

OCDP Treatment Committee
December 2, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Present: Lori Criss, Amanda Ferguson, Dianne Fidelibus, Bruce Jones, Ginger Ross, Robb Yurisko, Andrew Moss

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm at Talbot Hall.

The committee welcomed new members Lori Criss and Bruce Jones.

A. Ferguson gave a brief membership update. The committee discussed results of invitations made for public membership. The committee further reviewed a listing of individuals who had submitted applications to the Governor's office for consideration as board members.

A. Ferguson and D. Fidelibus provided an update on the Gambling Endorsement. A. Ferguson had a conference call with OMHAS staff in November and was informed the Governor's policy office is aware of OMHAS interest in this legislative effort but they have not made a decision yet on allowing OMHAS to support. OMHAS encouraged the Board to move forward independently while OMHAS continues to pursue obtaining support. A. Ferguson and D. Fidelibus also met to strategize next steps and identify possible legislators to initiate the LSC draft of language. D. Fidelibus has contacted Senator LaRose's office and will be contacting Senator Cafaro's office. A. Ferguson has crafted a letter that can be emailed as a follow-up to initial phone contacts. A. Ferguson will also be contacting Rep. Sprague's office. L. Criss suggested possibly looking at those legislators who had interest in the VLT regulations and B. Jones suggested contacting Laura Clemmons at the Casino Control Commission for possible leads.

The Committee discussed a recent Master's Accreditation Application from Grand Canyon University. D. Fidelibus recommended that a small sub-committee meet to review the submission. A. Ferguson, D. Fidelibus and R. Yurisko volunteered to do so. D. Fidelibus also updated the committee on the progress of associate's degree accreditation and stated the coalition working on this effort is meeting next week on the matter.

The Committee discussed at length recent public comment given at the November 8, 2013 Board Meeting and referred to this committee for review. At that meeting, Mr. Steed presented concerns regarding the Board requiring a specific master's degree for the LICDC and LICDC-CS levels when 1) previous professionals had been granted these levels through grandparenting, 2) many ICRC states do not require a master's for equivalent levels and 3) the Board's reciprocity procedures allow non-degreed individuals to obtain the LICDC-CS. The committee stressed that allowing non-degreed individuals to obtain licensure would be a step backwards and not in the best interest of the field as it moves towards being equally recognized among other healthcare professions. The

committee further indicated that non-related master's degrees do not provide the specific education needed to practice at the advanced level in this field. The committee agreed that the current reciprocity practices of the Board allowed for a loop hole for out of state professionals and will be working to revise rules to ensure out of state applicants met the same standards as Ohio professionals. The committee requested that A. Ferguson draft a letter to Mr. Steed regarding their findings.

The Committee discussed HB98 which recently passed and requires the Board to file rules by June of 2014 to address licensure equivalencies for military veterans. L. Criss asked that the Committee review how other healthcare boards are addressing this requirement. A. Ferguson stated that she would bring this information to the next meeting. D. Fidelibus speculated that colleges may be asked to look at experiential credit for military personnel and that she would look into this further. The Committee asked A. Ferguson to compile the curriculum requirements for each ICRC military jurisdiction to review and consider whether these could be deemed as acceptable for degree requirements.

The Committee discussed possible plans within ICRC to eliminate the Clinical Supervisor, Criminal Justice and Co-Occurring certificates they currently offer due to under performance. In light of this the Committee decided to eliminate from its workplan the review of the CJ and Co-Occurring credentials as possible additions to Board offerings. Since the Board utilizes the CS level, A. Ferguson recommended the committee begin looking at the ICRC Advanced ADC level as an alternative. The Committee asked A. Ferguson to prepare information regarding the AADC requirements and exam for its next meeting. The Committee was particularly interested in whether the AADC exam included a supervision component and if it did not if ICRC would consider adding that if the CS was eliminated.

Lastly the Committee set meeting dates for 2014 as March 3, June 2, Sept 8 and Dec 1. All will be held at 1:00pm in Columbus.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.