



Chemical Dependency Professionals Board Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2020 10:00am – 3:00 pm
Virtual Meeting on TEAMS Platform

Members Present: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Philip Atkins, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris, Kenneth Yeager

Members Absent: Alex Bishara, Rick Massatti (OHMAS),

Others Present: Jill Smock - Executive Director, Janice Thomas – Admin. Support, Lisa Haywood – Assistant, Attorney General (Assigned General Counsel), Stephanie Funkhouser - Board Investigator,

I. Board Meeting Opened: Chairperson Wendy Haynes-Britton called the board meeting to order on 11/20/2020. 10:08 a.m.

Wendy H.-B. introduced the new Board member Kenneth Yeager and the members extended a warm welcome to Ken. He has been licensed with the Board since 1988.

A.Roll Call: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Philip Atkins, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris, Kenneth Yeager. A full quorum is established.

B.Meeting Minutes: Chairperson Wendy H.B. motioned to approve the Board Meeting minutes from the meeting held on 9/9/2020. *Motion:* 1st Jim M., 2nd Trishia F.

In favor: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Philip Atkins, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris. Abstain: Kenneth Yeager
Passed

C. **Approval of Minutes:** Chairperson Wendy H.B. motioned to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes from the meeting held on 9/21/2020. *Motion:* 1st Phil A., 2nd Andrew M.

In favor: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Philip Atkins, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris. Abstain: Kenneth Yeager
Passed

D. OMHAS Update (Rick M will join later to give update).

General Announcements: None

OMHAS Update to come later in the meeting.

II. Public Comment : None

III. General Business- Alex B will join later and give Treasurer Report

IV. Committee Reports

A. Ethics

10:18 a.m.

Andrew M. gave a brief summary of 5 suggestions for changes in the ED Appendix A in the By-Laws.

1. Allow Executive Director (ED) to issue a Notice of Opportunity when consent agreement is not signed.
2. Allow ED to accept voluntary surrender of a credential if no ethics case is pending that is not sexual or fraud related violation.
3. Allow ED to reinstate a suspended credential if all sanctions have been met. Wendy H.B. requested this information be included in the Executive Director report to allow the Board to give a ratification vote.
4. Allow ED to act as backup, swearing in witnesses in hearings .
5. Allow ED to execute all the authorities given to them that is allowed by the Ohio Administrative Code and Ohio Revised Code.

Motion: Andrew M. motioned to add the responsibilities mentioned to be handled by the Executive Director. 1st Andrew M., 2nd John L.

Roll Call: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Philip Atkins, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris, Kenneth Yeager Passed

Position Statements: Andrew M. summarized the 2 position statements discussed in the previous board meeting regarding responsibility to client when counselor is exiting their position and the guidelines for Peer Supporters who also hold the CDCA. The Peer Supporter with CDCA was discussed in more detail. Board members would like there to be a clarification of the 2 roles to avoid credential holders going outside their scope of practice. It is in no way the intent of the Board to expect that a dually credential person should surrender either one of these credentials. Medicaid and OHMHAS Peer Support staff are participating in meetings to clarify. OAACR is also working with the recovery community for clarification. John L. recommended the provider organizations should be involved in this discussion. He recommended Teresa Lampl (Ohio Council) and Tom Stuber from TX Committee to be asked to provide input. Andrew M. stated the Board can make a suggestion. Trisha F. pointed out that Medicaid billing could be part of the issue with individuals holding two credential. She recalls that there billing modality may not allow for more than on credential number.

Andrew M. reported that the next licensee random audit would cover 3% with a gradual increase back to 10% with future audits. There is a plan to review the CDCA supervision rule and the impact of the rule with regard to ethics outcomes. Also up for future review and discussion is the topic of fines and fees not currently in the OCDP structure. Lisa H. will provide guidance on possible legal constraints.

