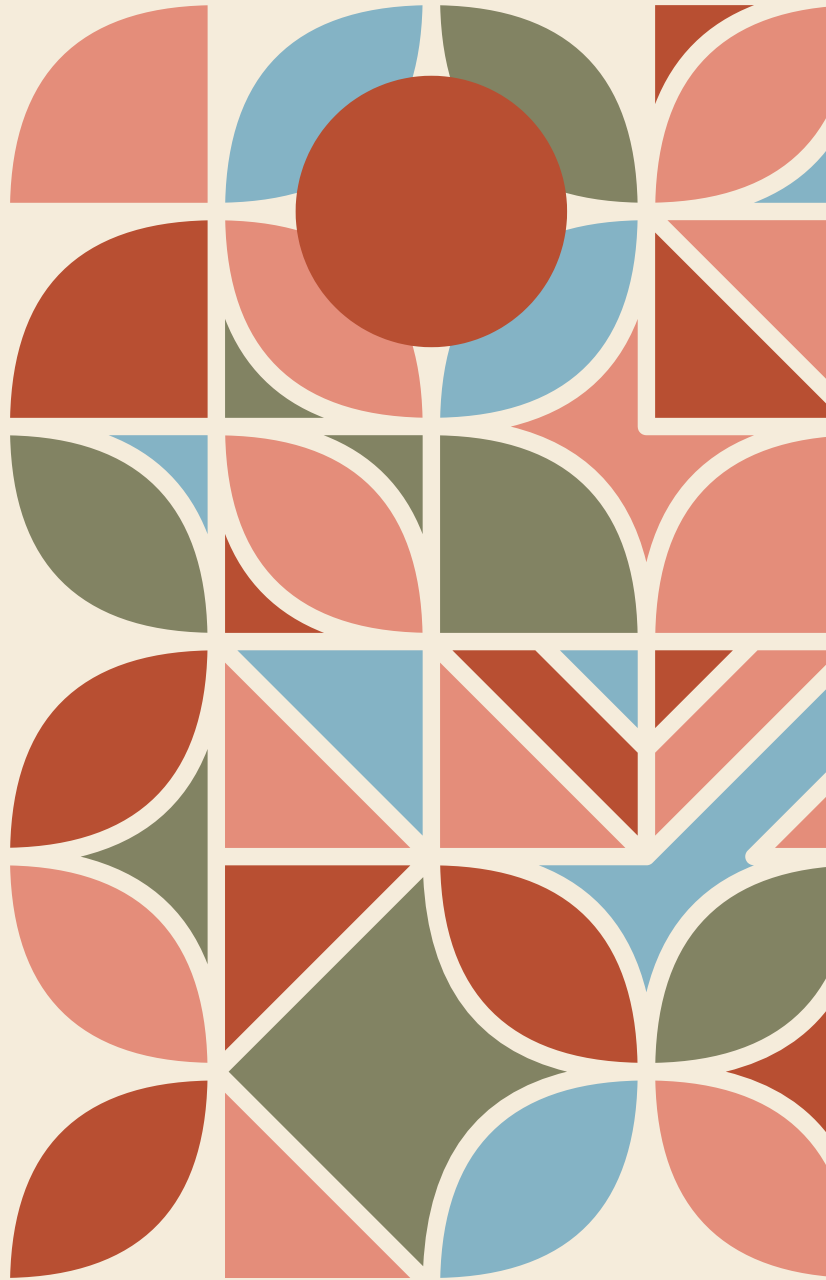


# DCB CONFERENCE 2024



Wilmington University  
New Castle  
November 7, 2024



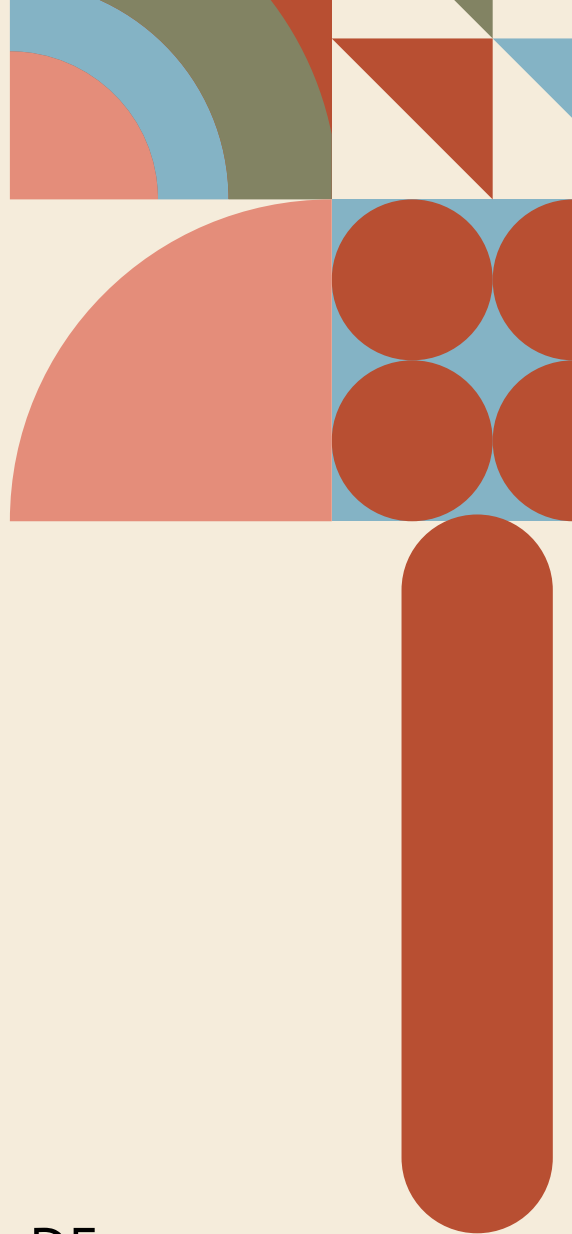
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BOARD

DCB is excited to host its second conference on November 7, 2024, at Wilmington University.

Please join us for up to 6 hours of education, and networking with fellow professionals and organizations.

Conference registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.

-  **Location**  
Wilmington University, New Castle, DE
-  **Date**  
November 7, 2024
-  **Education Hours**  
6 hours for full conference attendance
-  **Registration Fee**  
\$100





# GENERAL SESSION

## THE PROCESS AND PRACTICE OF ETHICS

THOMAS BAIER, CADC, CCS, MHS, LPC

9am - 12 noon

The most active and energized function of any professional credentialing body is its ethics process. A great deal of the Certification Board's time and resources are devoted to addressing ethics complaints in a manner that is timely, fair, and ultimately results in satisfying the Board's mission of consumer protection.

This training will walk attendees through the typical (and atypical) process of the ethics process subsequent to a formal ethics complaint. As such, we will replicate the ethics case review process through a series of role plays wherein you, the participants, get to be the decision-makers in the final determination as to the worthiness of the complaint as well as any appropriate sanctions to be imposed upon the certified individual in question. We'll use a series of case examples, both straight-forward and a few with some complex nuances, as a means of providing participants with the experience of thinking through the review and decision-making process. We'll review