



Message from the ICB President, Joseph Troiani, CADC

I am honored to take the helm as President of the Board of Directors and look forward to the next two years in this position. I also appreciate the opportunity over the past few years to work with the outgoing President Larry Dunbar and Past President Marcia Van Natta. Their dedication and wisdom have helped ICB navigate both organization transitions and the challenges that we have been facing as a profession. Additionally, with a very talented, experienced, and diverse Board of Directors, along with our Executive Director and dedicated staff, ICB is well positioned to meet those challenges as an organization for the profession of alcohol and other drug counseling.

There is an old saying “we can only look far ahead into the future as we are able to reach back and know along with understanding our history”. We are where we are as a profession because of an entire cast of pioneers and trail blazing organizations. I hope that in the upcoming newsletters and conferences we will get to know those men and women who have been the founders of the professions along with the hospitals, programs, and self-help recovery groups.

To address the current workforce shortage, we need to introduce our profession to those who are curious about alcohol and other drug counseling careers. This is in addition to reaching out to those who are currently or are graduates of doctoral programs in clinical psychology, clinical professional counselors, clinical social work, marriage and family therapy, and art therapy. Currently, several just mentioned professionals are ICB certified alcohol and other drug counselors. This is also reflected in the number of community colleges, undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs which are also accredited by ICB as training programs.

Working with our Executive Director, we are developing programs and opportunities to develop the future leadership of the organization and the profession. Our future rests with our students, early career and mid-career alcohol and other drug counselors. Efforts to date have already yielded promising results. We will continue and expand those initiatives.

The important role of engagement and collaboration with other professional organizations, advocacy groups, governmental organizations and community agencies is critical in getting our voices heard. In short, if you are not at the table, you might wind up on the menu. It is critical to continue and expand the development of these relationships. It is in this arena that policy decisions are developed and made.

In closing, I encourage the membership to get involved and contribute to our profession. I challenge you to become a future leader of ICB and in turn the profession of alcohol & other drug counseling.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director, Chris Boyster

Exciting Times Ahead at ICB!

As we bask in the warmth of summer, we are thrilled to bring you exciting updates and announcements from the Illinois Certification Board (ICB).

Fall Conference: Just Around the Corner!

Our highly anticipated Fall Conference is fast approaching, and we are delighted to announce Mackenzie Philips as one of our headliners! Many of you may remember Mackenzie's captivating presentation in the Chicago area this past spring. This fall, she brings her dynamic insights and expertise to those of you downstate. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to learn from one of the best in the field. Early bird registration is now open, so be sure to secure your spot.

Launching a New Peer Credential

In our continuous effort to enhance our offerings and support your professional growth, we are excited to announce the launch of a new Peer Credential this fall. Stay tuned for further details in the coming weeks. This new credential aims to provide comprehensive recognition and support for peer professionals, reflecting ICB's commitment to excellence and innovation. We have submitted paperwork to the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC) for the recognition of a new Peer Support Worker Certification. We anticipate an early fall launch and are hopeful for positive news soon.

Welcoming New Leadership

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Joseph Troiani as the new President of ICB. Dr. Troiani brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective to our organization, and we are confident his leadership will guide us toward new heights. We also extend our deepest gratitude to Larry Dunbar, who has served as President with dedication and distinction. Larry's leadership has been instrumental in many of our successes, and we appreciate his tireless efforts and commitment to ICB.

Enhancing Member Service

We have heard your feedback about the need to improve our customer service. While we always strive to provide the best support possible, we are continuously seeking ways to enhance our services. One significant improvement is the introduction of a new platform, Certemy, which allows members to maintain their ICB credentials online. ICB staff have been diligently working to implement this transition. We have been receiving a large volume of emails and phone calls recently and strive to respond promptly. We appreciate your patience and support during this process.

Stay Connected

Keep an eye on your inbox and our website for more updates as we approach the Fall Conference, the launch of our new Peer Credential and your invite to Certemy. We are excited about the future and look forward to continuing to support your professional journey.



ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND ILLINOIS CERTIFICATION BOARD NEW INDIVIDUAL MEMBER COMMITTEE

The Illinois Association for Behavioral Health (IABH) and Illinois Certification Board (ICB) are finalizing plans for members to engage and interact with all of the free resources available through IABH. The new Individual Member Committee gives ICB members direct access to educational opportunities, public policy, legislative action, regulatory guidance, practice updates, and current events in the field.

In the coming weeks, IABH and ICB are scheduling virtual meetings of the Individual Member Committee. In addition, IABH will begin distributing communications on Committee activities along with information on key items of interest to Committee members.

If you are interested in participating in this new Individual Member Committee, please email Pel@ilabh.org with the Subject Line: "Individual Member Committee" to be added to the distribution list. Please include any areas that you would like to see the Committee address. You will then receive calendar invitations to upcoming Individual Member Committee meetings and email updates on Committee activities and information. IABH will hold an open call for ideas as the introductory meeting of the Individual Member Committee.

IABH is proud of its relationship with ICB and its members and looks forward to continuing to create new and innovative ways to best serve each. If you have comments or questions, feel free to contact IABH CEO Jud DeLoss at jud@ilabh.org.

ICB Announces the Appointment of Board Members

At the June 2024 ICB Board meeting in Springfield, ICB announced the appointment of two new members to the board of directors. This brings the number of board members to fourteen. New board members, William Karmia, CSADC and Jilnita Deloach-Johnson, CADC have much experience in the field and are both excited to bring their knowledge and perspective to the table.



“BILL” RECEIVED HIS CSADC IN 2010 AND IS CURRENTLY THE ATP PROGRAM COORDINATOR AT ADLER UNIVERSITY IN CHICAGO. BILL WILL SERVE ON THE CERTIFICAITON CRITERIA AND TESING COMMITTEE AND THE PROGRAM ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE. ICB IS EXCITED TO HAVE BILL ON BOARD AND ARE CONFIDENT HE WILL BE A VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE BOARD.

WILLIAM KARMIA, CSADC



“Jill” RECEIVED HER CADC IN 1996 AND CURRENTLY WORK FOR MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE IN SPRINGFIELD, IL . JILL WILL SERVE ON THE MEMBERSHIP/NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE CERTIFICAITON CRITERIA AND TESTING COMMITTEE. ICB COULD NOT BE MORE PROUD TO HAVE JILL ON OUR TEAM. HER EXPEIENCE ON THE FRONT LINE OF HEALTHCARE WILL BE PRICELESS.

JILNITA DELOACH-JOHNSON, CADC

Training Of Leaders

Learning from the G.O.A.T.

Nina Henry, CADC

Many of us, during late July and early August, were glued to our TV's, watching the 2024 Olympic Games and the amazing US Olympic Gymnastics Team, featuring Simone Biles. Ms. Biles is an outstanding competitor who has won multiple Olympic gold medals, world championships, and has had various gymnastic skills named for her. However, what makes Simone Biles remarkable is the way she has shown leadership.

In the previous 2020 Summer Olympics that took place in Tokyo, Biles withdrew from the team finals competition. All of us learned a new term after her withdrawal: The Twisties. The Twisties is when a gymnast loses spacial orientation in midair. When an athlete experiences this, it can potentially be quite dangerous. Here is what Biles said, explaining her withdrawal, "I have to focus on my mental health...We have to protect our minds and our bodies."

Imagine that! Despite the widespread stigma of mental health, this brave woman said it was okay to acknowledge you are mentally unfit to do your job sometimes and that this was an acceptable thing to admit to the entire world.

The qualities of leadership we admire sometimes show up in unexpected ways - not from standout performances. Sometimes there are people without gold medals or titles or massive followings on social media who show us the way. These qualities cannot be taught in a supervision course, though having supervision skills can be very useful to a leader. However, leadership qualities and skills can be defined and engendered and this is the goal of TOL, Training of Leaders, a project of the Illinois Certification Board.

