

**Minutes of the  
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board Meeting  
June 9, 2008**

**Members present:**

Ken Brown	Deb Chambers	Craig Comedy
John Ellis	Dianne Fidelibus	Jessica Horne
Carolyn Ireland	Brad Potts	Judi Smithchild
Richard Whitney	J. Craig Wright	

**Members absent:**

Mary Haag	Dave Schaffer
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**Others present:** Bob Field, OCDPB Staff  
Mary Swank, OCDPB Staff  
Amanda Ferguson, OCDPB Staff

The meeting of the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board convened at the State Library, Columbus, Ohio on 6/9/08 at 10:00 a.m.

Chair D. Fidelibus called the meeting to order.

D. Fidelibus welcomed new board member Brad Potts. Introductions of Board members were made.

Approval of the 4/18/08 Minutes was motioned by J. Wright, C. Ireland and approved by the Board.

B. Field gave the Treasurer's Report. He announced that the office would begin accepting credit card payments as of July 1, 2008 using an online program. The Board reviewed current expense and revenue reports. B. Field indicated that renewals continued to lag in part due to individuals opting to not renew and in part due to individuals advancing to higher levels and being awarded a new renewal period at no charge. D. Fidelibus tasked the Treatment & Prevention Committees with looking at the potential for charging an individual for their first renewal in addition to the application and testing fees. The Board reviewed proposed FY2009 Revenue & Expenses. B. Field indicated that if the Board continued to become more and more dependent on the 4K9 fund as a revenue source the Board may need to make some critical decisions in the future regarding staffing or location/rent rates. The Board discussed the Executive Director's salary and job classification. The E.D.'s current job classification requires the Board to approve raises when appropriate. All other staff positions receive raises annually per the state guidelines.

MOTION: To enter Executive Session to discuss the salary and job classification of the Executive Director position. C. Ireland, J. Wright Approved

Executive Session 10:55 am – 11:10 am

C. Comedy recommended the Executive Committee further investigate the implications of re-classifying the Executive Director's position.

MOTION: To allow the Executive Committee to work towards re-classification of the Executive Director's position to allow for future annual raises and to task the committee with determining timelines for this transition as well as other options should this re-classification not be feasible.

B. Potss, J. Smithchild Approved

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's report  
R. Whitney, C. Comedy Approved

J. Ellis gave the Education Committee Report. J. Ellis acknowledged L. Anthony's retirement from the Board and his hard work as chair of the Education Committee. The committee met on 5/19/08. They discussed further the D. Ross petition and determined it cannot be approved under the current reading of rule. R. Field will draft a letter to Mr. Ross informing of this outcome. The Education Committee will begin work and discussions on potential revisions to the Behavioral Science Degree Definition in rule. The committee discussed rolling out the Master's accreditation program and piloting one school to assure all is running smoothly. J. Ellis announced that he would like the Education Committee to begin to tackle an unfinished task from the Workforce Development Taskforce. This task is to draft standardized curriculum for Addiction 101 and Prevention 101 coursework at the college level. J. Ellis will be asking several public members (no more than 10) to join in this project and asked board members to submit recommended participants to him by the end of this week.

B. Field asked that the Executive Committee meet to set priorities and timelines to assist the staff in completing the many projects that are currently underway.

B. Field gave the Prevention Committee Report. At their last meeting they discussed the curriculum matrix the work group had been preparing. They further discussed access to training issues. The committee and staff continue to monitor the progress/success of the prevention examination. B. Field is making some minor corrections to the prevention rules to align Domain 4 with current ICRC standards. Their next meeting is Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.

B. Field gave the Treatment Committee report. He stated the committee met via conference call to discuss curriculum development for the CDCA level. They further discussed priorities and tracking for committee work. D. Fidelibus stated that she believes the CDCA and attraction of other professionals to the field are a bigger focus at present than the re-structuring of all levels and suggests that the re-structuring issue be

tabled for now. She would like to see the Board address items that can be changed now in rule and wait on those issues that require statutory changes. The Board discussed concerns surrounding the scope and education requirements of the CDCA.

The Board took a break from 12:10 pm – 12:20 pm.

B. Field gave the Executive Director's report. The Board is currently undergoing an audit by the State Auditor's office. B. Field reminded the Board of several rules changes that are in the works. He announced the wrap-up of the CPM exams and the beginning of the new written exam on 6/13/08. B. Field stated that ICRC will be offering their international certifications to all credentialed professionals at no cost beginning 7/1/08. The Board is awaiting further instructions on how this process will work. The ICRC is also creating an international database to house all AOD professionals. B. Field also discussed his attendance at a recent GLATTC meeting.

MOTION: To enter executive session to discuss ethics cases  
C. Ireland, J. Ellis

Approved

Executive Session 12:35pm – 1:40pm.

MOTION: To approve the following ethics actions:

To suspend the certification of Robert P. Vickery CCDC I #031034 for one year and to require successful completion of an assessment and any recommended course of treatment with an accredited treatment provider and completion of no less than 6 random drug screens during the one year period for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(f).

To revoke the license of James E. Hightower LICDC #954376 for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(a), (B)(3)(a), (B)(3)(d).

To reprimand the certification of Curtis J. Halsell CCDC I #011398 for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(6)(a) and to require the counselor submit verification of completion of agency ethics training.

To suspend the certification of Lyndsey J. Graham CDCA #040471 for a minimum of one year and to require successful completion of an assessment and any recommended course of treatment with an accredited treatment provider, completion of no less than 6 random drug screens during the one year suspension and completion of probation for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(f) and (B)(2)(a).

To revoke the certification of Jeffrey L. Augustin CDCA #050059 for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(f), and (B)(2)(a).

To reprimand the certification of Bernard Garrett CCDC I #031124 via consent agreement for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(i) and (B)(1)(o).

To reprimand the license of William J. Boswell LICDC #82785 via consent agreement for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(g) and (B)(1)(i).

To suspend the certification of Stefan C. Densmore CCDC I #001397 for six months via consent agreement and to require completion of 3 hours of ethics and 3 hours of documentation training for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(3)(d) and (B)(3)(g).

To allow Deana J. Couch to surrender her CDCA certification #060595 via consent and never reapply with the Board for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(g), (B)(3)(b), (B)(3)(d) and (B)(3)(g).

To revoke the license of Rodney B. Sturgill LCDC II #021331 for violation of 4758-8-01(B)(1)(k), (B)(6)(a) and (B)(7)(a).

To revoke the certification of Stefanie Harrell CDCA #060804 for violation of 4758-8-01 (B)(6)(a) and (B)(7)(a).

To reprimand the license of Yvonne D. Baker-Blazer LICDC #80470 for violation of 4758-8-01 (B)(2)(a) and to require the counselor to complete her current short term inactive status, successfully complete an assessment and any recommended course of treatment with an accredited treatment provider.

To reprimand the license of Willie Scales LICDC #954416 for violation of 4758-8-01 (B)(3)(b).

B. Potts, C. Comedy

Approved

The Board adjourned.