Cases for Board Action

Motion: to move out of open session

Chairperson Wendy H.B. requested that the board members and invited persons prepare to go into Executive Session for the purpose of matters required to be kept confidential (quasi-judicial)

Invited Persons: Jill S.-Executive Director, Lisa H.-Assistant Attorney General, Stephanie F.-Board Investigator, Janice T.-Administrative Support

Motion 1st Phil A., 2nd Trisha F.

Roll Call Vote: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Philip Atkins, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris, Kenneth Yeager

Exit Open Session: 10:44 a.m. Passed

Roll Call: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Philip Atkins, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris, Kenneth Yeager Absent: Jim Mermis and Alex Bishara Alex B. entered the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Enter Executive Session: 11:04 a.m.

Roll Call: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Philip Atkins, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris, Kenneth Yeager, Alex Bishara A Quorum was established.

Jim M. entered the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Motion: to move out of executive session

Chairperson W. Haynes-Britton motioned to move out of Executive Session

Roll Call Vote: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Alex Bishara, Philip Atkins, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris, Kenneth Yeager, Jim Mermis

Roll Call: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Alex Bishara, Philip Atkins, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris, Kenneth Yeager, Jim Mermis

Exit Executive Session: 11:49 p.m. Passed

Motion: To enter Open Session

Roll Call: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Alex Bishara, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris, Kenneth Yeager, Jim Mermis Absent: Philip Atkins

A Quorum was established.

Enter Open Session: 11:52 p.m.

Ethics Cases

Denial of Applications/Notice of Opportunity					
Carolyn Ford APP-000388422	1 st John L., 2 nd Ken Y.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed Application Denied
Written Reprimand					
<i>Case Number</i>	<i>Motion to Approve Consent</i>	<i>In Favor</i>	<i>Opposed</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Additional Comments</i>
Amanda Little, CDCA.165534 Case: 20080	1 st John L., 2 nd Trisha F.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed 3 Month Suspension
Atoiya Williams LCDCI.141323 Case: 1663	1 st Alex B., 2 nd Trisha F.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed Written Reprimand

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Cedrick Gooden, LCDCI.161791 OCPS.4486, Case: 20069	1 st John L., 2 nd Stacy M.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed 3 Month Suspension
Courtney Jackson, LCDCI.151153 Case: 18072	1 st Trisha F., 2 nd John L.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed 18 Month Suspension
Janay Corbitt CDCA.163434 Case: 20009	1 st Alex B., 2 nd John L.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed 5 Year Suspension
John Schott, LICDC.84069 Case: 20051	1 st Jim M., 2 nd Trisha F.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed Written Reprimand
Kaitlynd Perryman, CDCA.170787 Case: 20076	1 st Stacy M., 2 nd Trisha F.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed Written Reprimand
Patrick Werner, CDCAPre.172021 Case: 20089	1 st Trisha F., 2 nd John L.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed 18 Month Suspension
Richard Fannin, CDCA.170090 Case: 20079	1 st Trisha F., 2 nd John L.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed 6 Month Suspension
Robin McCoy, LICDC.991495 Case: 19096, 20059	1 st Alex B., 2 nd John L.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed with 1 Year suspension and Amend Consent Agreement to <u>also</u> include 2 years of Board approved supervision.
Rikki Ross, CDCA.166738A Case: 20092	1 st Trisha F., 2 nd Alex B.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed Written Reprimand
Todd Bieber, CDCA.16752 Case: 19094	1 st Trisha F., 2 nd Stacy M.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed Voluntary Permanent Surrender
Todd Crandell, LICDC-CS.161323 Case: 19092	1 st John L., 2 nd Ken Y.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed Written Reprimand
Goldman Hearings					
Angela Anthony, Case 18130	1 st John L., 2 nd Jim M.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed Revoked
Michael Stuffolino, APP-000239910	1 st Trisha F., 2 nd John L.	8 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed Application Denied

Notice of Opportunity					
Lindsey Blackburn, CDCAPre.164889 Case 18067					Notice of Opportunity
Kyle Martin, CDCA.165085 Case 20038					Notice of Opportunity

Motion: to adjourn for lunch 1st Trisha F., 2nd Jim M. 12:25 p.m.

