



From the IBC Executive Director

We had a wonderful C.A.R.E. Conference last month! Our keynote speaker, Mark Sanders of Chicago (see photo below), was phenomenal and since everyone wants him back, we are looking into that for next year. Participants were able to get 3 hours in Ethics at the pre-conference and 6 hours at the conference. Thank you to all of you who attended! The Training Committee is already beginning plans for next year's conference next **September 2018**. Be watching for more info as well as information on our website.

By now most of you know that we have a new Administrative Assistant, Sarah Clark, who began at IBC the end of June. She is doing a fantastic job and we're happy to have her!

Did you hear that you can sign up for texts from us? We will utilize texting to relay important information you need to know. You can text EZTJJ83742 to 797979 to sign up.

As a reminder, certificates are now being emailed out. Did you know that IBC has not raised their certification or recertification rates for 12 years? This move has helped us with costs and enabled us to keep rates static for the time.

Peer Support Specialists, be sure to catch the article in this newsletter about our MHPSS and PRS credentials effective 6/30/18.

Be watching our website's home page for upcoming IBC trainings.

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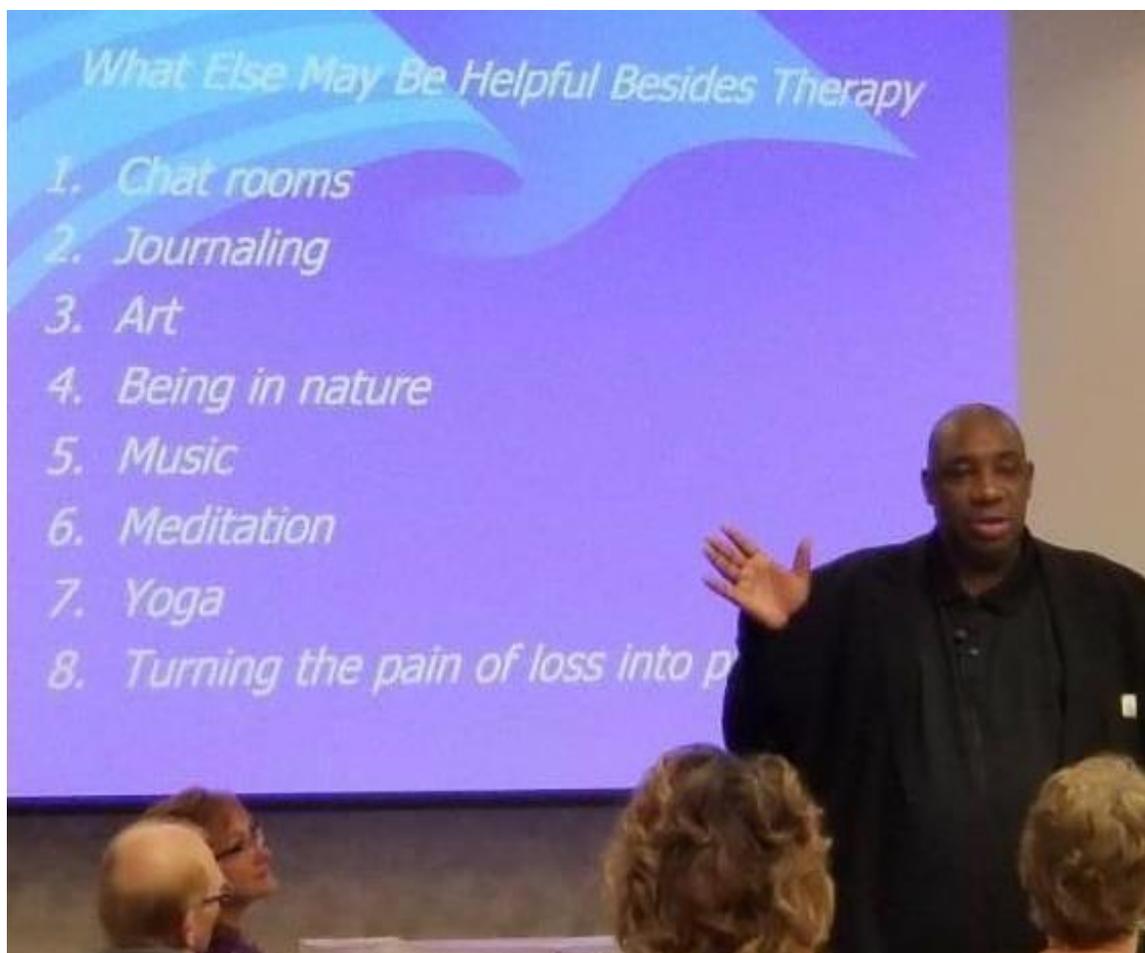
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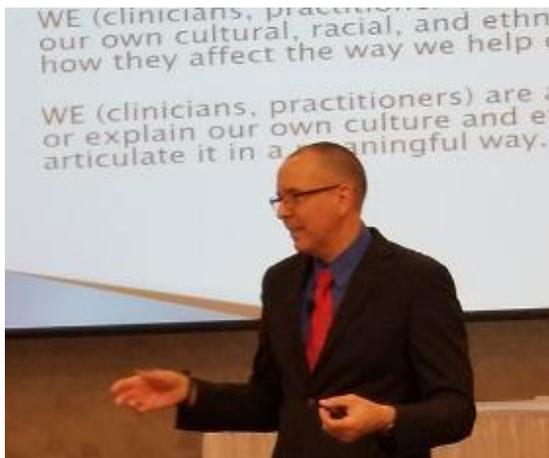
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Mark Sanders - Keynote at the 2nd Annual C.A.R.E. Conference



