

1 certified employees within the Office of the Inspector General of
2 the Department as peace officers. The authority of employees so
3 commissioned shall include the authority to investigate crimes
4 committed against the Department or crimes committed in the course
5 of any program administered by the Department. Employees so
6 commissioned shall also have the authority to serve and execute
7 process, and other court orders in any judicial or administrative
8 proceeding in which the Department is a party or participant. To
9 become qualified as peace officers for the commission, employees
10 shall first obtain a certificate as provided for in Section 3311 of
11 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

12 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2011, Section 3-326, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 3-326. A. The Board of Mental Health and Substance
15 Abuse Services shall promulgate rules for certification of peer
16 recovery support specialists who are ~~employed~~:

17 1. Employed by the state or;

18 2. Employed by a behavioral services providers provider

19 contracting with the state to provide behavioral health services; or

20 3. Employed by a behavioral services provider certified by the

21 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Provided,

22 however, that certification as a peer recovery support specialist

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1 pursuant to this subsection shall be limited to providing services
2 within the employer's area of certification.

3 B. Such rules shall address criteria for certification and
4 renewal, including minimum education requirements, examination and
5 supervision requirements, continuing education requirements, and
6 rules of professional conduct.

7 ~~B.~~ C. Application for certification as a peer recovery support
8 specialist shall be made to the Department of Mental Health and
9 Substance Abuse Services on prescribed forms. The Board, or the
10 Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services upon
11 delegation by the Board, may certify the peer recovery support
12 specialist for a period of two (2) years subject to renewal as
13 provided in the rules promulgated by the Board.

14 ~~C.~~ D. The Board is authorized to establish an application and
15 renewal fee of no more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to defray
16 the costs incurred in the certification process.

17 ~~D.~~ E. A peer recovery support specialist certified by the Board
18 or the Commissioner shall only use the title "certified peer
19 recovery support specialist" if employed by the state or by
20 behavioral services providers contracting with or certified by the
21 state to provide behavioral health services. This section shall not
22 be construed to permit the certified peer recovery support
23 specialist to practice any of the following professions or use the

1 following titles unless also licensed or accredited by the
2 appropriate authority:

- 3 1. Physician;
- 4 2. Psychologist;
- 5 3. Clinical social worker;
- 6 4. Professional counselor;
- 7 5. Marital and family therapist;
- 8 6. Behavioral practitioner; or
- 9 7. Alcohol and drug counselor.

10 ~~E.~~ F. No peer recovery support specialist shall operate or
11 continue to operate as a peer recovery support specialist unless the
12 peer recovery support specialist complies with the rules promulgated
13 by the Board and is certified as required by this section.

14 ~~F.~~ G. Failure to comply with rules promulgated by the Board
15 shall be grounds for revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal of
16 certification.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02/28/2013 -
20 DO PASS, As Amended.

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