The Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR) met on October 12-13, 2017 at the ADA Headquarters Building. The following is a summary of actions taken by the Commission:

1. The Commission considered 10 new applications for recognition, 73 applications for continued recognition, nine progress reports, two reports of substantive change and two requests for reconsideration of intent to withdraw recognition. The Commission granted initial recognition to eight providers of continuing dental education, and continued recognition to 73 providers. The Commission discontinued recognition of two providers at the request of the providers. The Commission also discontinued recognition of two providers for failure to meet program requirements. Including the Commission’s October 2017 actions on recognition, 454 CE providers are currently ADA CERP recognized. The Commission also approved six Pre-Application Eligibility Surveys from international providers.

2. Adopted revisions to CERP Standard XIV.3 reducing the required minimum length of a CE from one hour to 15 minutes, and indicating that CE credits may be awarded in increments of 0.25 hours, effective immediately.

3. Approved publication of a draft outline for a comprehensive revision of the CERP Recognition Standards and drafts of three revised Standards for discussion at an open hearing on October 20, 2017 at the ADA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, and for written comments to be solicited from the communities of interest.

4. Established a standing Finance Committee to monitor, review and make recommendations to the Commission concerning the annual budget.

5. Established a standing Committee on Strategic Planning and Assessment whose charge will be to develop and conduct an ongoing strategic planning process, develop and conduct a process for assessing the Commission’s effectiveness and progress with respect to the strategic plan, and make recommendations to the Commission for changes to the plan as needed.


8. Acknowledged the following Commissioners whose terms will expire in October 2017: Dr. Paul Leary (chair), Dr. Brian A. Beitel, Dr. Hardeep K. Chehal, Dr. Timothy C. Kirkpatrick, and Dr. Ann Steiner; and acknowledged the resignation of Dr. Augusto Cesar Garcia Aguirre.

CCEPR Members: Dr. Paul Leary (chair); Dr. Joseph P. Fiorellini, vice chair; Dr. Brian A. Beitel; Dr. Hardeep K. Chehal; Dr. Debra Dixon; Dr. Barry Hammond; Dr. Bertram J. Hughes; Dr. Mark C. Hutten; Dr. Timothy C. Kirkpatrick; Dr. Mitchell J. Lipp; Mr. Conor McNulty; Dr. Susan G. Reed; Dr. Nancy R. Rosenthal; Dr. Ann Steiner. Dr. Jeffrey D. Bennett was unable to attend.

Incoming CCEPR Members attending as observers: Dr. Elizabeth Ann Bilodeau and Dr. Karl Keiser.

ADA Trustee Liaison: Dr. Kenneth McDougall, Tenth District