the do's and don'ts regarding filing an ethics complaint as well as how to respond should an ethics complaint ever be filed against you. So, brush up on your ethics code and bring your thinking cap to what promises to be an intense thought-provoking three hours. This training can be used as fulfillment of requirements for ongoing ethics training.

### OBJECTIVES:

- Articulate the criteria for a valid ethics complaint.
- Explain the key elements utilized in the ethics decision-making process.
- Verbalize how the ethics process relates to the core mission of DCB.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the meaningful elements of both submitting an ethics complaint as well as the response to an ethics complaint.
- Readily utilize the DCB Code of Ethics as supporting documentation in the ethics decision-making process.



# MARIJUANA AND THE CURRENT STATE OF THE UNION: LET'S GET IN THE WEEDS

**ERIC J. WEBBER, MA, CADC, CCS**

1pm - 4pm

This training will examine current trends and issues with marijuana in the state of Delaware and across the country. Areas to be discussed include THC's impact on mental health issues in both children and adults, challenging arguments for medical usage, impact on impaired driving, economic implications, and treatment considerations. The presentation will be both didactic and interactive to encourage participant engagement.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

- Examine current impact of marijuana on mental health and physical health issues.
- Challenge arguments for the “safety” and “efficacy” of medical marijuana.
- Discuss definitions of impairment due to marijuana and impact on driver safety.
- Examine and discuss marijuana impact on various demographic groups (e.g. adolescents, adults, older adults).



