



## **OHIO CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS BOARD POSITION STATEMENT**

**RE: Code of Ethical Practice and Professional Conduct for those who hold both a CDCA certification and a Peer Supporter certification.**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this Position Statement is to provide direction in regard to Codes of Ethical Practice and Professional Conduct to the CDCA certificate holder who also holds Peer Supporter certification, and provide clarification regarding the Board's application of the relevant Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) sections.


### **Code Language:**

OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(j) states "[t]he licensee or certificate holder shall maintain an objective and non-possessive relationship with those he or she serves and shall not exploit them sexually, emotionally, financially or in any way that could create a multiple relationship."

### **Application:**

Individuals who hold both a credential provided by the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board (CDCA, LCDC II, etc.) and Peer Recovery Supporter credential are expected to follow both sets of professional ethics. While Peer Recovery Supporters are expected to share their lived experience, they should do so in a way that does not compromise their adherence to the chemical dependency Code of Ethics. In other words, personal disclosures that are made under the role of Peer Recovery Supporter should be done so in a manner that does not blur the lines of professionalism and create a multiple relationship with the client 4758-8-01(B)(1)(j)). The Board also recognizes it is an ethical obligation of all individuals with dual credentials to communicate clearly to clients when they are functioning in each specific role, creating clear and understandable distinctions between the duties of a Peer Recovery Supporter and a Chemical Dependency Counseling Professional, and should avoid serving the same client under both roles. Clinical or Administrative Supervisor(s) are to provide agency direction to providers with dual credentials. (Note: Licensees supervising Peer Supporters must have the appropriate peer supervisor training as required by OhioMHAS). Finally, providers with dual credentials are always encouraged to direct questions relating to professional practice to their Clinical or Administrative

Supervisor(s). The Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services(OHMHAS) may also serve as a resource.

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\* The Executive Director, or designee, shall review position, policy, and procedures statements (collectively Statements) on or before the stated review date listed above and if applicable, make any necessary revisions in accordance with any Board Statements regarding development, review, dissemination and acknowledgement.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4758.15, the Executive Director (ED) has been granted discretionary authority on behalf of the Board to develop, implement, maintain, and amend position statements to support rules, policies, and position statements.

Unless otherwise stated, all employees, Board members, and contractors for the Board (collectively Board employees) shall follow all laws, rules, policies, and procedures. A Board employee may be subject to discipline up to and including removal for violating laws, rules, policies, and procedures.

Definitions as stated in Chapters 4758 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) are incorporated by reference herein.

Helpful Links

Ohio Revised Code: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4758>

Ohio Administrative Code: <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4758>