Roll Call: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Philip Atkins, Alex Bishara, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris, Kenneth Yeager Passed

Chairperson Wendy H.B. called the meeting to order 12:53 p.m.

Roll Call: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Alex Bishara, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris, Philip Atkins Absent: Kenneth Yeager A quorum was established

B.Executive Committee Report

By-law Changes – Wendy H.B. will meet with Andrew M. to review open, tabled suggestions to make sure all stay open/pending until in person meetings resume.

In view of virtual meetings members vote to start and end board meetings earlier. Consensus carried to change meeting time to 9:00 a.m.

All in favor Passed

She mentioned that the Board is in pursuit of LCDC II and LCDC III Board Members. Kenneth Yeager is the Chair of the Education & TRN committee, but will continue to meet combined with the Treatment Committee. Board nominations for Vice Chair and Treasurer be opening. The vote will occur either at January or February Board meeting.

Treasurers Report 1:10 p.m.

Alex B. reported on the Board’s revenue, expenditures for the FY21 first quarter noting that if renewals are pushed out to July 2021 the Board revenue will continue to be impacted.

OMHAS Update 1:20 p.m.

Rick Massatti reported on OMHAS updates:

- CARES Act Continuum Of Care Relief Funding Application Open

Prevention, Peer Support, Adult Care Facility, and Recovery Housing operators are now able to request funds for COVID -19 eligible expenses and economic relief A [summary document](#) of CARES Funding can be found on the OhioMHAS website.

- Stage I: Gambling, Problem Gambling, and Ohio's Service System Training – Dec. 2-4
- Recovery Housing Board Outcomes Webinar – Dec. 16

- Home Relief Grants Available Through Local Community Action Agencies
- 2019 Unintentional Drug Overdose Data Available

The Ohio Department of Health has finalized the 2019 drug overdose reports. Please see the two new publications under the “Drug Overdose Reports” tab

here: <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/core-violence-injury-prevention-program/injury-data/injury-data>

Rick also discussed some of the information the Addiction Roundtable is looking for when OCDP and CSWMFT Board presents at their Dec meeting as they discuss workforce development issues.

Prevention Committee Report

1:30 p.m.

Trisha F. says the committee continues to discuss ways to attract individuals to the field. She commended OCDP Staff for their speed in getting the changes in place for stream lining the RA changes. More opportunities should be opening up for prevention trainings through OCAM. The committee members are looking to present remotely to College Health Education/Public health classes and Prevention Action Alliance will assist by creating a Powerpoint that can be used. Aimee Wade addressed the Prev committee on interest to work with Academy High School in her area in regard to a Prevention track that leads to a Prev. certificate upon graduation. Discussions taking place between Aimee, the school and the Department of Education as we have a 18 age requirement. The committee expressed their appreciation for being asked to provide a presentation to the Board Members. Would like consideration for possibly providing an update on prevention for new board members. Jill S. mentioned with Trisha’s departure the Exec Committee asked that Jill continue to lead that committee and Phil serve as Board liaison on that committee due to his extra work load as Hearing Officer.

Treatment Committee Report

1:45 p.m

John L. Reported that the committee completed the update on the Boards content area definitions. Rule changes are needed to make additional changes. The exploratory committee is still looking into mental health and co-occurring disorders. Rules are being developed around telehealth. Committee continues to look at tests to determine what states handle both the NAACP and IC&RC exams. Jill S. will look into the due dates for the 5 year rule changes.

