



**Chemical Dependency Professionals
Board Meeting
Minutes**

Virtual Meeting on Teams Platform
February 19, 2021

Members Present: Phil Atkins, Georden Burton, Alex Bishara, Trisha Farrar, John Lisy, Wendy Haynes-Britton, Jim Mermis, Staci Morris, Andrew Moss, Ken Yeager, Rick Massatti

Members Not present: None

Others Present: Jill Smock - Executive Director, Janice Thomas - Board Staff, Lisa Haywood - Assistant Attorney General (assigned general counsel), Stephanie Funkhouser - Board Investigator,

Board Meeting Opened: Chairperson A. Moss called the board meeting to order on 2/19/2021 and requested roll call. 9:11 am

Roll Call: Vice Chair J. Mermis performed Roll Call – Phil Atkins, Georden Burton, Alex Bishara, Trisha Farrar, John Lisy, Wendy Haynes-Britton, Jim Mermis, Staci Morris, Andrew Moss, Ken Yeager

A full quorum was established.

W. Haynes-Britton left the meeting at 9:12 and returned at 9:15 am

J. Smock welcomed guest Lori Haggard – a Social Work major studying macro practice with a focus on recovery and addiction.

Chairperson A. Moss welcomed new Board member Georden Burton who is filling the Prevention seat on the Board.

Motion: Chairperson A. Moss asked if there are any corrections needed to the minutes from the 1/29/2021 Special Board Meeting. Mentioned that the signature lines need adjusting. Motion to approve the minutes with the above changes.

J. Lisy/P. Atkins - 9 approved/1 abstain

Motion Passed

Announcements: None

OMHAS Update

9:21 am

R. Massatti stated that budget testimonies are occurring right now. He spoke with Joyce Starr about to get her perspective on the future of Peer Supporter. There are a few things that need to be ironed out such as the mental health component and its in house origin, revising the OAC on the mental health side, and the development of a mentorship program. R. Massatti recommends inviting Joyce to a meeting and although retired, she volunteers to assist by sharing her vision.

Treasurer Update

9:24 am

A. Moss offered congratulations to Stacy Morris as the new Treasurer. J. Smock briefly summarized the treasurer report. There was an increase of the elicense fees so funds were moved around to cover the increase. There was a budget reduction per the Governors mandate, and with having to pay IC&RC dues and some increase in the fees for elicense, funds were moved from payroll to cover the costs. The Elicense fix for lapsed/expired licenses is still

needed . The renewals increased this past quarter. J. Smock, A. Bishara will assist S. Morris in the transition to her new role for the next report.

W. Haynes-Britton left the meeting at 9:25 am and returned at 9:29 am.

Ethics

A. Moss expressed to the members the need for a couple of Position Statements. The Board should communicate to licensees that it is not looking to penalize people who self-report. Also the Board needs to emphasize that those holding a license with the Board are held to a code of ethics even if not practicing in a clinical role. A. Moss asked if the Treatment Committee would take on creating the Position statements. J. Lisy agreed to take the on.

Cases for Board action (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

9:33 am

Chairperson A. Moss motioned to move into Executive Session and 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 Smock, Executive Director, Lisa Haywood-Assistant Attorney General, Stephanie Funkhouser-Board Investigator, Janlce Thomas, administrative support.

Motion: Chairperson A. Moss motioned to move out of open session

9:33 am

P. Atkins/W. Haynes Britton – All in favor

Motion Passed

Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair J. Mermis performed Roll Call – Phil Atkins, Georden Burton, Alex Bishara, Trisha Farrar, John Lisy, Wendy Haynes-Britton, Jim Mermis, Staci Morris, Andrew Moss, Ken Yeager

A full Quorum established

Chairperson A. Moss moved meeting into Executive Session for the purpose of matters required to be kept confidential (eg. quasi-judicial).

9:41 am

Roll Call: Vice Chair J. Mermis performed Roll Call – Phil Atkins, Georden Burton, Alex Bishara, Trisha Farrar, John Lisy, Wendy Haynes-Britton, Jim Mermis, Staci Morris, Andrew Moss, Ken Yeager

Motion: Chairperson A. Moss motioned to move out of Executive Session

9:45 am

J. Lisy, Ken Yeager– All in favor

Motion Passed

Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair J. Mermis performed Roll Call – Phil Atkins, Georden Burton, Alex Bishara, Trisha Farrar, John Lisy, Wendy Haynes-Britton, Jim Mermis, Staci Morris, Andrew Moss, Ken Yeager

A full Quorum established

Motion: Chairperson A. Moss reconvened the meeting into Open Session.

