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Summarize service to TAAP/NAADAC or TCB, to include your local Chapter & any Awards/Honors

I have been a member of the Texas Certification Board since 2006 and have chaired the Prevention Committee since that time. I was appointed as a delegate to the IC&RC in 2006 and chaired the IC&RC Prevention Committee from 2006 – 2020. I currently serve as an advisor to the IC&RC Credential Committee. I instituted the TCB Texas Prevention Professional of the Year Award in 2010.

My awards include:

2009 – Recipient, Texas Association of Addictions Professional Terry Hale Addiction Professional of the Year Award

2011 – Presidential Leadership Award, International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium

2012 – Master's Academic Achievement Award, College of Liberal Studies, University of Oklahoma

2019 – Special Leadership Award for exemplary work in prevention, International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium

2023 – Service Recognition Award - International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium

2025 – Recipient, Texas Association of Addictions Professional Terry Hale Addiction Professional of the Year Award

2026 - NAADAC Mel Schulstad Professional of the Year

2026 - National Prevention Network Lifetime Achievement Award

Professional Work Experience – to include Service Work

I have been in the addiction field for 41 years. I am an Advanced Certified Prevention Specialist and was an LCDC for 20 years. I served as Executive Director of Tarrant County Challenge, Director of Prevention for the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Training Specialist for the University of Oklahoma's Southwest Prevention Center, and as Executive Director of LifeSteps Council on Alcohol and Drugs.

From 2012 to 2023, I served as adjunct professor for the University of Oklahoma College of Liberal Studies. I taught core courses for Masters of Prevention Science Degree, including Foundations of Prevention and Prevention across the Lifespan.

Share your philosophy about the role and future of TAAP/TCB

TAAP/TCB's future is critical to the well-being of Texans across the lifespan. We continue to be challenged by issues of SUD of young and old. One issue is the possibility of being absorbed into behavior and mental health services and losing focus of the problems specific to SUD. Another challenge is the lack of focus on prevention. We must equip prevention specialists with evidence-based strategies, whether they provide a curriculum in the classroom or work with a community coalition. In my opinion, the focus on policy is critical. We must continue our campaign to keep SUD issues before our policymakers.