

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Certified Peer Specialist Advisory Committee			Attending: Members: DeAnna Cobun, Alysia Mullins, Todd Campbell, Cathi Oreto, Ellie Jarvie, Charlie Hart Sheehan, Kara Gaspervich, Kimberlee Coronado, Tiffany Koch, Oleka Parker, April Luderus, Tanya Kraege, Terry Crawford State and Contract Staff: Kenya Bright, Marguerit Galindo, Amy Cottington, Ann Kelley-Kuehmichel, Lynn Maday, Julie Nailpinski, Joannette Robertson, Tiffaney Nielson, Kaeden Watford, Gaochi Vang, Katie Sparks
Date: 9/12/2025	Time Started: 12:32 pm	Time Ended: 3:06 pm	
Location: Join the meeting now			Presiding Officer: DeAnna Cobun

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:32pm by DeAnna Cobun, Co-Chair of CPSAC.

2. Teams Logistics: DeAnna Cobun, Co-chair of CPSAC reviewed Team Logistics

- Voting will be conducted using the “Raise Hand” function.
- Members should remain muted unless speaking and raise their hand to contribute.
- **Speakers should state their name before speaking.**
- **Closed captions are available.**
- Public guests may not vote or participate in discussion but may share comments during the Public Comment section.

3. Welcome and Introductions

- Members and DHS staff introduced themselves.
- Public guests introduced themselves in the chat.

4. Announcements

- September is Suicide Awareness Month.
- The CPPS Symposium Gathering will be held September 24, 2025, in Baraboo, WI.
- CPS Recertification is due September 30, 2025; the fee is \$55.

5. Approval of June 13, 2025 Minutes

- Motion to approve: Cathi Oreto
- Second: Charlie Hart Sheehan
- Vote: Unanimous approval

6. Peer Values Reflection

DeAnna Cobun, Co-Chair reflected on the peer value of respecting all forms of diversity.

She emphasized the importance of authenticity, listening without judgment, and valuing differences. Then, she shared a personal story where she fell short of respecting all forms of diversity but learned to recognize that all trauma cannot be set aside by all people.

Members added reflections, including:

- Using meaningful activities to help clients navigate grief.
- Appreciation for the diversity present within CPSAC meetings.

DeAnna closed out with recognition that people experience and process trauma and healing in different ways, and that is ok.

7. DHS 72 Presentation Discussion

Kenya Bright, Integrated Services Section Supervisor reported that DHS 72 will take effect on November 1, 2025 and proposed two options for the DHS 72 Presentation.

Members discussed whether to schedule a special meeting or wait until December for a full presentation.

Motion: Schedule DHS 72 presentation for the December 12, 2025, CPSAC meeting.

- First: Charlie Hart Sheehan
- Second: Cathi Oreto
- Vote: Unanimous approval

8. BPTR Peer Services Strategic Plan Presentation

Kenya Bright presented on the Peer Collaborative Workgroup and its efforts to expand peer services.

Six priority areas were shared:

1. Training for non-peer roles in workplaces
2. Addressing peer workforce challenges in rural areas
3. Developing a Youth Peer Specialist curriculum
4. Supporting DHS 72 implementation
5. Educating supervisors of peers on ethics, boundaries, and supervision
6. Expanding peer services in the criminal justice system

Breakout Group Highlights

- Group 1: Selected priorities #1 and #5. Emphasized that supervisor roles often default to clinical perspectives, and peer ethics differ from clinical ethics.
- Group 2: Selected priorities #3 and #5. Stressed the importance of youth peer specialists and consistent supervisor training across agencies.

- Group 3: Selected priorities #3, #6, and #2. Recommended separating justice system and recovery housing issues and highlighted the importance of supporting rural peer services.
- Group 4: Selected priorities #1, #4, and #5. Focused on training non-peers, supporting DHS 72 implementation, and clarifying supervision roles.
- Group 5 (main room): Selected priorities #1, #4, and #6. Suggested developing a core training that could also be adapted to address DHS 72 implementation and justice system expansion.

