

AUSAP Meeting for October 16, 2015

Meeting started at 3:04

In Person: (4) Mike Odom, Lee Williams, Christina Malters, Vern Karr

Phone: (4) Shawn McMillen, Scott Young, Angie Graff, Bridger Ogden

Excused: Jeff Smart, Rodney Symes, Allison Howes, Teresa Burton, Chasity Edwards, Kristi Versteeg

Unexcused: Debi Prisbrey, Cindy Jones, Ann Coburn, JeanAnne Johnson-Talbert

- Mike began the meeting with Attendance
- Minutes reviewed. No questions or comments. Motion to approve minutes was approved.
- Mike discussed applying for SUDC licensure 2 year after schooling. DOPL licensing guidelines state applicant will need to go back to school while other professions do not. AUSAP would like to support the Behavioral Workforce Group in the removal of this and be consistent with other licensures. Concerns were discussed to continue to maintain a higher standard. Since educational standards were previously raised it was discussed that this guideline is outdated.
- Peer Specialist committee discussed being formed for the purpose of examining options for AUSAP involvement in peer specialist. This would include credentialing and ethical supervision. By history they've completed 40 hours of education and called a "peer specialist" and been allowed to go from employer to employer with no oversight by DOPL or any regulatory body. AUSAP has access to credentialing through NAADAC or IC&RC. AUSAP would like to have this committee be involved with finding out what kind of role we can have in credentialing and additional hours necessary for a peer specialist and grandfathering existing peer specialist into this program. Peer specialist are becoming a large part of this field especially as it pertains to sober living. Ideas and direction from board was requested with no input from the board provided. Mike and Angie discussed schools who previously offered this. No members of board were familiar and have had some but minimal involvement with any peer specialists. Mike discussed a grant available for 500 individuals to access this education and stated he will post this on our website as it becomes available. He reported that USARA, Optum and UVU are participating in this training. Lee discussed creating this committee as chair and requested volunteers. Bridger agreed to join the committee and assist. No others joined at this time.
- Scholarship committee discussed being formed with Christina Malters as chair. This program has been popular and AUSAP would like to see it grow with an opportunity for professionals to access. Size and demand has driven having a policy driven process. This

committee will be tasked with creating guidelines, policies and procedures for individuals to access these scholarships. Vern Karr agreed to join this committee and assist. No others joined at this time.

- NAMI Utah State Conference on November 10 for peer specialists for \$70. Mike discussed designating some of the left over money from summer be delegated to allow (3) scholarships to allow the opportunity for those interested to attend. Motion was made to support (3) scholarships was made and approved.
- NCCAP/NAADAC testing was discussed. SUDC testing through NAADAC costs AUSAP \$185 and IC&RC testing is \$135. AUSAP charges participants \$200. NAADAC received new bid for testing at \$150 (estimate) which will increase revenue margin for AUSAP. Change will occur December 1, 2015. This will be reflected on AUSAP website. NAADAC is also offering opportunity NCAC Level I, NCAC Level II and MAC. These credentials offer exemptions on tests starting November 1. Any qualified applicant who has not taken the test can qualify for the credential. At the same time NAADAC is offering information about credentialing and what the insurance panels are coming out with. In Utah SUDC cannot bill insurance, NAADAC is looking to have this included in behavioral health coverage. IC&RC credentials are treated at equal value. Mike discussed putting this info on our website when available.
- Motion was made to close meeting and approved.