



Chemical Dependency Board Meeting

Minutes

May 17, 2019

Members present: *Alex Bishara, Gregory Hogg, Philip Atkins, Andrew Moss, Wendy Haynes-Britton, Maximino Cortes, Joyce Starr, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar; Debbie Thompson (arrived 10:25 AM)*

Members absent: *Jim Mermis*

Others Present: *Jill Smock-Executive Director, Bobby Robbins-Investigator, Lisa Hartman-Assistant Attorney General (Assigned General Counsel), Janice Thomas-Treatment Administrator*

Chairperson Wendy Haynes-Britton called the meeting to order at 10:11 am. Vice Chair Andrew Moss completed the roll call. A Quorum was established.

W. Haynes-Britton asked attendees to complete a round of introductions, which was followed by an introduction from new Executive Director Jill Smock.

Motion: to approve February 15, 2019 meeting minutes with corrections.

G. Hogg, A. Moss

Approved, 10:20 am

General Announcements:

W. Haynes-Britton announced that Board member A. Moss was named to the Columbus Business First 40 Under 40 List for 2019.

Ohio MHAS Updates:

J. Starr provided updates on new department personnel, including several new assistant directors. Alisia Clark was named assistant director talked about Lori Criss as new Ohio MHAS Executive Director, several new assistant directors, including Alisia Clark (Community Planning and Collaboration), Lois Hochstetler (Community Treatment Services), and Bobbie Boyer (Prevention Services). J. Starr also stated that the department is continuing to work to address community concerns regarding behavioral health redesign prevention assistant director; working on community concerns with redesign, addressed with Medicaid. J. Starr also shared that Rob Morrison, Executive Director from NASADAD, recently visited the Maryhaven Addiction Stabilization Center and had a positive impression regarding how federal funds have been utilized in Ohio. P. Atkins asked if the Board budget had been approved, and J. Starr stated that the budget has passed the House and is now moving to the Senate for approval.

Treasurer's Report:

A. Bishara reviewed a budget report from 5/14/19. A. Bishara stated that the current budget reconciliation process is "extremely manualized;" expenses were underrepresented on the report that was presented. A. Bishara stated that he is not concerned about having a deficiency of funds and that he would like future reports to reflect what was budgeted for the month compared to what has been

actualized for the month. A. Bishara also shared that he is exploring other processing systems with staff to make the reconciliation process less manualized. A. Moss asked about adding funding for ethics hearings to the budget expenses. L. Hartman replied that the Board likely has the ability to reallocate funding for ethics hearings as needed. A. Bishara noted that another possible way to increase revenue is to re-evaluate the appropriate rate for licensing fees. Finally, A. Bishara advised that the Board should not make a motion to approve the current budget statement as additional reconciliation is pending.

Executive Committee Report:

W. Haynes-Britton noted that one of J. Smock's initial priorities was to file for an extension with LICDC scope rule. W. Haynes-Britton also shared that the Executive Committee discussed the need to become increasingly more efficient in processing ethics investigations. Additionally, W. Haynes-Britton noted that the Executive Committee is concerned about the 2 unfilled Board seats, especially the physician seat, and the 3 seats that will be vacated in December 2019 by M. Cortes, G. Hogg, and D. Thompson). J. Starr noted that she may have some candidates to recommend.

Prevention Committee Report:

T. Farrar shared that there are a few communities who do have enough people with a supervising credential. The Prevention Committee has been advising people to create contracts to stay in compliance. They are also working on a welcome packet for people who are newly credentialed. J. Starr noted that supervision can be done through telehealth. P. Atkins suggested listing credentialed OCPCs on the website, and the Board was generally in favor of this suggestion. J. Smock will send out a letter informing the community of the current OCPCs who may be available for supervision.