Consensus:

- Strongest support for Priority #1 (training for non-peer roles in workplaces).
- Additional interest in Priority #5 (supervision education) and Priority #4 (DHS 72 implementation)
- Members recommended forming a workgroup to advance these priorities in partnership with DHS and RITF.

9. Break**10. Public Comment** - No public comments were made.**11. Subcommittee Reports**

- **Governance Subcommittee** – Charlie Hart Sheehan, Co-Chair reported that the bylaws are nearly complete. The draft will be distributed in advance and presented for approval at the December meeting.
- **Membership Subcommittee** – Kimberlee Coronado, Co-Chair reported that membership applications from the spring have been reviewed. Orientation for new members will be held in October, with introductions scheduled for the December meeting. Six seats remain open, and recruitment materials and attendance letters have been developed.
- **Professional Development Subcommittee** – Todd Campbell, Co-Chair reported that the group is researching strategies to address peer ethical concerns. Recommendations will be brought to the December meeting.
- **Employment Subcommittee** – Tiffany Koch, Co-Chair reported that the group is continuing work on the Employer's Toolkit. A feedback workgroup has been formed, and a peer presentation was given by La Crosse Lighthouse. The subcommittee plans to nominate an additional co-chair in December.

12. DCTS Update – Joannette Robertson, Director of BPTR**Resources and Updates:**

- SAMHSA released a Suicide Awareness Toolkit.
- DHS is relocating offices to 201 E. Washington.

Funding:

- Federal funding for block grants and the State Opioid Response Grant (approx. \$70M) remains delayed.

- Contracts will move forward, but partners cannot draw down funds until DHS receives Notice of Awards.

Administrative Rules:

- DHS 72 will be effective Nov. 1, 2025; Medicaid reimbursement for PRCs begins April 2026.
- Crisis Urgent Care and Observation Facilities emergency rule became effective June 16, 2025; \$10M in grants are expected.
- Crisis Hostels have been added as a short-term stabilization option (under 23 hours).
- DHS 75 revisions took effect Aug. 11, 2025; a public hearing is scheduled for Sept. 29, 2025.
- A new rule project is underway for psychiatric residential facilities for children.

Upcoming Events:

- September 18-19, 2025: [Crisis Intervention Conference](#) (Wisconsin Dells/Virtual)
- September 25-26, 2025: [ASAM Region VI Conference](#) (Milwaukee)
- October 16-17, 2025: [Mental Health and Substance Use Recovery Conference](#) (Wisconsin Dells/Virtual)
- October 25, 2025: [Drug Take Back Day](#) (Statewide)
- November 3-4, 2025: [Children Come First Conference](#) (Wisconsin Dells)
- November 5-7, 2025: [Wisconsin School Counselor Association Annual Conference](#) (Wisconsin Dells)

13. CPPS Updates – Lynn Maday, Peer Coordinator

- CPPS pilot projects are in their final stages.
- The CPPS Symposium will take place on Sept. 24, 2025, with 20 seats still available.
- The CPPS curriculum, competencies, and ethics are under DHS review and results will be shared in December.
- A recent exam was administered, with results pending.
- Community-specific trainings included participation from employers and agencies to strengthen connections for graduates.

14. Access to Independence Contractor Report

Gaochi Vang, Program Manager, presented the WIPSEI contractor report.

15. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Strategic Plan feedback
- Peer Respite Coalition update
- Hope Haven update
- Welcome new members
- Ethics recommendations
- CPSAC bylaw approval
- DHS 72 Presentation

16. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 3:06pm: Kara Gaspervich
- Second: Kimberlee Coronado
- Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Kara Gaspervich motioned to adjourn at 3:06pm. Kimberlee Coronado seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Prepared by: Marguerit Galindo on 9/25/2025.

They have been presented and approved by the governmental body on: 12/12/2025