

**Minutes of the
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board Meeting
March 3, 2008**

Members present:

Craig Comedy	John Ellis	Dianne Fidelibus
Jessica Horne	Carolyn Ireland	Dave Schaffer
Richard Whitney		

Members absent:

Larry Anthony	Deb Chambers	J. Craig Wright
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Others present: Bob Field, OCDPB Staff
Amanda Ferguson, OCDPB Staff
Donn Ross, Public

The meeting of the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board convened at the Vern Riffe Center, Columbus, Ohio on 3/3/08 at 10:15 a.m.

Executive Director B. Field called the meeting to order.

Introductions of Board members were made on behalf of the new members and public individuals present. New Board members John Ellis and Dave Schaffer were welcomed. The Board discussed the three seats that remain open on the Board.

The Board reviewed the slate of officers which the previous executive committee prepared and recommended.

MOTION: To nominate D. Fidelibus as Chair, C. Ireland as Vice-Chair, J. Horne as Secretary and C. Comedy as Treasurer. R. Whitney, J. Ellis APPROVED

MOTION: To close the nominations for officers. D. Schaffer, R. Whitney APPROVED

MOTION: To accept the slate of nominations for officer positions. R. Whitney, C. Comedy APPROVED

Newly elected Chair Fidelibus took over the meeting.

Approval of the 12/10/08 Minutes was motioned by C. Ireland, R. Whitney and approved by the Board. Approval of the 2/11/08 Minutes was motioned by R. Whitney, C. Comedy and approved by the Board.

Under Public Comment, Donn Ross spoke with the Board regarding his petition to move from the LCDC II to the LCDC III. Mr. Ross reviewed his educational background with the Board including his undergraduate degree in medicinal chemistry, his masters in chemistry and his completion of Columbus State's CD certificate track. Mr. Ross asked that the Board consider all his educational experience and grant him the LCDC III.

D. Fidelibus abstained from participating in discussion of whether or not to grant Mr. Ross's request as she knows Mr. Ross. B. Field briefly reviewed how the behavioral science degree rule is currently applied by the Board staff. B. Field suggested that the Board refer this request to the Education Committee so that they could determine if the rule was applied appropriately and discuss any desire by the Board to revise the reading of this rule. B. Field explained Mr. Ross's appeals process should Mr. Ross not be satisfied with the Board's ultimate decision. C. Comedy recommended the Board determine a timeline in which they would respond to Mr. Ross's request. C. Ireland shared with Mr. Ross that it is not the Board's desire to exclude individuals but it is the Board's responsibility to follow the laws and rules established. C. Comedy encouraged the Board to review how this rule impacted the customer and the workforce.

MOTION: To refer Mr. Ross's petition to the Education Committee for further review and discussion. The Education Committee will then present their discussions to the Board at the April 14th Board Meeting.
C. Comedy, R. Whitney APPROVED

D. Fidelibus appointed J. Ellis and C. Comedy to the Education Committee. C. Ireland withdrew from the committee.

B. Field gave the Treasurer's Report. Year to date expenses are currently in-line with the Board's appropriation authority. February expenses were high due to three pay periods and quarterly rent. B. Field noted that listed employee benefits were budgeted not actual figures to date. The Board reviewed a comparison of revenues from 2006, 2007 and 2008.

MOTION: Accept the Treasurer's Report C. Ireland, J. Horne APPROVED

B. Field & D. Fidelibus gave the Education Committee Report. The Master's Accreditation rules will be go before JCARR for consent on 3/10. Final file of these rules will then take place on 3/21 with a 4/1/08 effective date. The Education Committee's next steps will be marketing and advertising of the new process.

B. Field gave the Prevention Committee Report. He stated that the education work group would be meeting on 3/14 and that he would be scheduling a Prevention Committee meeting prior to the April Board Meeting.

B. Field gave the Treatment Committee report. He asked that the Board review the Treatment Committee's proposed re-structuring of credentials for discussion at the April

Board Meeting. B. Field reviewed the history and scope of this committee for the new Board Members. He stated that the education work group would hold a conference call on 3/31. The next Treatment Committee meeting is 5/13 at 2pm at Talbot Hall. J. Ellis will join this Committee.

The Treatment Committee requested that the Board review and discuss their recommendations and determine if this is the direction the Board wishes to go. Once the Board is settled on the structure, stakeholders will be contacted and statutory and rule changes will begin.

Ethics Committee report was presented by C. Ireland. Members reviewed the cases and recommendations of the Ethics Committee.

MOTION: To reprimand John Robinson, LICDC and to require 3 hours of documentation training within a six month period for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(3)(g). R. Whitney, J. Horne APPROVED

MOTION: To reprimand Gregory Cox, CCDC I for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(6)(a). R. Whitney, J. Horne APPROVED

MOTION: To reprimand Michael Bonfield, CDCA for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(2)(a) and to require the counselor to place his license on inactive status for a minimum of one year and document one year of sobriety before reactivation. R. Whitney, J. Horne APPROVED

MOTION: To reprimand Barbara Akina, LICDC for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(b). J. Ellis, R. Whitney APPROVED
C. Comedy Abstained

The Board discussed ways in which to better inform individuals of their code of ethics. D. Schaffer suggested the Board see if they could present an ethics training at a future ODADAS Director's Meeting. J. Ellis suggested adding a FAQ Ethics Page to the website. The Board also discussed a possible train the trainers for ethics.

Under Old Business, the Board reviewed and discussed a letter from J. Wright requesting B. Field to contact Scott Mote from LAP. B. Field indicated he had left a phone message for Mr. Mote but had not heard back from him. J. Horne stated that she recalled J. Wright presenting this information at the December Board Meeting but stated the Board did not direct B. Field to take an action on the matter. D. Schaffer asked if contact with Mr. Mote was essential to the mission of the Board. C. Comedy suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Mote inviting him to attend a future Board meeting to discuss possible collaborations between the Board and LAP. B. Field stated he would send Mr. Mote such a letter.

B. Field gave the Executive Director's report. He reminded Board Members that they needed to attend an ethics training and distributed the list of upcoming sessions. B. Field

indicated he alone would be attending the ICRC Spring Meeting in early April in NJ in an effort to conserve travel expenses per the Governor's recent initiative to limit travel. A. Ferguson will be attending an investigator's training the following week. B. Field stated that A. Ferguson had drafted an orientation packet for new members and that an orientation date would be scheduled for new members. He also stated that a revised Board Member contact list would be sent to all members. B. Field stated that the Governor's office is requiring all state agencies to have office hours from 8am-5pm starting May 2nd. He will be working with staff to assure those adjustments are made.

The next meeting of the Board will be April 14, 2008 at 10:00 am at the State Library.

The Board Adjourned at 1:10 pm.



Jessica Horne, Secretary



Dianne Fidelibus, Chair