – Ohio Registered Prevention Assistant

A two year renewable level provided:

Have completed 20 hours prevention related education, reduced from 40 hours.

Complete 100 hours of supervised compensated or volunteer work experience.

The ORPA would be a renewable level, one that you could remain at and no longer have to advance and test. It can be the entry level or career path for the higher specialist level.

OCPS I and OCPS II to OCPS: Streamline into one certification, requiring:

- Minimum of an Associates Degree or higher in a specified field of study. The degree is not identified or named in statute, but specified in Rule.
- Reduce the education hours to 100 hours from 180 hours. 100 hours will meet IC&RC standards.
- Reduce work experience to 2,000 hours (1 yr.) compensated or volunteered.
- Pass written CPS exam
- 40 hours to renew.

IC&RC has voted to pursue a Supervisor Certification designed for advanced prevention specialists, and the exam for this level will ready by early 2010. Rather than establishing a new certificate, the Board will develop it as an endorsement. Bob expects the requirements will match the OCPS requirements with additional specific supervision education hours and work experience.

OCPS with SUPERVISION ENDORSEMENT-OCPS-E

- A Bachelor's degree or higher in the field of study defined in rule.
- 4,000 (2 yrs.) compensated work experience that will include 2,000 hrs (1yr.) in supervision.
- 100 hours of prevention related education. Possibly an additional amount specific to supervision. Example: 100 hrs. plus 80 supervision specific hours.
- Pass the CPS exam.
- Pass the CPS Supervisor written exam.
- 40 hours to renew.

Possibly transitioning long-time OCPS's to the supervisor endorsement OCSP-E, or Grandparenting to that level.

Timeline: Bob hopes to have a sponsor by September. He plans to have the official draft of the legislative language that will incorporate the Prevention proposals along with the proposed Treatment changes ready by September. Then circulate for feed back.

- The Board is anxious to move forward.
- Hopes to have draft ready to be introduced to legislature in 12-18 months.

Doug questioned the age requirement for our credential. ODADAS' Standards shows requirement of 18 years with H.S. or G.E.D. Bob will check our statutory language on age requirements.

Bob to consult with our legal counsel on the “Sunshine Clause”. Clarification is needed for those who may or may not be permitted to attend meetings by conference call or are required to meet face to face.

Craig hopes to have new Committee members by the September meeting.
Bob mentioned the number of meetings in the future may be reduced due to budget cuts.

Next meeting will be September 10, 2009.

Meeting adjourned.

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