

**Minutes of the
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board Meeting
February 11, 2011**

Members present:

Ken Brown	Deb Chambers	Craig Comedy
Shobhana Davda	John Ellis	Dianne Fidelibus
Mary Haag	Jurldine Hicks	Edna Jones
Ashley Kopaniasz	Hope Taft	

Members absent:

Glenn Stanton

Others present: Amanda Ferguson, OCDPB Staff

The meeting of the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board convened at ODOT, Columbus, Ohio on 2/11/11 at 10:00 am.

Vice-Chair D. Fidelibus called the meeting to order.

The Board welcomed two newly appointed Board Members: Shobhana Davda and Hope Taft. Introductions were made by all. A. Ferguson explained the absence of two Board Members: M. Dolan's appointment was not confirmed by the Senate and J. Smithchild was not re-appointed. A. Ferguson also explained B. Field's absence due to a death in the family.

Approval of the 12/3/10 Minutes was motioned by A. Kopaniasz, K. Brown and approved by the Board.

The Board held its Election of Officers. There were no nominations from the floor. The Executive Committee presented a recommended slate of nominees for consideration.

MOTION: To approve the slate of officers as John Ellis for Chair, Mary Haag for Vice Chair, Dianne Fidelibus for Secretary and Glenn Stanton for Treasurer.
A. Kopaniasz, C. Comedy APPROVED

The Board heard Public Comment. A Columbus State student was in attendance as part of a social policy class requirement.

A. Ferguson gave the Ethics Committee Report. She stated that Mr. Benjamin Kelch had dropped his appeal with the Court of Appeals regarding discipline taken by the Board.

She further stated that a hearing is scheduled for April 5, 2011 in the matter of Mr. Richard Marvin's application denial.

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session to discuss confidential ethics investigations.
M. Haag, D. Fidelibus Roll Call Vote, APPROVED

MOTION: To exit Executive Session.
E. Jones, H. Taft APPROVED

MOTION: To accept the consent agreement for Thomas Schatzer, LICDC.
J. Hicks, M. Haag APPROVED

MOTION: To accept the consent agreement for Douglas Warne, LICDC.
H. Taft, M. Haag
Abstentions: D. Fidelibus, A. Kopaniasz APPROVED

MOTION: To accept the Notice of Opportunity for Celeste Ward, CDCA.
D. Fidelibus, H. Taft APPROVED

MOTION: To issue the denial of Samuel Chatman's CDCA application.
H. Taft, D. Fidelibus
Abstentions: A. Kopaniasz APPROVED

J. Ellis raised the issue of needing to further review the Board's policies, procedures and rules as they relate to counselor impairment. He called for the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to review the current structure, identify any gaps or problem areas and provide the Board with recommended changes if needed. The following Board members volunteered to sit on this Ad Hoc Committee: C. Comedy, D. Fidelibus, J. Hicks, E. Jones, K. Brown.

A. Ferguson gave the Treasurer's Report. She referred the members to the revenue and expenditure documents provided by B. Field and solicited membership questions. Members had no questions. D. Fidelibus recommended that the Treasurer's Report continue in this fashion only requiring comment if members had questions.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report.
D. Fidelibus, A. Kopaniasz APPROVED

J. Ellis presented the Education Committee Report. He stated that the Committee met on 1/14/11. The Case Western Reserve site visit is scheduled for 2/15/11. New CDCA education requirements will take effect 7/1/11. The committee continues efforts to get the word out to providers as well as colleges and universities regarding these upcoming changes. The Committee is also working further on the CD curriculum project. J. Ellis briefly overviewed the role of the Education Committee for new board members. The committee's next meeting is 3/11/11

D. Fidelibus presented the Treatment Committee Report. She reviewed the role of this committee for new board members. The committee met on 2/10/11 to finalize the work they have been doing over the last few years on proposed legislative changes. D. Fidelibus briefly highlighted those changes to members and stated that comments the committee received from the public were overall positive. Of the comments which raised concerns, some were misinterpretations of the proposal which will be cleared up in responses to these individuals by B. Field. D. Fidelibus shared that the committee recommends that regional presentations occur once the bill is introduced to address public questions and alleviate misconceptions. She asked that Board members assist in finding suitable locations for these presentations. A. Kopaniasz asked that meeting needs be shared with the members so that they could determine locations that may be appropriate.

C. Comedy and M. Haag gave the Prevention Committee Report. C. Comedy indicated that the committee met on 2/10/11 to finish up their work on the proposed legislative changes. He highlighted the proposed changes for the Board. M. Haag stated that public input was solicited at two ADAPAO meetings as well as through a field survey and overall the feedback was positive. The committee is now discussing degree definitions and looking at availability of educational courses. They will further work on marketing issues once the legislation is passed into law. The committee's next meeting is 4/14/11.

The Board took a 15 minute break at 12:05 pm.

A. Ferguson gave the Executive Director's Report. She stated that the Board's audit would begin later this month. B. Field will be meeting with the new ODADAS Director on 3/3/11. A. Ferguson updated the Board on a recent conference call she and B. Field had with Ms. Bonnie Hedrick. Ms. Hedrick has been the contractor who oversees E-based Academy for ODADAS. ODADAS is taking the coordination of this service in-house and Ms. Hedrick asked that the Board advocate that this transition is completed in a smooth and timely fashion for users of the service. D. Fidelibus outlined she and B. Field's meeting with the new Director of Boards and Commissions, Jeff Polesovsky. She stated that consolidation of boards does not appear to be a priority of the Governor's office at this time. She stated that the open public seat was discussed and hoped to have it addressed shortly. She recommended that she and B. Field follow-up with Mr. Polesovsky in a few weeks. A. Ferguson indicated that the Board was up for ICRC Compliance review and that B. Field would submit these documents to ICRC later this month.

Under New Business, A. Ferguson reminded board members that financial disclosure statements are due to B. Field by 4/15/11. She further shared that B. Field is requesting board approval to travel to Colorado for the Spring ICRC Meeting in April.

MOTION: To approve B. Field's request for travel to the Spring ICRC Meeting.
D. Fidelibus, M. Haag APPROVED

A. Ferguson stated that ICRC is working to establish video conferencing for this meeting which may open up opportunities for staff and interested Board members to sit in on sessions.

A. Ferguson updated the Board on new testing policies which would go into effect on 2/14/11. The Board will now offer computer based testing on-demand. This will eliminate application deadlines and testing windows and will allow applicants to test anytime of their choosing within a six month window. Applicants who fail the exam will be required to wait 60 days to retest as opposed to the previous 90 days. A listserv announcement will go out to the field regarding this new policy. J. Ellis recommended that staff share the information with ODADAS to publish in their E-newsletter.

Under Old Business, A. Ferguson stated that once LSC made final revisions to the Board's legislative draft B. Field would work to get the bill introduced. B. Field's hope is that introduction will occur within the next 60 days. She also updated the Board on a meeting on 2/18/11 between ODADAS and Board staff to further discuss gambling treatment and certification. She stated that it appeared that both entities were not fully on the same page and may be conveying different messages to the field regarding scope of practice as it related to gambling treatment.

MOTION: To adjourn.
J. Hicks, A. Kopanisz

APPROVED

The Board adjourned at 1:00 pm.



Dianne Fidelibus, Secretary



John Ellis, Chair