



**Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2023**

Virtual Meeting via MS Teams and in person at Washington State Department of Health 111 Israel Road, Room 153, Tumwater, WA 98501

Committee members present:	Susan Cherry, SUDP, Chair Theresa Adkison, SUDP, Vice Chair Kenneth Pimpleton, SUDP Bergen Starke, LMHC, SUDP David Sapienza, MD Raymond Gregson, CPC Gayle Martinsen, HCA Representative
Committee members absent:	Lisa Rudduck, LMHC, SUDP
Staff members present:	Ted Dale, Program Manager Eve Austin, Executive Director Joan Simmons, Program Support Kristi Knieps, Assistant Attorney General Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst Jeanine Johnson, Deputy Credentialing Manager
Guest presenters:	None

On October 6, 2023, the Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee met online via Microsoft Teams and in person at Washington State Department of Health 111 Israel Road, Room 153, Tumwater, WA 98501. 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 – Susan Cherry, SUDP, Chair

- 1.1. Call to Order – Ms. Cherry called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. Committee and agency staff members as well as public attendees introduced themselves.
- 1.2. Approval of the October 6, 2023 meeting agenda. *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 7-0.*
- 1.3. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2023 - *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 7-0.*

2. Public Comment – Susan Cherry, SUDP, Chair

There were no public comments received.

3. Management Report – Ted Dale, Program Manager

- 3.1. Budget Report – Mr. Dale briefed the committee on the budget for the SUDP program. The current fund balance is -\$496,659.
- 3.2. Credentialing Report – Mr. Dale briefed the committee on the credentialing statistics as of September 2023. For the SUDP certification, there are 2,973 active licenses and 213 pending applications. For the SUDPT certification, there are 1,405 active licenses and 79 pending applications.

4. Assistant Attorney General Report – Kristi Knieps, AAG

Ms. Knieps had no update to report to the committee.

5. Rulemaking and HB 1724 Updates – Ted Dale, Program Manager

- 5.1. Rulemaking - Mr. Dale gave an update on rulemaking activities. The CR-103 hearing for health equity continuing education (HE CE) was approved. The requirement for individuals to take two hours of HE CE every four years will go into effect January 1, 2024 and the department will provide a list of courses. Notices will be shared via GovDelivery.
- 5.2. National Certification Rules – Mr. Dale shared this effort was a DOH sponsored rule change to help reduce barriers for out of state applicants as well as allow pharmacists to be added to the list of professions that can do alternative training. Lastly the language regarding the HIV/AIDS 4-hour training was amended, however, the college course is still part of the educational requirement.
- 5.3. Mr. Dale shared a presentation on HB 1724 updates and Feedback Sessions.
- 5.4. Mr. Dale mentioned two new professions: a Behavioral Health Support Specialist and a Peer Support Specialist.

6. Schedule 2024 Meeting Dates – Ted Dale, Program Manager

- 6.1. The 2024 regular meeting dates have been established as February 9, June 14 (joint meeting with LC), October 4, and December 6. *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 5-0.*

7. Future Agenda Items – Susan Cherry, SUDP, Chair

- Treatment coordination of detox with inpatient providers (detox survey)
- Workforce issues in Washington State and behavioral health
- Co-siting a substance use program within an RTF with behavioral health

8. Adjournment

8.1. The meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Submitted by:

Ted Dale, Program Manager
Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory
Committee

Approved by:

Susan Cherry, Chair
Substance Use Disorder Certification
Advisory Committee

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