The Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR) met on October 4-5, 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 12 new applications for ADA CERP recognition, 76 applications for continued recognition, 18 progress reports and three reports of substantive change. The Commission granted initial recognition to eight providers of continuing dental education, and continued recognition to 71 providers. The Commission postponed action on three applications, and issued four notices of intent to withdraw recognition. The Commission discontinued recognition of two providers at the request of the providers and withdrew three providers for failure to meet program requirements. Including the Commission’s October 2018 actions on recognition, 470 CE providers are currently ADA CERP recognized.

2. Reviewed a proposal to revise the CERP Eligibility Criteria to stipulate that commercial entities, defined as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling or distributing health care goods or services consumed by, or used on, patients, are not eligible for CERP recognition. The Commission approved inviting the communities of interest to submit comments on the proposal, and requested the ad hoc CERP Eligibility Criteria Committee to review comments, report and make recommendations on the proposal for the Commission’s consideration at its April 2019 meeting.

3. Approved a preliminary CCEPR 2020 budget for submission to the ADA Budget & Finance Committee for consideration in the 2020 budget process.

4. Approved a plan for conducting the Commission’s self-assessment, pursuant to Res. B-99-2018 and Res. 1H-2013, and directed the Planning and Assessment Committee to prepare a draft self-assessment report for the Commission’s approval in April 2019.

5. Received a presentation on Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education, a process by which CE providers that offer interprofessional education may become simultaneously accredited to provide medical, physician assistants, nursing, pharmacy, and optometry continuing education through a single, unified application process, and set of accreditation standards.

6. Supported the appointment of an ad hoc committee to review the Joint Accreditation criteria for Interprofessional Continuing Education for the purpose of assessing the comparability between the Joint Accreditation criteria and the CERP Recognition Standards; and requested staff to review the terms under which CCEPR might participate as a Joint Accreditation affiliate with a report and a financial assessment for the Commission’s consideration at its April 2019 meeting.

7. Resolved that providers which offer continuing education activities on opioid analgesic prescribing, be required to provide documentation of one such activity as part of the CERP application process.


10. Acknowledged the following Commissioners whose terms will expire in October 2018: Dr. Joseph P. Fiorellini (chair), Dr. Debra Dixon, Dr. Mark Hutten, and Mr. Conor McNulty.
CCEPR Members: Dr. Joseph P. Fiorellini (chair); Dr. Jeffrey D. Bennett, Dr. Elizabeth Ann Bilodeau, Dr. Monica H. Cipes, Dr. Gary M. DeWood, Dr. Debra Dixon, Dr. Bertram J. Hughes, Dr. Mark C. Hutten, Dr. Karl Keiser, Dr. Mitchell J. Lipp, Mr. Conor McNulty, Dr. Steven E. Parker, Dr. Susan G. Reed, Dr. Nancy R. Rosenthal (vice chair). Dr. Barry Hammond was unable to attend.

Incoming CCEPR Members attending as observers: Dr. John D. Ball and Dr. Mitra Sadramelli.

ADA Trustee Liaison: Dr. Linda K. Himmelberger, Third District