



**New Mexico Credentialing Board for Behavioral Health Professionals**  
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**General Board Meeting**  
**October 13, 2017**  
**9:00 am - 12 pm**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Adan Carriaga, Ali Goldstein, Arturo Calderon, Brandon Pasquale, Daniel Rowan, David Lente, Emily Plante, Evan Goth, Frank Magourilos, Gabriel Delgado. Ginny Adame, Gordon Eagleheart. Jacqueline Lewnes, Janna Vallo, Jennifer Sandoval, Jay Quintana, Kendra Morrison, Kristin Jones, Lojann Hooee, Lorette Enochs, Mary Abeita, Mika Tari, Monica Miura, Nicole Montoya Jones, Paula Garcia, Ramona Bauman, Rebecca Leppala, Russ Liles, Susan Lease, Taren Hill, Theresa Ortiz, Wayne Lindstrom.	
<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendation, Action/ Follow up</b>
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Those in attendance briefly introduced themselves.	
<b>Agenda Approval</b>	Russ Liles moved approval of the agenda. Taren Hill seconded the motion.	<i>Approved</i>
<b>Minutes Approval</b>	Taren Hill moved that the minutes from the previous General Board Meeting be approved. Lojann Hooee seconded.	<i>Approved</i>
<b>Computer Based Testing Update</b>	Ginny explained that the IC&RC now requires computer testing for credentials recognized by IC&RC. Frank explained the benefits of testing electronically, including quicker results and increased flexibility. Originally there was only one site in Farmington for testing, but Frank has been working with IC&RC to get a site in Albuquerque that is now available for testing. There are 5 sites in El Paso that provide access to the southern part of the state. Jennifer explained the computerized testing process. A person can access the testing application on our site and can submit the application electronically. The Board reviews and approved the application, the applicant selects a testing date, and receives an email from the testing company to finalize testing arrangements. Unofficial results are available immediately upon completion of the test.	
<b>Credential Updates (IC&amp;RC)</b>	<p><b>Prevention</b> – Ginny noted that funding concerns remain as OSAP and LDWI and that prevention funds have tightened up. We have gone from a high of 78 CPS professionals to our current 35 CPS professionals. We also now have 9 CPIs and 7 SCPS. Ginny suggested we need to reframe prevention as a promotional issue.</p> <p><b>Prevention Q&amp;A Discussion</b> – Mika and Wayne noted that the New Mexico Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) will use the behavioral health day at the Legislature to highlight prevention, including Synar, DWI, and the Pax good behavior game. Those present agreed that this presents an opportunity to highlight the need for prevention and prevention professionals.</p> <p><b>CADAC/Clinical Supervisor</b> – David stated that he is concerned about CADAC as a valuable credential that is being overlooked by the field. Lojann shared the concerns and mentioned that Medicaid billing can only be for LADACs, which is New Mexico-specific credential. This means that there is little incentive for people to maintain their CADAC credential.</p>	

	<p><b>CADAC Q&amp;A/Discussion</b> – There was a suggestion that CPSWs consider becoming certified as CADACs. A former CADAC who is now a CPSW moved here and found that there was no pathway to move from a CADAC to a LADAC as there is in his former state. He stated he would like experience to count as well as formal education as a way to move forward. Monica agrees that higher ed requirements may be limiting, and that we should consider it a workforce issue to provide other avenues to working in field. Adon is a CPSW that remembers when NM adopted LADACs as a profession. He stated that the education requirements hurt the CADAC profession. Tribes were exempt from education requirements imposed by the Legislature, and now a majority of CADACs are with tribes. He also noted that the addiction profession no longer has a champion in legislature like Rick Miera. He noted that at one point there was an addictions professional group that had a legislative committee. That group segmented and is no longer an effective advocacy group. Lojann stressed that the CADAC profession is needed, but that the State does not recognize it as a valuable one. Lorette Enochs suggested that the Board start planning now for next 60-day session by creating a committee and to work with Senator Ortiz y Pino to seek a requirement that CADACs be reimbursed under Medicaid. Wayne noted that every year a behavioral health workforce committee works with UNM’s Health Science Center looks at workforce issues and does a survey and report. Unfortunately, there is no national benchmark for the professions we were discussing. Wayne said he will send the latest report to the Board electronically. He also suggested the Annapolis Coalition as a national resource for the Board. Mika suggested that we invite LADAC board representative to attend our meetings. Ginny asked people to put star by name on sign in to indicate willingness to work legislative committee.</p>	
<p><b>Credential Updates - Local Certification Updates</b></p>	<p><b>CPSW – Russ and Monica.</b> Russ noted that it is a good time to be peer support worker as many studies are showing the efficacy of using peers. OPRE is getting a lot of training in preparation for certification–classes are generally full. The Board is working with BHSD to ren5rew an MOU covering peers – the Board would like to add practical experience to certification requirements. Russ noted that we want to ensure good workforce to provide services. Peers can only bill in core service agency group settings, and behavioral health homes (new). Health homes have six services that allow payment per member per month – like case management- that are hard to do under fee for service models. Peers can be used in some of these services. Peers can also become community support workers. The Board is considering adding endorsements to the peer credential such as veteran services. Mika noted that BHSD is also interested in specializations such substance abuse, mental health specialties. Mika also noted that BHSD is working with UNM to develop provide CEUs for peers.</p> <p><b>CPSW - Q&amp;A/Discussion</b></p> <p>Daniel Rowan discussed his work with men coming out of prisons, and how the peer approach is particularly useful in supporting their success in the future. He noted that a change in Board policy to remove a requirement for criminal background checks and allowing employer to decide qualifications regarding criminal history made it possible for him to become a CPSW. In response to a question, Wayne noted that jobs for peers can be found on the Network of Care website.</p> <p>Lorette expressed concern that the peer test questions be reviewed. Ginny noted that this is a good suggestion, and that all questions are refreshed every three years.</p> <p><b>CFPSW</b> – Nicole with CYFD explained that CYFD has been working on the revamped Certified Family Peer Support Worker certification with the Board. This certification is for those who have lived experience as a family member supporting a person in the behavioral health system. Monica expressed passion about credential and the difference the work makes in the lives of families. There are now only 2 in New Mexico. Monica would like to have national credential recognized in New Mexico. Ginny asked where jobs are for those with this certification. Monica and Kristin noted that jobs are currently at MCOs and will be in</p>	

	<p>Health Homes soon. In response to a question about certification for people who have worked in field for years, Monica noted that the Board will provide a way for applicants to document experience.</p> <p><b>CWF (Certified Wraparound Facilitators)</b> Kristin noted that we have the first cohort ready to test for this new credential. Arturo Calderon described wrap around as a process, not a service, with the family is at center of the strength-based process. He noted that New Mexico as leader in wrap around at the national level. Arturo or Kristin can find more info on becoming certified for those interested.</p>	
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Ginny noted that there are Executive Board openings – we need CPSW (3), and CPS (2) CWF (2) FSW (1) representatives. Those interested in volunteering to fill vacancies until the next Board election should send a letter to Board expressing interest. The next General Board Meeting and elections will be April 27, 2018</p>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	<p>Ginny adjourned 11:39 as there was no further business.</p>	