

NEWSLETTER

A RECENT SUCCESS

The International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) is pleased to announce the adoption of the proposed SAMHSA's National Model Standards for Peer Support Certification in the form of a new credential. This national entry-level peer credential will be the first rung of a career ladder that will lead to stronger SUD workforce development, which is greatly needed across the country.

Join Us

2023 Fall Stakeholder Meeting – October 16-17 Phoenix, Arizona

2024 April 22, (Virtual Spring Meeting)

2024 October 21-22, (Fall Meeting-Location TBA)



A Word from the Executive Director

As we move forward, I want to say thank you to our stakeholders, board members and staff. With IC&RC's recent organizational changes, we have overcome many challenges. Let's be reminded that success is not merely about the past; it's about what lies ahead.

Our journey is far from over, and I am confident that the best is yet to come. As your Executive Director, I am committed to leading with vision, transparency, and a focus on collaboration.

Moving forward, we must remain agile, adapt to changes, and stay ahead of industry trends. Let's be proactive in seeking new opportunities and finding novel solutions to the problems we face.

I believe that IC&RC's strength lies in our diversity, and I encourage everyone to contribute their unique perspectives and ideas. I will continue to believe that if our Member Boards are strong, IC&RC will be strong.

In the coming months, we will embark on new projects and challenges. Some will be familiar, while others may push us outside our comfort zones. Remember that every obstacle is an opportunity. With the collective effort, we will overcome anything that comes our way.

Let's set ambitious goals, support one another, and celebrate our achievements along the way.

Together, we will continue to make a positive impact and achieve greatness.

Mark Attanasi

MEET JULIE STEVENS (AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER)



Julie Stevens is an Advanced Certified Prevention Specialist and was a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor for 20 years. She has served as Director of Prevention for the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and Training Specialist for the University of Oklahoma's Southwest Prevention Center, and most recently as Executive Director of LifeSteps Council on Alcohol and Drugs. She is currently Member At Large of the Board of the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium and Advisor to the Prevention Committee. Ms. Stevens serves on the Texas Certification Board of Addiction Professionals and is chair of the Prevention Subcommittee. She has a bachelor's degree in

psychology from Baylor University and a Masters of Prevention Science from the University of Oklahoma.

In addition, Ms. Stevens is an adjunct professor for the University Of Oklahoma College Of Liberal Studies. She teaches core courses for Masters of Prevention Degree, including Foundations of Prevention and Prevention across the Lifespan.

MEET DEBBIE MASUR (EXAM COORDINATOR)



As the oldest child in her family, Debbie grew up helping people. She took this passion with her to the University of South Dakota where she studied Social Work, Psychology, and Addiction Studies and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in social work. While attending the University, she served as the Vice President of her Women's Fraternity and worked as a counselor at Woodfield Center, a group home for at-risk youth.

Following graduation, she applied her people skills working in customer service. She received several "Excellence in Customer Service" awards and was the award recipient for achieving the "Highest Repeat Clientele" in the Northern region for a Fortune 500 corporation.

In 2021, Debbie circled back to her academic focus and accepted a position as Exam Coordinator for IC&RC. She uses her skills in customer service and problem solving to help candidates navigate through the testing process from start to finish. In addition, she acts as a liaison between the IC&RC Members Boards and the testing company, Prometric, to optimize communication and ensure new information is distributed. When Debbie is not at her desk, you will find her collecting antiques with her daughter, working in her flower garden, or enjoying her unique taste in music with her husband Mike of 34 years.



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