



Ohio

**Chemical Dependency
Professionals Board**

Prevention Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 20, 2021/ 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm - location: Prevention Action Alliance

Minutes

Present: Georden Burton (CHAIR), Barbara Adams Marin, Phil Atkins, Derek Longmeier (departed at 1:55 pm) , Alysia Longmire, Bobby Persinger, Mary Wolff, Jim Ryan (12:55pm), Kevin Rigby (1:10pm)

Staff: Jill Smock, Executive Director, Kris Quinn

Absent: Molly Stone. James Trevino, Trisha Farrar

1. Welcome at 12:35 by Committee Chair

- a. Roll call
- b. Review and Approval of last meeting Minutes. Motion to approve minutes, Bobby first, Derek second. Approved by consensus

2. Announcements for the Field

Mary announced that the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation was awarded a Center of Excellence grant to build a network of Suicide Prevention coalitions across the state.

Jill shared updates from OHMAS through a email from Molly. Rule drafts should be coming in 2 weeks tentatively- Committee members should review and share comments during the Comment period if needed before they go forward into final rule.

Ohio Prevention Conference- planning is underway; still working on final dates but the plan as of now is to have both virtual and in person components.

3. Directors Update

Jill reported that a large group was present at the recent SPCA meeting to hear information re: the prevention credential process. She thanked OCAM and Jim for being there and answering questions. Jill reported that the RA Professional Development (PDP) plans are starting to be reviewed more carefully than in the past, and reviewers are looking for specific information about how applicants plan to meet the education/work experience requirements moving through the prevention certification process. This is to “prevent” those who may be misguided on the prevention services and education that can count toward certification. OCAM is offered for further assistance in completing RA PDP plans. RA applications may be approved but asked to re-submit a new PDP.

Jill reported she is continuing to work on the online supervision report and is trying to sort out confusion with language used interchangeably (i.e., domains and core functions) on the online supervision reports.

Jill thanked Jim, Molly, Alysia and Derek for providing training to the OCDP staff on prevention education content areas.

4. IC&RC Prevention Committee Representative- J.Smock

IC&RC will send out a survey for input- please share with other staff.

IC&RC also needs a representative on its Prevention Committee- Derek Longmeier was already serving so he was also nominated to represent the OCDP Board’s Prevention Committee on this committee and he accepted the position.

5. 2022 Work Plan- G. Burton

Georden facilitated a discussion about how to accommodate the evolving landscape of prevention and its overall components as a field. Need to put into a 2022 Work Plan.

a. Licensure/Certification

The committee revisited a previous discussion about potential ways to align the prevention certification with treatment and moving towards an entry level credential format (certification) and licensure for OCPS/OCPC levels. Changing from a certification to a licensure for the OCPS/OCPC levels would align with that of treatment providers (both require passing exam, same fee).

Rationale for making these changes includes:

- A person can obtain an RA and provide services within a scope of practice with no prevention specific education or experience for 2 years
- The increased knowledge and skills would mean a better trained workforce and improved quality of service to consumers and communities
- Would align prevention and treatment credential expectations and process; create consistency between prevention and treatment

Motion: To present a motion to the OCDP Board and the November board meeting to explore aligning Prevention with Treatment credentialing expectations/process by using the CDCA model for the entry level Prevention certification (include a non-renewable apprentice level and a renewable practitioner level of certification). (Jim Ryan 1st, Bobby Persinger 2nd)- approved

b. Issues with Education Content

- Possible high school student credential- while it is important to consider ways to keep students interested in prevention as a career option, the age requirement (age 18) prohibits a student credential
- AOD Specific requirements and inclusion of all facets of prevention – what does that look like? Decided that endorsements for mental health, suicide, etc. not necessary since the core principles (eg. risk/protective factors) are the same
- How to verify education hours are adequate to satisfy prevention domain requirements if not previously approved by OCDP?
- College Courses- need more clarity/simplify the process in place to help application reviewers decide what is appropriate to prevention
 - Molly, Jim, Derek and Alysia will continue to meet with board staff on appropriate content and thinking critically about what fits with prevention moving forward
- Issue of education providers putting content in the wrong domain/consistency

c. Language and Definitions-

- Committee discussed the need to expand knowledge & understanding of the Prevention field identified as a critical 1st step for 2022
- Phil expressed concern about the “systemic” misuse/multiple understandings of “prevention” and use of “prevention” to describe clinical services - Bobby shared job description for a “clinical prevention specialist”; definition often determined by needs of funder (MAT, Harm Reduction strategies)
 - Discussed need to develop statement with clear definitions/descriptions/scope of prevention work - share with others in behavioral health as a proactive way to differentiate prevention and clinical work in response
 - Jim shared OhioMHAS Prevention Services Guidance Document (March 2021)- helpful but not widely known; ADAPAO work re: definitions
 - Phil agreed to draft a paragraph with multiple definitions of “prevention” and simple guidance before November OCDP Board meeting

- “Early Intervention”- reevaluating how prevalent this population is in prevention (Valerie Leach interested in Early Intervention area and could be a resource in discussion)
 - Can apply to Selective and Indicated populations to address early signs of disease or negative behaviors impacting one or more life areas using targeted education and intervention, screening (Problem ID & Referral)
 - Occurs PRIOR to assessment and diagnosis or for persons who do not meet diagnostic criteria for treatment but who clearly need services
- Early Intervention is a potential area for workforce development-
 - Serving Selective & Indicated populations also fall under Prevention scope of practice but Universal services have often been emphasized
 - Selective/Indicated services require specialized knowledge/ skills, training in Evidence based(EB) programs to meet higher levels of need
 - Can reach adults as well as youth
 - Could be an intentional career path, different from coalition work or Universal programs with general population

d. MEDTAPP Questions on credential applications

- Why? Federal mandate under Medicare/Medicaid to collect data re: access to healthcare
- Confusing-questions do not apply to prevention- potential to distort data due to required answers

Motion: To initiate conversation with MEDTAPP administrators to seek clarification and guidance re: inclusion of questions under Prevention credential application; *desire to protect integrity of their data* (1st Phil Atkins, 2nd Barbara Adams Marin) - approved
Phil will provide contact with MEDTAPP to Jill so she can reach initiate conversation.

6. Other Business/ Public Comments

- Meeting Schedule- Decided to continue meeting at Prevention Action Alliance on Wednesdays from 12:30-3:30pm for 2022; Jill will look at specific dates each quarter and send schedule with date for January 2022 meeting. Decided a poll would be set up for a longer planning day to complete work plan.
- Alysia asked if minutes could be sent out earlier- Jill clarified that draft minutes are available on OCDP Board website prior to approval by the committee. Jill agreed to send draft minutes to committee members once uploaded to the website.
- Difficulties using CE Broker were expressed by many members of the committee

7. Adjournment

Next Committee meeting : 2022 schedule to be set /Location: Prevention Action Alliance

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