Roberto Swazo & Tony Wilson at the 2nd Annual C.A.R.E. Conference



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 - DONE

2. Assessment and Evaluation - DONE
3. Group Facilitation - DONE
4. **ASAM Guidelines and Treatment Planning** -
 - o **Sharaine Connor will offer this training at the IBC office on December 1, 2017, 12:30- 4:00**
 - o **Angie Davis will offer this training on December 8, 2017, 12:30-4:00 at St. Luke's Hospital at 810 1st Ave. NE in Cedar Rapids.**
5. Helping Individuals with Substance Use Disorders - Date TBD
6. Documentation: Progress Notes, Releases, correspondence, etc. - Date TBD

Registration forms can be found on the [IBC website](#).

MHPSS - No New Applications after 6/30/18

IBC will be accepting new applications for MHPSS (Mental Health Peer Support Specialist) through June 30, 2018. Effective July 1, 2018 Peer Support Specialists will need to apply for the PRS (Peer Recovery Specialist) credential. The PRS requires 6 additional hours of ethics over and above the Peer Support training, plus some additional experience and supervision, and passing the IC&RC computer-based exam.

This does NOT affect current MHPSS's by 6/30/18, and those already certified as a MHPSS may continue to recertify with their MHPSS.

The PRS credential is reciprocal with other IC&RC states that also hold this credential (25 at this time) which allows a Peer Support Specialist to use the reciprocity process when moving to a new state. We also believe the PRS credential shows an additional level of experience, supervision and education, as well as expertise evidence by passing the international IC&RC exam.

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.

New Prevention Code of Ethics/Study Guides

IBC has updated its Code of Ethics for Prevention Specialists, and this can be found in the Prevention Handbook. IBC's past 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.

Rhode Island and Tennessee have both completed a new Prevention study guide to assist Prevention Specialists with preparing for their exam...FREE! You can find these guides on the IBC website as well as on IC&RC's website.



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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 before being paired with a more experienced committee member on a few cases, and will then be 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.

Exams

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

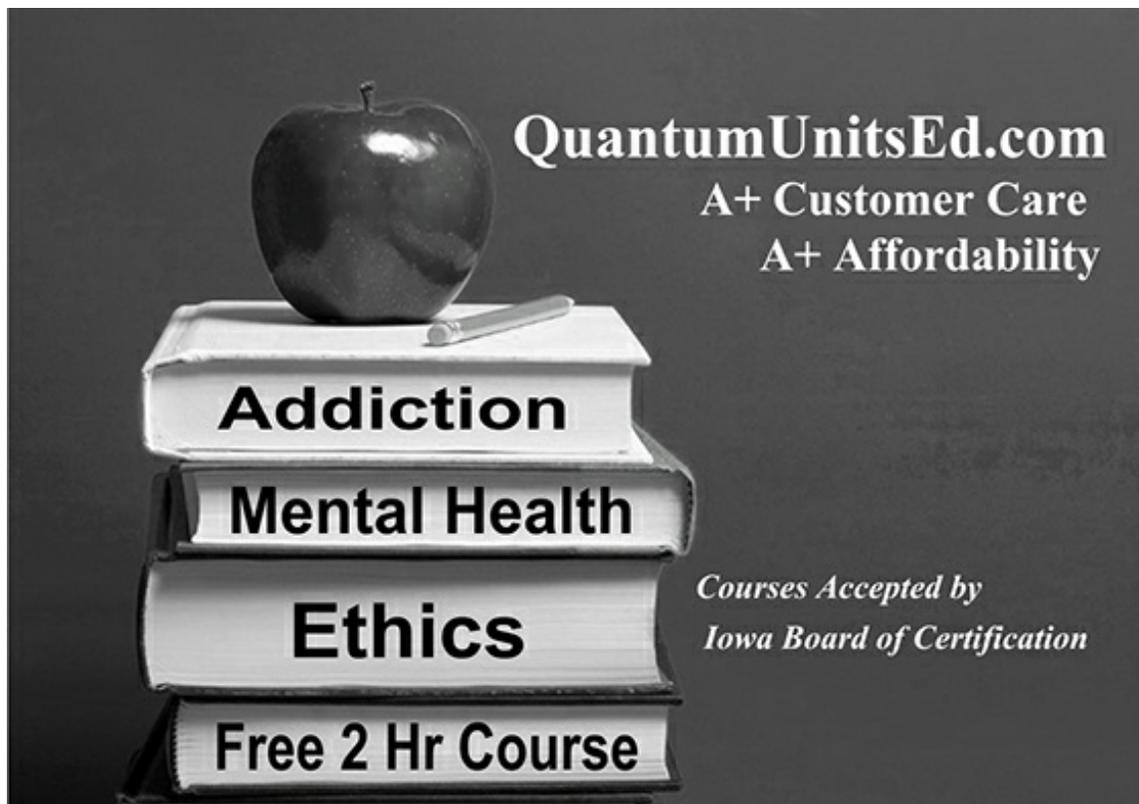
Don't forget that recertification applications are available on our website in a fillable format - simply complete it, save it to your computer and then send as an attachment in an email to the IBC office. Payment then needs to be made via check,

