

CPS Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 10, 2017

Old Business: The notes and minutes for the June meeting were accepted as written.

June summit on continuing education: While there is a growing consensus on the value of CE, although it may take another year to get all stakeholders on board with having an expectation of continuing education. Most participants expressed a desire for some “on ramp” to get the CPS credential back if it is lost due to not fulfilling the CE requirement. Who might track and approve CE is unclear, as is the approval process for CE offerings being relevant to the CPS credential.

CPS Program Update

- The interviews for the September class (Worcester) are complete. The dashboard for the applicants for the upcoming class was compared to the dashboard from the April class. The next class will be January 2018 at the Bedford VA. The current applicant pool has the highest percentage of applicants already in the peer role since August 2015.
- *Training Team:* Two trainers remain; new trainers and guest instructors will be added.

New Business

- The Training Team will be invited to attend the Oversight Committee meeting on November 9.
- *Curriculum Review:* The curriculum will remain as is for now, based on the common components of topic, big idea, and learning objectives. The curriculum components and delivery will be reviewed to ensure consistency. The curriculum needs to, over the long term, match the CPS role competencies and the exam.
- *Program Coordinator:* The hiring process is now on hold, the job posting is down, and there is no timeline in mind for hiring.

Planning for Next Meetings

Topics to address at future meetings include:

- a. Oversight Committee members
 - Possible candidates
 - Written confidentiality agreement or other Committee member contract (open-ended; no term or term limits)
- b. Plan a meeting with DMH to clarify role and expectations for CPS
- c. Future education initiative for providers regarding:
 - CPS vs. other peer roles
 - Selecting and supporting people for CPS training
 - Supervision needs (value of a CPS supervisor)
 - Recovery Coaches: Opportunities for the CPS Program?

NEXT MEETING: September 14, 2017