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ASAP is very pleased to welcome today new leadership at ASAP's New York Certification Board: **Adrienne Brown** (incoming President) and **Christal Montague** (incoming Vice-President).

And to welcome five new members, all active in the recovery community, to the ASAP-NYCB Board:

- **Ambi Daniel** (ASAP-NYCB Trainer Registry; ASAP-PWI CRPA-Family trainer)
- **Linda Ferdico**, CRPA
- **Eric Malik Hutchinson** (VSR Subject Matter Expert)
- **Denis King**, CARC & CRPA (ASAP-NYCB Trainer Registry; ASAP-PWI CRPA-Family trainer)
- **Luis Laboy**, CRPA

We also extend our sincere gratitude to **Roy Kearse**, longstanding, outgoing President (now Emeritus), who has served the New York Certification Board since its inception, ten years ago.

ASAP is proud that our commitment to Immediate, Intentional, and Sustainable change has been a hallmark of our work certifying addiction peers and, in 2020, creating the ASAP-NYCB Trainer Registry for the professionals delivering peer recovery role training. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are cornerstone values that guide the work of every department at ASAP, including that of the New York Certification Board.

As Certified Recovery Peer Advocates and Certified Addiction Recovery Coaches become a more vital part of the addiction services workforce, the importance of the work done by ASAP-NYCB Board and team members also becomes more vital.

ASAP has worked for more than a decade to manage an industry-standard certification board and facilitate the development of a dedicated professional recovery peer workforce. We are proud of the ASAP-NYCB certification team led by our Director of Certification, **Elisabeth Kranson**, and proud of the Board's achievements, and those of our certificants. And we're deeply appreciative of the support we receive from significant stakeholders within our broader ASAP membership and in the field, including from Julia Fesko and her OASAS Talent Management Bureau team. Together, we'll continue to make a difference.

Sincerely yours,

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