**AFTERNOON  
SESSION**

# AFTERNOON SESSION



## UNVEILING THE UNSPOKEN: NAVIGATING THE SHADOWS OF ALCOHOL USE DISORDER

SAMANTHA L. OSTERLOF, MS, CRS, CAADC

1pm - 4pm

Unveiling the unspoken will prioritize the ubiquitous nature of Alcoholism in our society and its impacts across the domains of individuals, families, communities, and treatment concerns. Though alcohol remains a primary substance of abuse, and has measurable harms in the lives of many, it has far less prominence in today's health and treatment focus. This lack of attention results in limiting treatment dollars that are determined necessary to assist those who suffer from alcoholism's effects. Exploring the reasons for this change in focus is central to the goals of this training. Identifying elements that contribute to the development and risk factors of AUD and patterns that contribute to the complexity of its treatment will also be discussed. We will also examine and discuss the evidence-based intervention techniques that assist in recovery for the individual and family seeking support and intervention and how re-prioritizing alcoholism should be central to the mission of treatment.

### OBJECTIVES:

- Focus on AUD risk factors and domains of impact.
- Explore best practice treatment and recovery practice.
- Examine and discuss factors that diminish prioritizing treatment and recovery practices for AUD.

# THE CERTIFIED PEER RECOVERY SPECIALIST - BEST PRACTICES, COMPLEXITIES, AND SUPPORTS

**MARTHA THOMPSON, PSYD, CAADC**

1pm - 4pm

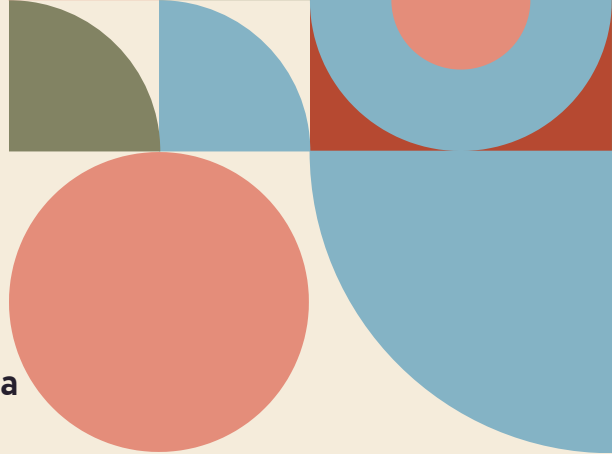
Peer Recovery Specialists are utilized in a host of treatment and health arenas and are integral to services provided in various initiatives supporting those with SUD and MH concerns. The expansion is a net positive for the workforce, but there are challenges and complexities present that require continued assessment, evaluation and improvement at all levels of peer service integration and practice. The lived experience embedded in the Peer Recovery role and work contributes to a unique support relationship with the individuals served and can create a sense of more permeable boundaries at all levels. Maintaining boundaries and providing ethical best practice services must remain at the forefront of the work.

This training will explore and discuss practices and pitfalls that are common for CPRSs at levels of individual professional practice and administrative practices and oversight.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

- Explore the state of the field currently.
- Discuss current best practices for the CPRS.
- Identify common ethical violations and suggestions for prevention .
- Review ways to provide adequate peer informed supervision.
- Discuss methods of assessment, evaluation and evidence informed improvements in peer and administrative performance.

# REGISTRATION



SPACE IS LIMITED. It is recommended to register via DCB's secure, on-demand online conference registration at [www.decertboard.org/conference](http://www.decertboard.org/conference)

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## AFTERNOON TRAINING

SELECT ONE

- MARIJUANA AND THE CURRENT STATE OF THE UNION: LET'S GET IN THE WEEDS
- UNVEILING THE UNSPOKEN: NAVIGATING THE SHADOWS OF ALCOHOL USE DISORDER
- THE CERTIFIED PEER RECOVERY SPECIALIST - BEST PRACTICES, COMPLEXITIES, AND SUPPORTS

## PAYMENT INFORMATION: \$100

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Return form to DCB at [info@decertboard.org](mailto:info@decertboard.org) or mail to DCB, 298 S. Progress Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17109

**Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Mailed forms require longer processing time and does not guarantee your attendance at the conference.**

### **CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS/CHANGES**

Written refund requests, acceptable up to 10 working days prior to the conference are subject to a \$25 administrative fee. Written substitute attendee requests, acceptable up to 10 days prior to the conference, are subject to a \$25 administrative fee. Payments on or after the conference date are subject to a \$25 administrative fee.

Payment must accompany the registration form. Registrations will not be processed without payment.