Training of Leaders is best known for the leadership training it offers at Fall and Spring ICB conferences. In the last couple of years, TOL has explored how leaders in the substance use field might employ cultural humility in their work.

Speaking of fantastic leaders, Kim and Don Pinkston have recently assumed the role of TOL Project Leader jointly and have made a seamless transition, as was apparent in the success of last Spring Conference's TOL program. Remember, you do not have to have a fancy leadership title to participate in the TOL programs. You do not have to be "the greatest of all time", just show up!

ICB Congratulates
its Newly Credentialed
members!

**Please note: These are
professionals credentialed
by ICB between April 9,
2024 through August 12,
2024**

**This list also includes those
who have successfully
transitioned to a higher level
of Certification or Board
Registration.**

Angela	Almendarez	CADC
Lisa	Barnes	CADC
Shannon	Boens	CADC
Deborah	Bourne	CADC
Shontanette	Brinson	CADC
Melissa	Brown	CADC
Scott	Browning	CADC
Chauntay	Bunch	CRADC
Jacqueline	Butler	CADC
Kyle	Cameron	CADC
Zina	Campbell-Jackson	CAADC

Counselors

Lucas	Chamberlain	CADC	Tanesha	Halliburton	CADC
Amanda	Clemente	CADC	Paige	Hamel	CADC
Audrey	Dailey	CADC	LaShaunda	Harrison	CADC
Nathan	DeHoyos	CADC	Mark	Heriford	CADC
Brett	Deppert	CADC	Cynthia	Hern	CADC
Kaitlin	Digrispino	CADC	Leo	Horton	CADC
James	Doane	CADC	Mary	Hundley	CADC
Charles	Doram	CRADC	Kassandra	Jediola	CADC
Robbi	Duckworth	CADC	Dion	Jones	CADC
Cynthia	Eckholm	CADC	Michelle	Kavouras	CADC
Jourdan	Facen	CADC	Michal	Kocum	CADC
Bettye	Faulkner-Ridley	CADC	Nicholas	Koltunchik	CADC
Sandra	Gomez	CADC	Matthew	Lantgen	CADC
Elizabeth	Graden	CADC	Angel	Lopez Ortiz	CADC
Katrina	Grady	CADC	Russell	Love	CADC
Jayde	Grams	CADC	Melody	Macias	CADC
Kim	Guy	CADC	Jessica	Magana	CADC
Michelle	Halgren	CADC	Genevieve	Maltby	CADC

Counselors Continued . . .

Brittany	McKinney	CADC	Barbara	Sanders	CADC
Sylvester	Merritt	CADC	Annette	Sandoval	CADC
Rebecca	Moore	CADC	Karishma	Sarfani	CRADC
Anthony	Munizzi	CADC	David	Shore	CADC
Melissa	Ocon	CADC	Niya	Sims	CADC
Kiernan	O'Dell	CADC	Steffany	Slininger	CADC
Hailey	Parker	CADC	William	Smith	CADC
Biljana	Petrovic	CADC	Kimberly	Spencer	CADC
Deja	Phillips	CADC	Leah	Stewart	CADC
Jae	Phoenix	CADC	Kimberly	Striegel-Nevarez	CADC
Neil	Pozdro	CADC	Eric	Strieker	CADC
Robert	Pratt	CADC	Tye'	Strong	CAADC
Jesse	Ramirez	CADC	Kathryn	Sullivan	CADC
Lindsey	Randall	CADC	Sally-Ann	Tamizuddin	CADC
Sabrina	Raphael	CADC	Laura	Tribble	CADC
Lashoinette	Reed	CADC	Joseph	Vargo	CADC
Amanda	Retzer	CADC	Christopher	Ward	CADC
Alaina	Richards	CADC	Phil	Warren	CADC
Rhonda	Robb	CADC	James	Wilder	CADC
Jo-Ellen	Roberts	CRADC			
Kelly	Rose	CADC			
Sarah	Sackett	CRADC			