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.**



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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.

Ethics Sanctions

The following individuals have had sanctions placed upon them by an IBC hearing panel over the past few months. The public is able to view the status of any IBC certified individual through our "Verify Certifications" link on our website.

- Jennifer Allensworth - Sanctions
- Laura Leadley - Sanctions
- Stephanie Meeker - Sanctions
- Ryan Walker - Revocation until 10/1/19
- Kelly Weyant - Permanent revocation

IC&RC Practice Exams

Practice exams are available for those preparing to become certified as a CADC/ IADC, CPS, PRS or CCS. Practice exams were developed in conjunction with IC&RC's testing company to mimic the exact look and feel of IC&RC's Computer Based Testing

(CBT) platform. Each practice exam has 50 questions which candidates have 60 minutes to complete. After completing the practice exam, candidates will receive a score report identifying their areas of strength and weakness. The cost of the exam is \$49.00 and is paid directly to IC&RC online.

For more information, go to www.internationalcredentialing.org; click on "Are You a Professional," then click the "Exam" tab and "Prep."

Who & What is IC&RC?

The Iowa Board of Certification is a proud member of IC&RC (the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium). You may know about IBC's membership with IC&RC, but do you know what this means for Iowa's certified professionals? Through our annual dues to IC&RC, IBC is able to provide testing and reciprocity with other members of IC&RC; our membership also allows us to collaborate with other states/countries/jurisdictions on best practices.

IBC's Executive Director, Debbie Gilbert, was elected four years ago to serve as Administrator's Representative for IC&RC, which also allows her to serve on IC&RC's Executive Committee. The Administrator's Rep serves as a liaison between other state's/country's executive directors and IC&RC's Executive Committee. Prior to this position, Debbie held the position of Marketing Chairperson for 7 years which also allowed her to serve on IC&RC's Executive Committee. In this way, she has had a unique role in advocating for Iowa's certified professionals. As Administrator's Rep, Debbie chairs monthly conference call meetings with other board administrators, and attends two IC&RC meetings each year, many times along with IBC's Board President.

IC&RC is the global leader in the credentialing of prevention, addiction treatment and recovery professionals. Organized in 1981, IC&RC provides standards and examinations to certification and licensing boards in 25 countries, 47 states and territories, 5 Native American regions and all branches of the U.S. military.

Quality and integrity are the foundation of IC&RC's work. IC&RC's credentials use the latest research on evidence-based practices, and they are updated every 5 years and subjected to an extensive process of peer review. IC&RC examinations are based on formal Job Analyses, written by subject matter experts, and supported by current references. Member boards are audited regularly to ensure compliance with international standards.

With more than 45,000 professionals in prevention, alcohol and drug counseling, clinical supervision, criminal justice addictions, and co-occurring disorders, IC&RC represents up to half of all substance abuse professionals in the U.S.

You can learn more about IC&RC at their website at www.internationalcredentialing.org.

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Did you know that IBC has a Facebook page? It's great social media that helps us keep you informed of news. So like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram, and keep up to date with what's new!

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Has your work or home address/contact information changed? Did you take a new job? Change your name? Be sure to send us an email, or call us, with the new information so we can keep your records up to date. You can call us at 515-965-5509 or email us at info@iowabc.org.

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