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To Our Colleagues:

We are pleased to inform our respective boards and certificants that a meeting was held between the National Certification Commission (NCC) and the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) on June 27 & 28, 2010 in Denver, Colorado.

Respective board representatives in attendance were as follows:

- Jim Holder, NCC Chair
- Bill Lundgren, NCC Commissioner
- Shirley Beckett Mikell, NCC Director of Certification & Education
- Mary Jo Mather, IC&RC Executive Director
- Phyllis Gardner, IC&RC Credentialing Services Chair
- Rhonda Messamore, IC&RC President

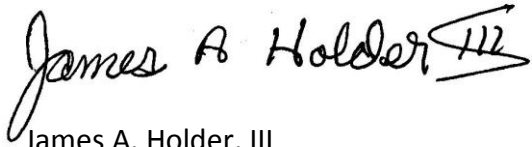
Both IC&RC and NCC recognize the need to speak with one voice for our profession if we hope to effectively address the needs of our respective constituencies in the current political climate and as U.S. healthcare reform moves forward. *The time is now!*

We began by identifying our common interests, goals, and philosophies:

- We are committed to ensuring that our respective certificants are represented in the current healthcare reform discussions and the subsequent regulatory efforts, which we believe must include addiction and prevention professionals.
- We offer specialized credentials that demand recognition for the addiction profession. These credentials are the pathway to a multitude of career designations that enable us to ethically and professionally provide specific services within the addiction profession.
- We agree that there are different degrees of promotion that must occur specifically within NCC and IC&RC to ensure competency for both education and certification/licensure.
- We agree that membership services and credentialing services/products are autonomous functions that must be administered by separate individuals and boards in order to ensure that we have no conflicting interests in decision making.

Recognizing our common ground, we enjoy a cordial and mutually respectful relationship, and we are excited about exploring additional ways that we can collaborate.

Sincerely,



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