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CCB Announces New Code of Ethical Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures

Wallingford, CT – The CCB is pleased to announce the publication of a new **Code of Ethical Conduct** and **Code of Ethical Conduct – Disciplinary Procedures**. The CCB provides voluntary certification for addiction and other behavioral health professionals in Connecticut as a way of ensuring competence to clients, to the public, and to employers. The CCB is dedicated to the principle that individuals in the field of addiction treatment and behavioral health services must ensure their behavior meets the highest standards of ethical practice. To that end, the CCB has adopted a new **Code of Ethical Conduct**, to be applied to all professionals certified by or seeking certification with the Board. All CCB credentialed professionals are subject to the CCB Ethics Code and Disciplinary Procedure from the date of initial application for any CCB credential. ***Effective March 1, 2010, the new Code of Ethical Conduct and Code of Ethical Conduct – Disciplinary Procedures will replace the previously published CCB ethics code and investigations procedures.*** All CCB credentialed professionals will be expected to familiarize themselves with and required to observe the new Code of Ethical Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures prior to March 1, 2010. The Code of Ethical Conduct exists, in part, for the protection of consumers and to maintain the integrity and professionalism of the field.

The new CCB **Code of Ethical Conduct** is divided into two sections: (1) a **Glossary** of key terms used in the Code; and (2) the CCB **Code of Ethical Conduct**, which set forth the standards and rules professionals are required to observe. A separate document, the CCB **Code of Ethical Conduct - Disciplinary Procedures**, will be used by the Board to direct investigations of alleged violations. The Board is committed to investigate and sanction those who violate the Code. Certified professionals are, therefore, encouraged to thoroughly familiarize themselves with and to guide their behavior according to the new CCB **Code of Ethical Conduct**.

The development of the new CCB **Code of Ethical Conduct** and the **Code of Ethical Conduct – Disciplinary Procedures** represent the significant and ongoing efforts of the CCB Board of Directors, CCB staff and in particular, the dedicated members of the CCB Ethics Committee. These documents were based primarily upon material developed by the **Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB)**. The CCB acknowledges with gratitude the assistance offered by the PCB around the development of these documents and for granting permission to use the PCB documents as the foundation of the new CCB **Code of Ethical Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures**. Please visit www.pacertboard.org for more information about the PCB.

To download copies of the new **Code of Ethical Conduct** and the **Code of Ethical Conduct – Disciplinary Procedures**, please visit the CCB website at www.ctcertboard.org or contact the CCB office.