



From the IBC Executive Director

The picture above is from last year's C.A.R.E. Conference which was well-attended with very positive evaluations. We have everything planned for this year's 2nd Annual C.A.R.E. Conference on September 14-15, 2017 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny.

We're really excited about our speakers and topics this year - you can find information and the registration form on our website. Space is limited!

Our Training Committee has developed a Training Series that starts next month - be sure to read about it below.

Did you notice that this newsletter has been put into a format that allows you to read it more easily on your phone or device? We think that'll be helpful!

Have you seen the newly updated Prevention Code of Ethics? These can be found in the Prevention Handbook on our website.

There is a lot of new information in this newsletter - be sure to read through our newsletters to learn what is new or changing. And then "Like" us on Facebook as that is one place where we'll post news in between

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newsletters.

Have a fantastic Spring and Summer - hope to see you all at the C.A.R.E. Conference!

2nd Annual IBC C.A.R.E. Conference

This year's C.A.R.E. Conference will feature a pre-conference on September 14 that gives participants 3 hours in Ethics with 4 different ethics tracks being offered: Treatment, Prevention, Supervisor and Peer.

Mark Sanders (Chicago) will be our keynote and morning speaker on September 15, with the title of his presentation being: "Good Grief: The Use of Logo Therapy and Other Techniques to Help Clients with Substance Use Disorders Cope with Loss." The afternoon allows 2 choices: "The A-B-C of Diversity and Multiculturalism: Practical Applications to Empower Service Providers" with Dr. Roberto Swazo (UNI) or "Creating Sanctuary - Creating an Environment for Growth and Change" with Tony Wilson.

This year's conference will again be held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Ankeny. A total of 9 hours credit will be awarded for both days.

Another new thing this year with the conference is the inclusion of topic table discussion on September 14 following the Ethics training, which will allow for some networking. We'll also be adding exhibit tables for both days. **There is still room for a few more exhibitors so let us know if you are interested.**

If your agency would be interested in donating something for a door prize at the Conference, let us know. No prize is too big or small!

We have blocked rooms at the same price as last year for 3 nights during the conference. If you want to stay overnight, you'll need to contact the hotel directly and reference the "IBC Conference." More information on that is included with the conference information on our website.

You can find the registration form, agenda and more detailed information about our conference on the IBC website at www.iowabc.org. You won't want to miss it!

New: IBC to offer a new Training Series

IBC's Training Committee has developed a 6-part Training Series geared especially for new professionals, though it will also benefit a wide variety of seasoned professionals who may want to brush up on, expand or perfect their skills in a certain area. This series will cover a wide variety of topics and each will have its own registration so you're not obligated to attend all sessions. Our goal is to provide each session once/year, optimally in 2 locations of the state.

Session topics include:

1. Professional Boundaries and Dual Relationships - **This training is being held on June 16 from 9:00-12:15 in the IBC office**, and the registration form can be found on the IBC website.
2. Assessment and Evaluation - **This training has been scheduled on August 4 from 1:00-4:15 in the IBC office**. Be watching the IBC website for registration form. We are also in the process of setting this up in the Cedar Rapids area.
3. Group Facilitation
4. ASAM Guidelines and Treatment Planning
5. Helping Individuals with Substance Use Disorders
6. Documentation: Progress Notes, Releases, correspondence, etc.

As dates and locations are set, information and registration forms will be included on the IBC website at www.iowabc.org.

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Job Postings on the IBC Website

With our new website revisions, we have the ability to include job postings for a nominal fee and can send out your job information to our email contacts. If your agency would like to post a job opening with us, download the "Job Postings Application" from our website and send it to us. Questions? Call Deb Gilbert at 515-965-5509.

Updated Prevention Code of Ethics

IBC has updated its Code of Ethics for Prevention Specialists, and this can be found in the Prevention Handbook. IBC's Board VP, Melissa Walker of ASAC in Cedar Rapids, served on a workgroup with other IC&RC representatives and was instrumental in revising the Code which other states are also now using.

Ethics Committee Members Needed

Would you be interested in serving on IBC's Ethics Committee?

Over the past year, we have seen an increase in the number of complaints that are sent to our office for investigating, and we could use more committee members.

This is IBC's most important committee. Committee members must be IBC certified and be willing/able to attend monthly committee meetings via Zoom. New members will go through an orientation with the Executive Director, then listen and learn for a few months. They'll then be paired with a more experienced committee member on a few cases before being given their own case. Additionally, ethics CEUs are awarded to committee members for serving.

If you're interested, you can find the Committee Member Application on the IBC website (www.iowabc.org). If you have any questions, call Debbie Gilbert at 515-965-5509.

New: Exams May Now be Taken Every 90 Days

Effective May 1, 2017, the exam company IC&RC and IBC use has changed their policy to stipulate that exams may only be taken every 90 days rather than every 60 days. This is an industry standard and helps to safeguard the exam.

Important Reminder About Recertifying

Don't forget that recertification applications are available on our website in a fillable format - simply complete it, save it to your computer and then send as an attachment in an email to the IBC office. Payment then needs to be made via check, cash or with Dwolla.

Be sure to review your certificates of completion carefully when completing your recertification application. Certificates will indicate "IBC Approved" if the training has been approved by us. Non-approved trainings and online trainings need to be indicated on the bottom half of the second page of the recertification application, and approved trainings on the top half. The IBC office checks every "approved" training indicated on the application by date and title of training....***if you indicate an incorrect date or training title, or if you indicate a training was approved when it was not, we will contact you to let you know you owe the \$15.00 CEU Approval fee for that training.***

If you would like to attend a training that is not IBC approved, we encourage you to contact the training sponsor to request that they complete the "Application for CEU Approval" which can be found on the IBC website. Approved trainings can be found on the IBC website under the "Continuing Ed" tab.

While we encourage you to always hang to your original copies of certificates of completion, ***you do not need to send copies to us unless we notify you (via email) that your recertification was chosen for an audit.***

Inactive Request Form

Rather than needing to send IBC a letter requesting Inactive Status, a new "Inactive Request" form is now available for each credential and is included on our website. This form will make requesting Inactive Status more convenient for applicants.

CCDP Changes

IC&RC will no longer be offering an exam for CCDP (Co-Occurring Disorders Professionals) applicants, so IBC will not be accepting any new applications for CCDP. Our current CCDP's may continue to hold their credential and may recertify every 2 years.

Last year IC&RC made the decision to no longer offer the exam for CCDP-D's (Diplomate status); after performing an extensive crosswalk between the CCDP-D and AADC, they merged the CCDP-D with the AADC.

Please call our office if you have any questions.

Certification & Ethics Info for your Agency

IBC's Executive Director, Debbie Gilbert, is available to speak to employees at your agency regarding any of IBC's credentials and to assist them in the certification process. She also does a 3-hour Ethics training using real-life ethics examples to spark participant involvement.

If interested, give Debbie a call at 515-965-5509 or email her at info@iowabc.org.

Online Training

While online trainings may be used for initial certification applications with no extra fee owed, when using ANY online training for recertification, the \$15.00 CEU Approval fee is due for each training being submitted.

Remember that just because an online training certificate may indicate that IBC accepts their training, or that it's NAADAC approved (IBC is not a member of NAADAC), or you find the online training organization on the IBC website, does not mean we have "approved" it. You may use it but you need to be sure to include the approval fee. A maximum of 20 hours of online training may be used per 2-year recertification period.

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