

**Minutes of the
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board Meeting
December 14, 2012**

Members present:

Ken Brown	Craig Comedy	Dianne Fidelibus
Mary Haag	Jerry Jones	Glenn Stanton
Hope Taft		

Members absent:

Shobhana Davda	Ashley Kopaniasz	Geary Teramana
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Others present: Amanda Ferguson, OCDPB Staff
Bob Field, OCDPB Staff

The meeting of the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board convened at the Verne Riffe Center, Columbus, Ohio on 12/14/12 at 10:20 am.

Chair M. Haag called the meeting to order.

Approval of the 8/10/12 Minutes was deferred due to lack of a quorum.

During Public Comment, Kathy Barris spoke about a grassroots organization in Pickerington, OH called Tyler's Light. This organization was started by a family who lost their son to addiction and who now educate you on the dangers of drugs. The Board discussed ways this group might connect with other similar groups. M. Haag suggested contact with the Drug Free Action Alliance. J. Jones provided ODADAS contact info for further help.

J. Jones presented the ODADAS Update. He indicated that the consolidation of ODMH and ODADAS continues. Updates are frequently posted on the consolidation website. It is expected that ODADAS & ODMH will all be housed together come March of 2013. In January the rules and policy committee will begin drafting consolidation rules. M. Haag commended ODADAS for their transparency in this process and for opportunities for the field to participate in the process. J. Jones indicated that the gambling funding formula is still being ironed out and referred individuals to Scott Anderson at ODADAS for any questions on this.

M. Haag presented the Executive Committee Report. She stated the committee continued to work on the Board's strategic plan.

D. Fidelibus presented the Treatment Committee Report. She stated that the committee had been focusing on the gambling endorsement and left the last meeting with an agreement amongst all parties on providing an endorsement with required CEUs up front and then supervision in practice on the back end. B. Field shared that ODADAS placed the endorsement language in their budget request. If accepted, the endorsement may be available as early as Summer of 2013. A. Ferguson stated she would coordinate with ODADAS on exact timing of this if accepted. D. Fidelibus also announced that G. Stanton would be the new chair of the Treatment Committee.

M. Haag gave the Prevention Committee Report. She stated that the committee conferred a definition of prevention. This will be shared with the Board at a later meeting. The committee continued work on rules in anticipation of the legislative changes. They will also begin focusing on ways to market the new OCPSA.

G. Stanton and B. Field gave the Treasurer's Report. A written report had been submitted prior for board member review. The Board reviewed the approved SFY13 spending authority increase. The Board also discussed the board's recent audit and the three items identified for correction which included timeliness of deposits, assessment of personal information systems and policies and procedures for expenses. Approval of the Treasurer's Report was tabled due to lack of quorum.

The Board broke for lunch at 11:50 am and returned at 12:35 pm.

B. Field gave the Executive Director's Report. He referred the Board to his written report. He indicated that SB287 died but the Board's legislative changes were rolled into HB284 which then passed. B. Field and staff are finalizing rule changes associated with the legislative changes. Once finished the rules will be filed with the Governor's Common Sense Initiative and then with JCARR. B. Field stated he would announce the passage of the bill to the field on 12/17/12.

The Board discussed board member appointments. Including December openings the Board has 7 open positions and will not be able to maintain a quorum without appointments being made. Dianne Fidelibus spoke with Megan Fitzmartin, from the Boards and Commissions office and emphasized the critical need for appointments. The Board offered assistance in this process and was not approached to date. The Board discussed options for working with the Governor's office to see appointments made in a timely fashion.

B. Field discussed a meeting he had with ODRC Director Gary Mohr. Director Mohr is interested in discussing a re-entry program which would allow incarcerated individuals to receive credentials prior to expiration of sentence. Director Mohr has asked to meet with the Board at their next meeting to discuss the program further. The Board had significant discussion surrounding the feasibility of this idea. The Board's current rules do not allow an individual to be credentialed until all legal sanctions have been completed. In addition discussions regarding the eligibility for field placements for work experience, ethical boundary concerns if practicing while incarcerated, supervisory

structure without creating dual relationships and need for time to make sufficient lifestyle changes. The Board is open to meeting with Director Mohr to explore and other potential strategies to support those with convictions who have a desire to work in this field.

C. Comedy arrived at 1:00 pm. Board still lacked a quorum.

Under New Business M. Haag stated the Board is accepting nominations for officer elections. The Board also agreed to meet in calendar year 2013 on 2/1, 5/10, 8/9, and 11/8.

B. Field gave the Ethics Committee Report. The Board reviewed the written report. A. Ferguson stated she would be in touch with A. Kopaniasz to discuss options for the ethics investigating board member while she is on maternity leave.

M. Haag announced that B. Field would be transferring his employment to the Treasurer's office. His last day will be 12/28/12. The Board discussed A. Ferguson functioning as Acting Executive Director until the position is filled.

M. Haag adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.



Dianne Fidelibus, Secretary



Mary Haag, Chair