



**Ohio**

**Chemical Dependency  
Professionals Board**

## **Treatment and Education & TRN Committee Meeting Minutes**

June 11, 2021 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

(Virtual Meeting on TEAMS Platform)

**Treatment Members Present:** John Lisz (TX CHAIR), Jim Mermis, Bruce Jones, Raynard Packard, Adreana Tartt,

**Education Members Present:** Ken Yeager (Ed & TRN CHAIR), Diane Fidelibus, Michael Brubaker, Kathy Yokum, Kathy Elson,

**Members Absent:** - Scott Beach, Teresa Lampl, Gary Gonnella

**Others Present:** Jill Smock - Executive Director, Janice Thomas – Admin. Support

John L. called the meeting to order: 1:09 pm

**Motion:** John L. asked for a motion to approve the 3/14/2021 committee meeting minutes  
Jim M./Ken Y. Passed

Welcome and introduction of those on virtual meeting.

**Announcements:** None

Director Updates - Jill S.

Jill S. reported that she has been interviewing for an open position at the Board and hopes to have someone by early July. HB5 has passed the Senate and is moving to the Floor for vote. She asked the committee members spread the word that the HB404 license extension is ending as of 7/1/2021 so anyone affected should renew as soon as possible. The Bachelor Endorsement amendment did not make it into HB110. We are recommending that those interested in the Bachelor Endorsement have their program up and running for at least a year. The 40 semester hours required for the Master's degree is still being reviewed with the hope of getting legislation help to remove that restriction and some other law restrictions with amendments to the Budget Bill. The Senate bill amendment to the HB110 includes a "conscience clause" SC3909 page 313 allows certain ones in the field to refuse to provide service based on moral, ethical or religious beliefs unless in an emergency. This goes against our Professional Code of Conduct and Ethics. ASI will have their 2 day conference, July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Dianne F. wanted clarification that the Bachelor programs can still submit for the LCDC III and the answer was yes.

John L. recommended that there be a total review of Laws to update all issues of concern. He cited a few entries that he questions about. Jill S. informed the committee that there is limited time and requested that any new suggestions for changes be sent to her immediately.

A subcommittee reviewing the information consists of Ken Y, Tom S. and John L. They will meet for discussion on what's in rule verses law.

#### Mental Health Workgroup Update – John L.

Ken Y. summarized his findings regarding co-occurring disorders, stating that studies indicate a minimum of 30% of mental health clients have co-occurring disorders. Ken Y. suggests the workgroup title be Co-Occurring Disorder instead of Mental Health since that is the focus. John L. would like a discussion to take place with some of the CSWMFT therapists. Dianne F. stated that some academically prepared programs undermine our Board because we allow all of our CD Specific education to be completed in online courses. Other academically prepared programs do not. Online courses don't require much to pass the training and academic preparation makes a difference when starting out in the field. Mike B. wants a revisit of the allowance for the LICDC. Adreana T. pointed out that there are several seasoned LICDC professionals that could benefit if we create and offer a specific co-occurring track or pathway to integrate some of these folks. Dianne F. recommended a possible college course on Co-Occurring disorders. Also mentioned was the caution to be mindful of not creating a backdoor entry for folks with ethics violations. Jill S. informed the committee that violations are checked before granting a license or endorsement. The committee members agree this is worth further research. The co-occurring disorder sub-committee consists of John L., Adreana T., Ken Y., and Gary G.

#### Twelve Core Functions – John L.

A chart containing the 12 core functions and IC&RC Domains was distributed to the committee for review and discussion. The issue is to determine how to align the current 12 core function requirement with IC&RCs four domain categories, (1.Screening, Assessment and Engagement, 2.Treatment Planning, Collaboration & Referral, 3.Counseling and 4.Professional & Ethical Responsibilities). Suggestions were made to eliminate the # of hours listed in each category sub-set and just list the required hours for each main category. Adreana T. commented on the importance of leaving Relationship counseling and Crisis counseling as a requirement because they are receiving high focus in the current climate. She expressed that we should keep those areas in the forefront. She informed the members that Recovery Ohio is promoting curricula around Family Addictions within the family crisis dynamic. Ken Y. also agrees and states that there is emphasis on crisis intervention. A detailed discussion followed on screening and assessment, Tap 21 clinical evaluation and evidence based approaches to screening tools. Jill S. suggested including the IC&RC Job Analysis document on our website and the committee agreed. John L. and Jill S. will work to fine tune the hours and recommendations for the 12 Core Function chart.

#### Masters Education Content Areas Update, 5 year rule review – Ken Y.

The committee had a detailed discussion around the Master's degree content areas. Examples of different types of degrees were discussed. The question put to the floor was whether the Board should be looking for a specific hour count for the Master's Education grid. Currently board staff are performing a detailed review of transcripts and syllabi to verify the specified hours were covered. This sometimes requires pulling hours from various courses. Previous exception options were discontinued because they are not listed in our Rules. Jill S. pointed out that that some of the restrictions in Law must be changed to have the flexibility needed to make updates in Rules. Ken Y., Mike B. and Kathy E. are on

the sub-committee to review content area information for the upcoming 5 year Rule Review. Jill S. will send documentation of issues and previous exception guidelines to the sub-committee.

Exam Rule (NAADAC and CS Exam) – John L.

John L. proposed that the Board begin accepting other exams besides the IC&RC exam. He state that 10 or more states currently accept more than one exam.

Telehealth New Rule to consider for OCDP – John L./Ken Y.

Since the telehealth option for practicing in the field appears to be growing, Jill S. stated that the Board needs documented Telehealth guidelines. The staff are receiving more question regarding the Board's position on this type of practice and we're currently referring to standardized guidelines. Mike B. mentioned that there a few things that must be considered are the HIPAA question and the type of platforms being used. Jill S. has asked that the committee members send their suggestions for telehealth guidelines to her by the end of July for a New Rule to be drafted by the Board.

Jill S. reminded everyone that the next committee meeting in September could be an in-person.

**Motion:** John L. asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting: 3:06 pm.  
Ken Y./Dianne F.

Passed

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