



**Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 3, 2021**

Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

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Committee members present: Kenneth Pimpleton, SUDP, Chair  
Susan Cherry, SUDP  
Theresa Adkison, SUDP  
Lisa Rudduck, LMHC, SUDP  
David Sapienza, MD  
Raymond Gregson, CPC  
Gayle Martinsen, HCA Representative

Committee members absent: Bergen Starke, LMHC, SUDP

Staff members present: Ted Dale, Program Manager  
James Chaney, Executive Director  
Karen Gohlsen, Program Support  
Chris Gerard, Assistant Attorney General  
Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst  
Ashley Broussard, Behavioral Health Programs Coord.  
Hyon Yi, Credentialing Supervisor

Guest presenters: None

On December 3, 2021, the Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee met online via Microsoft Teams. Notice of the meeting was published on the [Substance Use Disorder profession website](#) and was sent out through the GovDelivery listserv.

## Open Session:

### 1. Opening of Public Meeting – Kenneth Pimpleton, Chair

- 1.1. Call to Order – Mr. Pimpleton called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Committee and agency staff members as well as public attendees introduced themselves and their area of practice.
- 1.2. Agenda - Motion to approve, seconded, vote 6-0.
- 1.3. Regular Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2021 - Motion to approve, seconded, vote 6-0.
- 1.4. Special Meeting Minutes from August 25, 2021 - Motion to approve, seconded, vote 6-0.

### 2. Management Report – Ted Dale, Program Manager

- 2.1. Budget Report – Mr. Dale briefed the committee on the budget for the SUDP program. He noted that there were still being adjustments made to the budget and the current report presented to the committee contained some errors, including the beginning balance. The program continues to run a negative fund balance (approximately -\$750,00), but there has been steady improvement in that number.
- 2.2. Credentialing Report – Mr. Yi briefed the committee on the credentialing statistics as of October 2022. For the SUDP certification, there are 2,944 active licenses and 275 pending applications. For the SUDPT certification, there are 1,606 active licenses and 91 pending applications.
- 2.3. Legislative Briefings - Mr. Dale asked for at least two volunteers to attend weekly briefings during the 2022 legislative session and report back to the committee. Theresa Adkison, Lisa Rudduck, Susan Cherry, Raymond Gregson, and Ken Pimpleton will attend.

### 3. Assistant Attorney General Report – Chris Gerard, AAG

- 3.1. Mr. Gerard briefed the new members on the AAG’s advisory role on the committee.

### 4. SUDP Apprenticeship Program – Ashley Bell, Behavioral Health Programs Coordinator

- 4.1. Ms. Bell provided an update to the committee on the status of the implementation of [EHB 1311](#) as well as the advisory committee’s role in reviewing apprenticeship applications.

### 5. Legislative and Rule Updates – Ted Dale, Program Manager

The committee was briefed on the status of the implementation of bills passed in the 2021 legislative session.

- 5.1. [HB 1063](#) Additional renewals for SUDPTs - Rulemaking was expedited and [filed](#) with the Office of the Code Reviser on June 22, 2021.
- 5.2. [ESSB 5229](#) Health equity continuing education - Ms. Bell briefed the committee on the implementation of the bill, including upcoming listen sessions in 2022 with the public.
- 5.3. DOH rules for national certification portability - In the interest in providing more portability, the department is going to open [WAC 246-811-070](#) and remove the language

“Verification of the additional forty-five quarter or thirty semester credits as required in WAC [246-811-030](#)(1) will be required upon application to the department.”.

- 5.4. Future rulemaking for peer counselors and other potential apprenticeship programs - Mr. Dale briefed the committee on possible bills being introduced in the 2022 legislative session, including credentials for peer counselors and behavior health technicians.

**6. Public Comment – Kenneth Pimpleton, Chair**

- 6.1. A question was received from Dr. Marcia Roi at WACASE regarding the possibility of offering a co-occurring specialist at the bachelor’s level. Mr. Dale referred all of those who are interested to read the [sunrise review](#) that was submitted to the legislature in December 2019. Dr. Roi also inquired about how to request a change to [Chapter 246-811 WAC](#) and she was advised to submit a rules petition to the department.

**7. Future Agenda Items - Kenneth Pimpleton, Chair**

- 7.1. Apprenticeship program update
- 7.2. Rules update for legislation (standing agenda item)
- 7.3. Peer counselor legislation
- 7.4. OPMA Update (AAG)

**8. Adjournment**

- 8.1. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

**Submitted by:**

Ted Dale, Program Manager  
Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory  
Committee

**Approved by:**

Kenneth Pimpleton, Chair  
Substance Use Disorder Certification  
Advisory Committee

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