PCGC

Kerrick	Kiley	PCGC
Lesa	McMahon-Lowe	PCGC
Teagan	Shull	PCGC

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Rae	Absher	CRSS	Mackenzie	O'Rear	CRSS
Lutricia	Banks	CRSS	Denice	Owens	CRSS
Anderson	Benton III	CRSS	Mitchell	Phelps	CRSS
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Joseph	Caldwell	CRSS	Mariana	Prokop	CRSS
Thomas	Cruz	CRSS	Tara	Retondo	CRSS
Brooke	Dunn	CRSS	Esperanza	Rodriguez	CRSS
JenniLee	Dycus	CRSS	Amanda	Rolih	CRSS
Emily	Farr	CRSS	John	Schneider	CRSS
Erika	Freeman	CRSS	Elizabeth	Secor	CRSS
Edie	Freimark	CRSS	Timothy	Short	CRSS
Ronald	Fuller	CRSS	Bryn	Slager	CRSS
Mackenzie	Gorman	CRSS	Christopher	Slone Jr.	CRSS
Mary	Harrell	CRSS	Noe	Terrazas	CRSS
Laura	Hinkle	CRSS	James	Thompson	CRSS
Tracie	Hogel	CRSS	Sarah	Turner	CRSS
Donald	Horn	CRSS	Brittany	Watson	CRSS
Ariel	James	CRSS	Blair	Williams	CRSS
Alexandria	Jasso	CRSS	Bobbie	Willis	CRSS
Alexandra	Jerzyk	CRSS			
Eva	Kardaras	CRSS			
Veronica	Klicka	CRSS			
David	Lewis	CRSS			
Tricia	Lovely	CRSS			
Amy	Maute	CRSS			
David	Merritt	CRSS			
Nora	Myers	CRSS			

IL. Peer Support Specialists

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IC&RC Peer Support Specialists

Andres	Azpeitia	CPRS
Andrew	Beck	CPRS
Melissa	Bourgeois	CPRS
Elizabeth	Boyles	CPRS
Samantha	Collins	CPRS
Kaylynn	Davis	CPRS
Jessica	Davis	CPRS
Brian	Evanson	CPRS
Edie	Freimark	CPRS
Julie	Hansen	CPRS
Eva	Kardaras	CPRS
Bonnie	Kimpling	CPRS
Sheilah	Lavizzo	CPRS
Charisse	Montgomery	CPRS
Jeb	O'Rear	CPRS
Crystal	Pfingston	CPRS
Tyler	Poynor	CPRS
Scott	Raynes	CPRS
Gabriel	Sergent	CPRS
Ira	Shinn III	CPRS
Ronald	Sprong	CPRS
Jordan	Strong	CPRS
Carl	Swope	CPRS
Amanda	Taul	CPRS
Dorie	Warren	CPRS
Michelle	Wilson	CPRS

CERTIFIED PROFESSIONALS

Joshua	DeClerck	CAAP
Matthew	Dutton	CAAP
Curtis	King Jr	CAAP
John	Reynolds	CAAP
Corey	Stenstrom	CAAP
Toimail	Walton	CAAP
Dion	Jones	CODP I



Failed To Recertify

The following is a list of members who have failed to renew their credential with ICB. There are a number of reasons why they have not renewed. These include, transferring credentials to another state, failing to pay fees and/or failure to obtain CEUs, retired or simply left the field. Whatever the reason may be, it is the responsibility of ICB to inform the field and the public regarding any and all persons change in credentials.

Thank you.

