The Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR) met on April 12-13, 2018 at the ADA Headquarters Building in Chicago. The following is a summary of matters considered by the Commission and actions taken. The Commission:

1. Considered 18 new applications for ADA CERP recognition, 70 applications for continued recognition, 12 progress reports and two reports of substantive change. The Commission granted initial recognition to 18 providers of continuing dental education, and continued recognition to 68 providers. The Commission postponed action on one application, and issued two notices of intent to withdraw recognition. The Commission discontinued recognition of five providers at the request of the providers. Including the Commission’s April 2018 actions on recognition, 467 CE providers are currently ADA CERP recognized.

2. Approved editorial revisions to the CCEPR Rules updating references to the revised Bylaws and Governance and Organizational Manual of the American Dental Association.

3. Directed the CCEPR Planning and Assessment Committee to develop an outline for the Commission’s self-assessment process for the Commission’s review in October 2018, with a draft self-assessment report for the Commission’s approval in April 2019.

4. Approved a preliminary 2019 CCEPR budget for submission to the Budget & Finance Committee of the ADA Board of Trustees for consideration in the ADA 2019 budget process, and adopted a revised fee structure for CERP provider fees for implementation in 2019.

5. Considered a presentation from Dr. Graham McMahon, president and CEO of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, on “Transforming Continuing Education” and its implications for continuing dental education.

6. Received a briefing from Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin on Association matters.

7. Resolved to encourage CERP recognized providers to participate in the Food and Drug Administration’s Opioid Analgesia Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) by applying for grants to develop REMS compliant CE activities, and to identify the steps and resources needed for the Commission to collect and validate information on CERP recognized providers’ REMS compliant CE activities by the Commission’s October 2018 meeting.

8. Resolved that the Commission shall become a member of the Conjoint Committee on Continuing Education (CCCE), and that the Commission will encourage the ADA to indicate its support of continuing professional education as an essential component of healthcare improvements by also becoming a member of the CCCE.

9. Appointed a committee to develop recommendations regarding the eligibility of commercial entities as CERP recognized providers and, if any changes to current CERP Eligibility Criteria are proposed, to develop recommendations for implementation, with a report to the Commission at its October 2018 meeting.
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