A special meeting of the Kentucky Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors was conducted on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky (44th Annual Kentucky School of Alcohol & Other Drug Studies).

Members Present
Geoff Wilson, Chair
Karyn Hascal
Sandra Kelley
Timothy Cesario

Guest Speaker
Veronica Cecil – Deputy Commissioner, Medicaid
Kate Hackett – Department of Medicaid

Members Absent
Theodore Godlaski
Bernard Perconti

Others in Attendance
Brian Judy – Board Counsel
Quincy Ward – Public Protection Cabinet

Call to Order
Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

Welcome & Introductions
- Mr. Wilson welcomed the guests to the annual meeting and introduced the Board to the audience.

Counselor of the Year
- Mr. Wilson announced the Counselor of the Year – Mr. David Gearheart.

ADC Board Updates
- Mr. Wilson gave a brief description of IC&RC and the parameters of the requirements for credentialing. IC&RC has set the evidence based standards for the consortium. The Kentucky ADC Board is bound by their guidance for national and international reciprocity. Best practices are also defined by IC&RC. They also prepare the exams for credentialing and offer the practice exams.
- Supervisor Training – Mr. Wilson reminded board-approved supervisors that they are required to take the initial supervisor training component. Mr. Wilson also described when the next training is available – August 17th, 2017. Continuing education is also required for supervisors – 3 hours every time you re-certify or re-license (every 3 years). Supervisory agreements are required and must be completed with signatures. All of the supervision forms are on the ADC website. A supervision annual report must also be submitted along with the supervision logs. Mr. Wilson strongly recommended that the supervisor keep their own logs as well as the logs of the supervised.
- 50% of CEUs now need to be face to face. The reminder can be online, etc.
- Registered Alcohol and Drug Peer Support Specialist applicants must have 16 hours in ethics and half of those hours must be face to face, the other 50% can be via some other medium.
- It is recommended that everyone keeps up with their Board emails and email addresses on file with the Board via their online eServices account. Renewal notices and other important notices now come via email.
- Kelly Walls, Board Administrator, is the best!
- Mr. Wilson reminded attendees that there is a difference between the board approved supervisor for the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselor, versus an agency or clinical services supervisor. You must get approval by the ADC Board in order to supervise a board credentialed person.
- Mr. Wilson reported there is a new regulation in place for examination remediation plans. If an applicant fails the examination twice or more, a remediation plan must be submitted to and approved by the Board before the applicant is able to re-take the examination.
Mr. Wilson announced the current board credential numbers: 484 LCADCs, 7 LCADCAs, 759 CADCs, 532 Temporary CADCs, 72 Temporary Registered Alcohol and Drug Peer Support Specialists, and 3 Registered Alcohol and Drug Peer Support Specialists. There are 1,857 total credential holders and we are a growing field. We need more supervisors scattered across the state.

Mr. Wilson introduced Quincy Ward from the Public Protection Cabinet, to discuss restructuring of many Board across the state. The Board sent out an email in May that described the reorganization. It really is a work in progress. There are 200,000 people credentialed through the Cabinet. The Boards are comprised of the constituents of the credential. Since 1945, Board have been exempt from anti-trust prosecution. In 2015, the Supreme Court said if you are serving on a Board, you are eligible to be sued by a constituent. So the Cabinet is reorganizing the boards to fall under the cabinet which will provide state supervision. The executive director will provide the additional level of review of the work of the Board before any action can go into effect as well as provide the additional review of regulations.

Question: What is the timeline for the executive order to make these changes?
Answer: The executive order has been put on hold until all of the agencies involved can be organized under this executive order. Business is as usual in the meantime. The ADC Board has a compliment of 7 board members. There may be some changes to the number of board members.

Question: Can you explain the difference between the peer support specialist credential offered through the Department of Behavioral Health versus the ADC Board peer support specialist credential?
Answer: Mr. Judy clarified the two different credentials

Update Regarding Medicaid Reimbursement

Mr. Wilson introduced the guest speaker, Ms. Veronica Cecil, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Medicaid. Ms. Cecil shared updates on Medicaid. The Board will be able to share the PowerPoint presentation with all credential holders. Ms. Cecil introduced Ms. Hackett, from the Department of Medicaid Services. Most of those covered are accessing services through an MCO. They have a robust behavioral health service. Services must be medically necessary and the clients need to have a diagnosis and treatment plan. LCADCs can enroll in Medicaid. CADCs and Registered Alcohol & Drug PSS roll up under LCADCs. You can also find the services that may be delivered by those credentials and the rates of the services that are delivered. Not all MCOs rates are billed at the same rates but that has to be negotiated with the MCO and the providers. Managed care organization Kentucky Administrative Regulation 17:035 - providers can appeal through the MCO and they uphold their decision, you can now appeal through a third party mediator. Ms. Cecil discussed how to enroll as a provider.

Question: How important is the scope of the work of a credential for payment?
Answer: You have to be providing the correct service under the correct provider type. You cannot provide a service outside of the scope or your credential.

Travel

Mr. Cesario made a motion to approve payment of travel expenses for eligible members. Ms. Kelley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

Regular Board Meeting – August 4, 2017

Adjourn

Mr. Cesario made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kelley seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kentucky Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors - Geoff Wilson, Board Chair
Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Hascal, Board Member
Minutes edited and formatted by Kelly Walls, Board Administrator