

**Minutes of the  
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board Meeting  
October 8, 2010**

**Members present:**

Ken Brown	Deb Chambers	John Ellis
Dianne Fidelibus	Mary Haag	Jurldine Hicks
Edna Jones	Judi Smithchild	Glenn Stanton

**Members absent:**

Craig Comedy	Michael Dolan	Ashley Kopaniasz
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**Others present:** Robert Field, OCDPB Staff  
Amanda Ferguson, OCDPB Staff  
Joyce Starr, ODADAS Staff

The meeting of the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board convened at the Vern Riffe Center, Columbus, Ohio on 10/8/10 at 10:30 am.

Chair J. Ellis called the meeting to order.

Approval of the 7/30/10 Minutes was motioned by J. Hicks, G. Stanton and approved by the Board.

B. Field gave the Treasurer's Report. The Board reviewed SFY 2011 first quarter expenses and revenue. The Board reviewed a revised SFY 2011 budget which incorporates B. Field's return to full time pay with the Board. B. Field and G. Stanton proposed consolidation of several budget categories to simplify the report the Board reviews.

MOTION: To consolidate budget categories.  
G. Stanton, M. Haag APPROVED

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report.  
D. Fidelibus, J. Smithchild APPROVED

J. Ellis presented the Education Committee Report. He stated that Case Western Reserve had applied for the master's accreditation and the committee reviewed the proposal and asked the university to provide further clarification before approval. J. Ellis encouraged that the Board work to get other universities to apply for accreditation. D. Fidelibus stated that master's level schools she'd spoken with are interested in the CD endorsement but not the accreditation. She and J. Ellis recommended that the Board create a process

by which universities could just apply for the CD endorsement. J. Ellis also encouraged that the Board broaden the process to include 2 year and 4 year programs. B. Field stated that he would evaluate whether this would require rule or statute revisions.

A. Ferguson presented the Treatment Committee Report. She stated that the treatment and education committees met jointly to continue discussions of a gambling endorsement. The committees reviewed the standards for the International Gambling Counselors Certification Board (IGCCB) as well as the structures of several other states with gambling certifications. The committees were very interested in further reviewing ODADAS' 30 hour curriculum package and determined that 30 hours of education seemed appropriate for an endorsement. The committees had an interest in utilizing the IGCCB's examination but continue to experience a hang-up in the IGCCB work experience requirements. In order for an individual to take the IGCCB exam they must have prior work experience in gambling counseling which the Board's licensees currently cannot provide within their scope. A. Ferguson spoke with several other states to see how they handled this issue and the majority of states allow individuals to practice under supervision for a period of time without holding a certificate or license.

J. Starr spoke to the Board on behalf of ODADAS. She stated that they have been in conversations with both Indiana and WV and would envision an endorsement process similar to these. J. Starr stated that a currently licensed individual could take the 30 hour training package and then apply for the endorsement with the Board. Upon receiving that endorsement the individual's scope would increase to incorporate gambling counseling services but the individual would practice under supervision for a determined period of time to ensure competency. J. Starr recommended that individuals could then pursue the international certification on their own if they so desired. J. Starr stated that ODADAS desires to build a pool of professionals who can provide these services and hopes to then bring the gambling hotline to Ohio. Currently the hotline is staffed in Louisiana.

M. Haag gave the Prevention Committee Report. The prevention survey had a 10% return and 75% of the responses provided positive feedback regarding the proposed changes. The committee met on 9/16 and finalized the changes to be incorporated into the draft legislation. The committee will focus on defining degree requirements and scopes of practice at the next meeting on 11/12.

A. Ferguson gave the Executive Director's Report. She stated that Mary Swank is currently on medical leave and that her duties have been shifted to other staff for the interim. She anticipates Mary's return in November.

Under Old Business, A. Ferguson updated the Board on the status of its pending legislative changes. She and D. Fidelibus met and crafted revisions to the draft. These changes were submitted to LSC and the Board has already received a revised draft. Representative Huffman's office anticipates that the legislation can be introduced at the first of the year. B. Field will move forward with distribution of the draft to the field and any dialogue that needs to occur to foster buy-in and/or further revisions. A. Ferguson pointed out that this would be an opportunity for the Board to add language into statute

which would allow it to provide the SAP exam. Since current statute did not indicate that authority the Board has allowed a private entity to provide this exam to Ohioans. The Board was in support of this language addition and B. Field will add to the current draft. A. Ferguson will talk with IC&RC about steps the Board would need to take to cancel the contract that currently allows the private entity to administer the exam.

A. Ferguson updated the Board on the rule packages that she has been working on. The Confidential Personal Information (CPI) package became effective 10/1/10 and staff is now logging access to CPI per these rules. The first five year rule package has also been filed. The updated codes of ethics, which now require a disclosure statement for all treatment credentials, went into effective on 10/1/10. The addition of three hours of ethics for renewal will go into effect on 3/1/11 to give the field adequate time to obtain the needed hours. The second five year rule package is still in progress. These rules which include late fees for renewal applications and changes to the CDCA requirements will be finalized this month and will have staggered effective dates to allow the field time to comply with the changes. D. Chambers encouraged that A. Ferguson share the rule changes with ODADAS for possible publication in an upcoming newsletter. D. Fidelibus asked if the code of ethics could be highlighted on the homepage of the website so that professionals did not have to search for it.

Under New Business, A. Ferguson presented a request from Ebased Academy to have their web banner placed on the Board's website. The Board determined that if they allowed one entity to submit a web banner they would have to allow others and determined that this was not a direction the Board wished to go in at this time.

The Board set an additional Board meeting for December 3, 2010 at 10:00 am. This meeting will focus on continued discussions regarding the gambling endorsement. K. Brown also asked if the Board could briefly discuss the criminal justice credential at this meeting. J. Ellis asked that ODADAS present on their goals and timeline for gambling so that the Board could plan similarly.

A. Ferguson gave the Ethics Committee Report. She updated the Board on a former ethics case in which the counselor, Mr. Kelch, had appealed the Board's ruling with common pleas court. The Board's ruling was upheld by common pleas court and Mr. Kelch is now appealing to the court of appeals. A. Ferguson also brought to the Board's attention one consent agreement which needed Board action.

MOTION: To accept the consent agreement for Jesus Mitchell, LCDC III #081228.  
J. Ellis, D. Fidelibus  
J. Smithchild, abstained

APPROVED

MOTION: To adjourn  
M. Haag, E. Jones

The Board adjourned at 12:30 pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary F. Haag".

Mary Haag, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Ellis".

John Ellis, Chair