

CPS Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2018

CPS Program Update

- *Current Class:* The class meets at the Bedford VA and has been making up time for snow emergencies—one day was added to the schedule. Graduation will be March 22.
- *Satisfaction Surveys:* The class is going well; evaluations are very high, in general.
- *Training Team:* The Team was expanded for the current CPS training, as previously discussed at the CPS Oversight Committee meetings.
- *Training Focus and Process:* The current curriculum increased attention to job skills, although concepts continue to be important component. Review sessions, class exercises, and homework have been going well.

New Business:

- *Exam Pass Rates:* The Oversight Committee went over several graphs related to exam pass rates that show both an upward trend and a decrease in variability across different classes. The Committee discussed the many factors may be at play, such as recruitment and selection and/or the exam itself. In general, a certification program would not have a 100% pass rate, as it should be able to distinguish between people who have the necessary competencies and people who don't. The graphs suggest that trainees' prior work experience does contribute to higher pass rates, although the % of accepted peer specialists is more variable over time than the exam pass rate. The Committee agreed not to make significant changes in the exam for the current class, except for adding questions related to new content. A more extensive review of the exam will occur after it has been scored.
- *New class:* The general dates for the new class are posted, along with how to request an interview. The exact dates for the next class are not yet known.

Old Business

- The notes and minutes from the last meeting were approved. A complete set of approved minutes will be posted on the TC website.
- *CPS Oversight Committee Member Agreement:* The member agreement was approved.
- *CPS Member Nominations:* The Committee approved the document (with minor changes) and agreed to send the document to the Transformation Center Board for feedback.

NEXT MEETING: April 12, 2018