Motion: to authorize ED to make any COVID-19 decisions in consultation with the Board Chair and Vice Chair 1st Phil A., 2nd Wendy H.B. Roll Call: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Philip Atkins, Alex Bishara, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris

Passed

Kenneth Y. rejoined the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

V. Executive Director’s Report

Jill S. reported that the office staff are scheduled to continue working remotely through March/April and the Boards ability to continue remote meetings and hearings is awaiting the Governor’s signature. Jill S. summarized the status applications that are requiring additional review time due to Board Actions or CJ history. A license report of first quarter, fiscal year 2021 was distributed to Board members. Jill S. presented an overview of processes being implemented to remedy the Board’s Audit Compliance. There is another possible extension for Renewals through July 2021, waiting the Governor’s signature. There are currently 4 important Elicense tickets for fixes on hold due to budget constraints. Phil A. asked if the

Board can apply/qualify for CARES or SOR money through OMHAS. Rick M. will get more information on who could answer eligibility questions. Phil A. offered to help with the language for application.

- Stakeholder/Partnership Update:

Jill S. and Mary N. participated in October 16, statewide Gambling Call with PGNO to answer questions about applying for Gambling endorsement. Another scheduled for March 6. IC&RC Virtual Meeting : December 1st . Their new Exec. Director is working on creating MOU with our Board and still working on their Policies and Procedures Manual. Addiction Roundtable meeting remotely once a month, CSWMFT and OCDP presenting Dec 4th regarding numbers and trends. ASI will hold the next year's conference virtually.

Motion: Wendy H.B. motioned for ratification of all the actions of the Executive Directors Report.
1st Phil A., 2nd John L. Passed

VI. License Issues

Jill S. discussed a few license issues that have come up:

Family Counseling work experience: what are the options for a counselor working in the prison system to obtain hours in family counseling where no family counseling is allowed or practiced? Suggestions were to possibly adjust the renewal process to monitor or declare a scope of practice in specific specialization. Other options were to change the definition of family for those working and counseling in prisons or fit it into IC&RC categories. The general consensus of the Board was that family counseling work experience is as the client defines it based on relational dynamics.

Alex B. exited the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Master's Grid Waiver: How long should an LCDC III licensee hold the credential before they are eligible to apply for the LICDC using the Master's Degree Grid Waiver Policy? Board members are in agreement amend the current waiver to state waiver of the master's degree grid, requires an LCDC III to hold the LCDC III credential for at least one year supported by one year of documented work experience under supervision (signed form from supervisor must be submitted to the Board). These work hours must show completion dates after obtaining the LCDC III license. Degrees accepted for this waiver should be specific to clinical education degrees. Pediatric Psychology and Counseling Psychology degrees are both acceptable.

Amending the LCDC III Education Requirements: The Board supports some sort of changes for those who may not have a bachelors in behavioral science but have an Associates or track focused on addiction counseling/studies and complete an internship/practicum as they have even more education and experience ; however the bachelor's degree in a behavioral science is in the ORC and OAC , so it would require legislative change in law; not just a rule change.

Prevention Work Experience: The new prevention requirement for work experience under a scope of practice is effective November 2020 but staff question how the Board should handle those applicants who have recently obtained their RA, but may have previous prevention work experience acquired but not under a scope of practice. The Board made the decision to allow someone to use 1000 hours of

PREVIOUS Prevention work experience they received prior to receiving their RA if they hold or will receive their RA before Dec 31, 2020 and they worked under the RA for at least 6 months. This guideline will be in effect until the end of 2021. After that, applicants with an RA cannot use any work experience hours that were not under an appropriate prevention scope of practice.

After 2021, if someone HELD an RA in the past but it expired without them getting a higher certificate, they can apply for a OCPSA BUT can ONLY use work experience hours during the time they held an RA, and verified from that supervisor during that time (which again is only 100 hours).

VII. Fines and Fees

Discussion is tabled for a future meeting.

VIII. Other Business

Calendar of 2021 Meetings will be updated to reflect the 9 am start time and will be emailed.

In view of virtual meetings Jill S. requested cell # information from the Board members to contact group all at once if technical difficulties . Also asked all members to preview the new Roster and give any edits to Jill.

IV. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the Board meeting

1st Phil A., 2nd John L.

2:52 p.m.

Roll Call: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Philip Atkins, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Staci Morris, Kenneth Yeager, Passed

J.T.

Vice Chair: _____

Date: _____

Chair: _____

Date: _____