Counselors

Alkaraki, Nicole
Allanson, Robert
Allen, Eric
Barbato, Natalie
Barber, Linda
Benbrook, Rachael
Bercos, Andrea
Blanchard, Kelli
Blank, Samantha
Bradford, Benita
Campbell-Hollins, LaVerne
Carra, Hannah
Cervantes, Kathryn
Clark, Sharon
Cole, Nicole
Collins, Dorothy

Crowley, Amber
Dahl, Elizabeth
DeLisle, Sherry
Doig, Susan
Elgar, Nicholas
Elliott, David
Engholm, Mary
Englund, Stephanie
Fawell, Judith
Felzan, Lindsey
Gibson, Lisa
Goss-Johnson, Deborah
Greer, Phaedra
Guedes, Carilyn
Hamilton, Cynthia
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Heard, Brittany
Henningsen, Heather
Herrera, Paula
Hoerer, Anne
Hollembeak, Cheryl
Holmes, Daryl
Horton, Rachel
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Jimenez, Jose
Johnson, Ada
Johnson, Darlene
Karwoski, Lynn
Kausar, Sayeeda
Kelley, Linda
King-Sapeton, Hope
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Kraft, Bonnie
Kraft, Robert
Lamont, Cindie
Lappin, Nicole
Lindsey, Jennifer
Major, John
Major, John
Martino, Vicki
Mayer, Cheryl
Mayer, Richard
Meador, Beverly
Miller-Winston, Donna
Mitleman, Monty
Morris-Robinson, Rhonda
Myers, Marsonne
Nathan, Fraida
Neimanas, Nadia
Neubel, Regina
Norman, Monica
Palios, Aspasia
Pashia, Kristin
Phillips, Trisha
Pleasant, Rosetta
Powell, Lauren
Redfern, Jessica

Rezman, Melinda
Roberson, Mary
Romanov, Priscilla
Rothermel, Lisa
Sbarboro, Jill
Shea, Kathleen
Sillin, Nancy
Singh, Amanda
Smith, Mariann
Snipes, Robert
Solola, Olajide
Stacie, Charles
Stone, Jodi
Szekely, Julie
Theophilos, Dean
Thompson, Shirley
Urish, L.Sue
Vadner, Kimberly
Van Koevering, Kylie
Washington, Julie
Wells, Crystina
Williams, Cara
Wilson, Trover
Windom, James
Wise, Rita

Wojcik, Richard
Wood, Catherine
Wright, Florence
Wright, Kendale
Yadron, Christopher
Yokelson, Linda
young, Kelly
Zacker, Rick

CODP I/II

Collins, Dorothy
Crowley, Amber
Holmes, Daryl
Huerta, Maria
Johnson, Ada
Neubel, Regina
Phillips, Trisha
Pleaseant, Rosetta
Roberson, Mary
Rothermel, Lisa
Urish, L.Sue
Wilson Trover
Young, Kelly

CRSS

Bardy, Sara
Bauer, Phillip
Bulla, Ashley
Harris, Dean
Hochber, Ellen
Holley, John
Klauber, William
Long, Colleen
Nance, Jerry
Peal, Abby
Phillips, Roseann

CPRS

Buck, Joshua
Peal, Abby
Walta, Aspin

CCJP

Plunk, Michele

Failed to Recertify Continued . . .

PCGC

CSPS

CARS

Hollemeak, Cheryl
Sprague, Brenda

Wright, Lisa

Finney, Donna

Turner, Larkin

Watson, Toinette

CFPP

ATE & GCE

Plunk, Michele

Wright, Kendale

Barber, Linda

Morris-Robinson, Rhonda

Phillips, Trisha

Roberson, Mary

MAATP

Sliger, Julianna

POD CAST

Develop Healthy Relationships in Recovery
with Special guest Speaker, Mark Sanders, CADC



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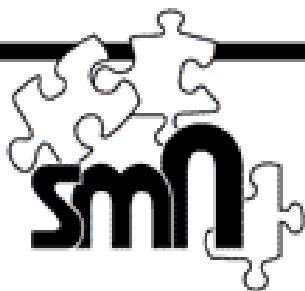
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