Treatment Committee Report:

J. Lisy discussed the Committee's ongoing conversations regarding reciprocity between Ohio and other states. L. Hartman noted that Ohio Revised Code 4758.25 and Ohio Administrative Code 4758-15 reference reciprocity. J. Lisy also noted that the Committee still intends to look at background checks and compare existing policies from similar Boards. Regarding the IC&RC domains, the Committee's recommendation is to adopt the 4 domains and refrain from subdividing into the 12 core functions; this will be evaluated by the Education Committee. W. Haynes-Britton noted that this has been discussed before by the committees and recommended that the Chairs of the Education Committee and the Treatment Committee

J. Lisy also discussed to pending bills that are being evaluated. The first bill would allow CDCAs to become a licensed provider after a specific period of time in the field; the second bill would allow students to use part of their placement hours for licensure. A. Bishara expressed a desire for the Board to reevaluate its position on the first potential bill, as both had been discussed before in a previous meeting. A. Bishara expressed his concerns about how changes may impact Medicaid. P. Atkins volunteered to discuss the concern with Medicaid.

Education Committee Report:

G. Hogg discussed barriers that some educational programs have had in establishing 27 hours of behavioral science as part of their associate's degree programs. J. Lisy suggested that the Board consider allowing individuals with a bachelor's degree in an unrelated field and an associate's degree in a related

field to test for the LCD-C-III rather than the LCD-C-II. G. Hogg stated that the committee would review this suggestion and other suggestions that would reduce barriers to licensing.

GUEST: Carolann Gregoire:

Carolann Gregoire, an educator at Columbus State Community College, presented a solution to the Board that CSCC has developed to address a barrier that some of their students have experienced in attempting to obtain the required supervision for CDCAs. C. Gregoire stated that CSCC plans to provide clinical supervision with an appropriately licensed CSCC instructor when CDCA students are placed in practicum settings that offer non-clinical supportive services. Students would receive didactic face-to-face supervision in the classroom and then face-to-face supervision by the faculty member at placement. The frequency of supervision would exceed the required 1 hour for every 40 hours of work.

Board members agreed that that C. Gregoire's proposed plan for CDCA supervision meets the requirements for CDCA supervision.

Introduction of Staff Members:

Briefly, ODCP staff members Tonya Spriggs, Arielle Gilbert, and Mary Noel joined the meeting and introduced themselves to the Board members and other individuals present. The Board thanked the staff for their diligent efforts during the Executive Director transition period. T. Spriggs, A. Gilbert, and M. Noel then left the meeting.

Ethics Committee Report:

B. Robbins shared that there are no uninvestigated ethics cases for 2016. After some discussion of what had been called "open cases" in the past, the Board decided to create three "stages" for cases: investigation stage, action stage, and closing stage. B. Robbins also stated that 20 cases (10 from 2017 and 10 from 2018) will be presented to J. Smock and then to Ethics Committee members for review. B. Robbins shared that he has been prioritizing application reviews. J. Lisy advised the Board to consider strategies for maximizing consistency in response to cases in which ethics have been violated.

M. Cortes noted that Committee members have been working revising the wording in the Impairment Question as well as considering exclusionary criteria for licensure regarding the Background Check. For the Impairment Question, the Board agreed to consider categories of diagnoses with specific examples. The Board will hold a special meeting on June 19th from 11 am to 1 pm at DAS General Services Division Building at 4200 Surface Rd, Columbus, OH 43228. There were no cases for review at this time.

Executive Director's Report:

J. Smock thanked staff, including J. Thomas, for their dedicated work during the Executive Director transition. J. Smock also reported that the open Ethics Investigator position will be posted by 5/20/2019 and that interviews will begin in June 2019. The pace for processing license and certification applications remains consistent. J. Smock also reviewed a list of tasks that needed to be completed and agreed to consult with former director A. Clark to clarify details about the tasks. J. Smock discussed the 2019 Addiction Studies Institute, and A. Moss agreed to assist with providing Board presence at that event.

Other Remarks: D. Thompson asserted that the Board should do more work with the Department of Education to enhance prevention strategies in schools.

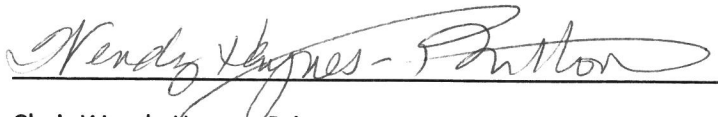
W. Haynes Britton stated that financial disclosure statements should have been completed.

G. Hogg reminded all to complete their ethics exams.

Motion to Adjourn

(J. Lisy/G. Hogg)

Approved 2:35 pm

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wendy Haynes-Britton", is written over a horizontal line.

Chair Wendy Haynes-Britton

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