**MPCAC Update at the CMCTP/CCPTP Conference 2019**

* It's an exciting time for MPCAC!
* We currently have 56 accredited programs across 22 states. We have 3 programs in progress and over 15 pending pre-applications.
* We revised our standards which went into effect 2017. We moved towards a competency-based (inspired by current trends in the field and as required by CHEA) and a unified set of standards (integrating the original MPAC and MCAC standards).
  + Previously accredited programs developed a plan to meet the new standards in 2017 and were required to implement that plan by the end of 2018.
* MPCAC has created a training program for site visitors. When new members are elected to the board or additional site visitors are needed, they go through this process.
* We have raised our fees which will take effect July 1st, 2019. One of our goals is to keep accreditation affordable for programs, while at the same time keeping our organization financially viable. The new fees will be $500 annual fee (from $300) and $2500 application fee (from $2000).
* There has been over a 3 year moratorium on new applications for recognition by CHEA (because of their own standards revision process). We have worked with both the Vice-President of CHEA, Tom Cornacchia, and our consultant, Dr. Susan Zlotlow, so that we are well prepared to submit as soon as they are accepting new applications. We are told that will be in July of this year.
* Our MPCAC Board will be meeting in Aiken SC in April.

Drs. O’Connor and Stafford presented on Friday afternoon about what is happening in MPCAC in more detail and hopefully were able to answer your questions.

* We welcome questions and offer our support in the application process (our contact information is on our website)!