Roll Call: Vice Chair J. Mermis performed Roll Call – Phil Atkins, Georden Burton, Alex Bishara, Trisha Farrar, John Lisy, Wendy Haynes-Britton, Jim Mermis, Staci Morris, Andrew Moss, Ken Yeager

9:51 am

Ethics Cases

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>
Deborah Brokaw CDCA.167893/Pre Case 18126	1 st WendyH-B., 2 nd John L.	9 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed Written Reprimand
Kelly Harris LCDCIIL.141265 Case 19102	1 st Phil A., 2 nd John L.	9 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed Written Reprimand
Miranda Hundley CDCA.170452 Case 19080	1 st Alex B., 2 nd Jim M.	9 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed Written Reprimand
Misti Harlow LCDCIIL.161439 Case 19090	1 st Staci M., 2 nd Phil A.	9 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed Written Reprimand
Virgil Dodge CDCA.170343/Pre Case 19105	1 st Wendy H-B., 2 nd Trisha F.	9 Yes		Andrew M.	Passed Written Reprimand

Goldman Hearing 2/19/2021					
<i>Case Number</i>	<i>Motion to Approve Consent</i>	<i>In Favor</i>	<i>Opposed</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Additional Comments</i>
Kyle Martin CDCA.165085 Case 20038	1st John L., 2nd Alex B.	8 Yes		Andrew M. Phil A.	Passed Revocation

Executive Committee Report

Chairperson A. Moss reported the last meeting focused on license requirements discussion to prepare for the Jan. Special Board Meeting. Also rolls and expectations will be discussed later in the meeting.

Prevention Committee Report

T. Farrar reported that the Prevention Committee members are very passionate and she is excited that G. Burton will be on the committee. Trainings are still going on to assist the field from many sources, and the committee continues to work on marketing material to gain more understanding of the prevention career field and obtain more certified professionals in the field. IC&RC has a Prevention Professionals Award Nomination and T. Farrar asked the Board to support the committee’s recommendation of Jim Ryan as a nominee for this award. A. Bishara questioned whether the Board’s promotion of a candidate was acceptable. J. Smock explained that only IC&RC member board could nominate a candidate.

Motion to nominate Jim Ryan for the IC&RC Prevention Professionals Award

J. Lisy, A. Moss– All in favor

Motion Passed

S. Funkhouser left the meeting at 10:06 am

Treatment and Education Committee Report

10:07 am

J. Lisy gave a recap of HB5 which will assist CDCA certificate holders who have been in the field for a number of years to advance to a license level after meeting certain criteria. The summary included amendment changes to the bill. He asked for any thoughts from the Board. Lori (guest) asked which license is covered in the Bill and J. Smock

answered that the bill affects the CDCA moving to the LCDCI if all parameters are met. J. Smock stated that level of care within a 6 month period is being discussed and OHMAS will work with OCDP to determine which levels of care should be adapted. The treatment committee may look further into this. It was stressed that those taking advantage of this Bill must still meet all other requirements.

P. Atkins left the meeting at 10:13 am

License Requirements

J. Smock mentioned that there are license requirement rules that can be updated that do not have ORC requirements and the two committee will work on these at the next meeting. J. Lisy expressed an interest in knowing the full rendering of what is Rule versus what is Law.

Chairperson A. Moss announced the next Treatment and Education Meeting date as 3/12/2021.

Chairperson A. Moss motioned for a brief break from open session 10:23 am

P. Atkins re-joined the meeting at 10:22 am

A. Bishara, J. Mermis– All in favor **Motion Passed**

Chairperson A. Moss re-convened the open session meeting 10:39 am

Roll Call: Vice Chair J. Mermis performed Roll Call – Phil Atkins, Georden Burton, Alex Bishara, Trisha Farrar, John Lisy, Wendy Haynes-Britton, Jim Mermis, Staci Morris, Andrew Moss, Ken Yeager

A full quorum established

Executive Director Report

Staffing - J. Smock announced a restructuring of Board Staff to occur and the posting of a new position to occur soon. J. Smock distributed a report recapping the current status of the budget testimony, board grievances, licensing, and CE Broker renewal audits. OARP provided a letter of support for OCDP budget to the House committee. A. Bishara asked if P. Atkins might provide a letter of support. Additionally J. Smock updated the members on the Boards Stake Holder Partnership participation with PGNO, IC&RC, Addiction Round Table, Addiction Studies Institute (ASI) who will hold a modified version of their annual conference June 18th and ½ day on the 19th, Eleanor Garrison of Garrison and Associates who coordinated ASI retired and OSU picked up full organization the conference. Ohio Counselors Assn has started an Interest Group within their assn. for Substance use disorder Counselors and is looking for licensees or CDCAs to join OSUDP as members for a voice and to advocate/support the profession. OCA will hold their conference Oct 27-29 and OCDP is invited to do a 3 hour presentation on OCDP Board licensing benefits.

