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ASAM Criteria Training – Rock Springs

November 29-30, 2017 Training Opportunity

The Mountain Plains Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) is providing an American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria Fundamentals & ASAM Criteria and Documentation training. The training will be held at the Holiday Inn, Rock Springs. Teri Pichot, LCSW, MAC, LAC, will provide the two-day course, which will run from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., with a one hour lunch break, each day. Licensed addictions counselors are eligible to receive a total of 14 CEHs for attending a full, two-day course.

Please watch for a registration website URL and additional information to be sent to your email in the near future. For registration questions or for more information, please contact: Trisha Dudkowski, Mountain Plains ATTC, by email at tdudkowski@casat.org.

Rules and Regulations Corner

Spotlight on Definition of Qualified Clinical Staff

Per provider suggestion in the recent newsletter survey, a “Rules Corner”, based on current Wyoming Rules and Regulations for Substance Abuse Standards (Rule), has been added to the quarterly newsletter. Although not new information for many providers, certification gains initially certified providers on a regular basis who are learning the rules and regulations. This newsletter spotlights the definition of Qualified Clinical Staff. Per Chapter 1, Section 4(ggg), “Qualified Clinical Staff” means a person who is credentialed through the Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board established under the provisions of of W.S. § 33-38-101, *et seq.*, a psychologist who is licensed to practice psychology pursuant to W.S. § 33-27-113(a)(v), a Licensed Physician by the Wyoming Board of Medicine, or a Wyoming Advanced Psychiatric Nurse. Wyoming rules may be found at: <https://health.wyo.gov/behavioralhealth/mhsa/rules-and-regulations/>.



Assessment and the Division-approved BHI-MV



The Behavioral Health Index-Multimedia Version (BHI-MV) was Behavioral Health Division (Division) approved on 2/21/2017 for provider assessment use instead of the Addiction Severity Index (ASI) should the provider wish to utilize it. Information about the BHI may be found at: <http://www.bhimv.com/>. The ASI may still be utilized for substance use disorder evaluation per Rule.

Per Rule, per Chapter 4, Section 6, an assessment tool with content that meets or exceeds the content of the ASI may be used upon approval of the Division. Assessments can only be completed by a qualified clinical staff person.

Technology and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services

Recap of National Frontier & Rural (NFAR) ATTC 5th Annual Technology Summit

Reno, Nevada was the location of the July 26-27, 2017 NFAR ATTC 5th Annual Technology Summit “No More Excuses: Implementing Technology to Improve SUD Services.” Summit presentations, concurrent breakout sessions, and panel discussions highlighted current utilization of advancing technology capabilities and demonstrated how it narrows “access gaps” for clients by better ensuring services are provided for all who need them. According to Nancy A. Roget, MS, MFT, LADC, PI/Project Director, NFAR ATTC; CASAT Executive Director, “Technology enhances services and increases access in gaps; it doesn’t ‘replace’ it. And, technology-based interventions are most effective when combined with human support” (N. A. Roget, personal communication, July 26, 2017).

Examples of topics covered at the Summit included: Using Technology to Expand and Enhance SUD Services: The SAMHSA Perspective, Use of Technology to Treat Opioid Use Disorders, Recovery Support Technologies: One Answer for Frontier/Rural Areas, Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Mobile Peer App to Support Military Veterans and Families, Technology-Based Clinical Supervision: A Practical Guide, Practice Mobility and the Substance Use Disorders Workforce, Using Automated Texting and Reminders to Improve Client Retention and Outcomes, Implementing Technology Assisted Care (ITAC) into Behavioral Health Settings: A Framework for Change, Licensing & Certification Board Work Group, and Videoconferencing for Telebehavioral Healthcare.

Technology resources providers may access online include:

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) TIP 60 “Using Technology-Based Therapeutic Tools in Behavioral Health Services” <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK344045/>
- NFAR 2017 Resources (resources complimenting Tony Rousmaniere, PsyD, Clinical Psychologist, University of Washington Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences’ keynote presentation “Technology-Based Clinical Supervision: A Practical Guide”) <https://www.dpfortherapists.com/nfar-2017-resources/>
- NFAR ATTC Telehealth Tuesdays media events (webinars, podcasts, videos, mock counseling sessions) <http://www.nfarattc.org/telehealth-tuesdays/>
- For providers who bill Medicaid, please see: “CMS-1500 Provider Manual” <https://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/manuals.html>
- University of Wyoming’s Wyoming Telehealth Network (WyTN) <http://www.uwyo.edu/wind/wytn/>
- Please check with the various professional organizations, for example, the National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC), the American Counseling Association (ACA), the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), the American Psychological Association (APA), etc., for expanding technology guidance through updated codes of ethics and varying professional development opportunities.

Professional Development and Staff Training

Resource Information Available on the Certification Website

Online links for substance use disorder provider learning opportunities may be accessed at any time on the Wyoming Department of Health’s MHSa Certification Program website found at:

<https://health.wyo.gov/behavioralhealth/mhsa/certification/>. Please click on the plus sign “+” in the brown box entitled “DUI/MIP and Substance Use Provider Education”. Below the DUI/MIP education information, providers will see information outlining substance use treatment provider learning opportunities as follows:

- Center for the Application for Substance Abuse Technologies – CASAT: <https://training.casat.org/products>
- American Society of Addiction Medicine – ASAM: <http://www.asam.org/>
- Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network – ATTC: <http://attcnetwork.org/calendar/search.aspx>
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration - SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions: http://www.integration.samhsa.gov/clinical-practice/substance_use/trainings
- Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration – SAMHSA Knowledge Network: <https://knowledge.samhsa.gov>

Information Management for Providers (IMPROV)

Most Up-to-date Certification Guidance and Electronic Application Information

Please visit: <http://health.wyo.gov/behavioralhealth/mhsa/certification/> regularly for the most up-to-date new and renewal applicant certification guidance information. Per current rule, the Division has 60 days to review fully completed (all documents submitted) applications. Although it often does not take this long, please plan ahead accordingly to **have the online application completed two months ahead** of the expiration date and or the time a provider plans to provide treatment services.

Current, state-certified providers can be found on the public listing (kept in real time with IMPROV) at:

<https://improv.health.wyo.gov/MHSAPublicProviderSearch.aspx?Map=T>

Please keep the Certification Program Manager informed of demographic or staff changes between provider renewals to ensure continued receipt of email communication. Please contact Pat Bacon at patricia.bacon@wyo.gov or 307-777-5253. Important information regarding state certification, as well as professional training opportunities, are emailed to certified provider contacts regularly. Please add patricia.bacon@wyo.gov to your safe contacts list.

Please feel free to contact the Certification Program Manager with any concerns or questions and visit:

<http://health.wyo.gov/behavioralhealth/mhsa/certification/>

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