L. Haywood extended accolades to the team for the dedication and effort put forth in moving the ethics cases forward.

J. Smock reported that the Ellicense group have expressed concerns that the Help Desk may not be able to handle all the issues/questions in June resulting from the 7/1/2021 license renewal extensions if those who need to renew wait until last minute because all Boards were involved in this endeavor. We will be sending out reminders.

L. Haywood exited the meeting at 10:58 and returned at 11:03 am

J. Smock introduced a brief discussion of the renewal CE's and CE Broker audits. A. Moss requested tabling the CE issue to the Education Committee and suggested getting a memo out to the field regarding the education requirements for renewal.

Peer Support Update

Joint statement regarding holding a Peer Supporter Certificate and a license with OCDP and/or CSWMFT Board will be released end of the month from OHMHAS, CSMFT Board and OCDP Board. Our Board statement will be posted on our website. Medicaid will release a statement regarding this as well on March 1st.

The Ohio Department of Education is working on having the OCPSA Prevention credential as an industry recognized credential (IRC).

Chairperson A. Moss commended J. Smock for her work on the Budget Testimony.

Chairperson A. Moss motioned to accept the Executive Directors Report

W. H-B., P. Atkins

Motion Passed

Proposed Law Changes

Chairperson A. Moss summarized the proposed law changes needed to modify the current 40 credit hour of education required for a master's degree and remove the focus from the bachelors in a behavioral science for the LCDC III and focus on the actual education received. Colleges and Universities have adapted different structures that no longer meet line up with our current requirement. Changes in Law will allow for more flexibility when establishing guidelines for Board Rules that are meant to compliment the Law.

A. Moss summarized the proposed language referencing the omission of 40 course hours for the master's degree and focusing possibly more on the type of courses and number of hours. And to recommend LCDCIII bachelor's degree *or higher* in a behavioral science requirement. Further discussion on adding a second option to the Bachelors in a behavioral science for the LCDCIII, and adding a Addiction specific certificate of study that includes the 180 hours of specific CD Education and a specialized substance use disorder internship/practicum for the LCDCIII, along with a Bachelor's degree.

J. Smock summarized ORC4758.39 and .40.

Chairperson A. Moss motioned to present changes in further discussions

11:42 am

J. Lisy, K. Yeager- All in favor

Motion Passed

Continuing Education

J. Smock initiated a discussion on what continuing education authorities the Board members see as acceptable for the licensing and renewal education requirements. Discussion included acceptance of approved education from other State addiction boards, CSWMFT, national organizations such as NBCC, NASW, and NAADAC; those that have similar vetting processes for awarding CEUS. Also add ASWB to approved list. J. Lisy recommended e-mailing the field a list of the current acceptable providers.

Other Business

Chairperson A. Moss mentioned that financial disclosure statements are due. J. Smock to resend link to Board members. A. Moss also issued a reminder to the members that the annual Ethics training is due.

R. Massattl exited the meeting at 12:03 pm

Board Members Roles and Expectations

Chairperson A. Moss asked everyone to present a thought on their view of a role or expectations of the Board moving forward to possibly included in the By-laws being revised by Executive Committee.

- The Board has a responsibility to understand the needs of staff. Get to know the staff and support the staff.
- The Board has the opportunity to forward efforts whether changing or not. To engage with individuals on committees and clarify roles of Board Members.

A. Bishara exited the meeting at 12:06 pm and returned at 12:10 pm

- The Board should strengthen relationships and increase awareness
- Chemical Dependency needs expertise in the field but chemical dependency can be diluted in favor of mental health.
- Explore and dedicate time to exploring an increase in awareness for our board.
- Important to ask questions to determine why and how certain things are done. Ask more questions and be comfortable engaging.
- More visibility and understanding. Gain more respect in the field. We are low in the pecking order.
- Advocacy for third party reimbursement. Work with more universities on specialization programs that emphasize what is in our scope of service.
- Board members are approachable. Board members and committee work
- Increase marketing activities to broaden awareness and promote value the of the licensure

Chairperson A. Moss issued warm appreciation and thanks to Wendy Haynes-Britton, Alex Bishara and Trisha Farrar for their participation and dedication to the Board.

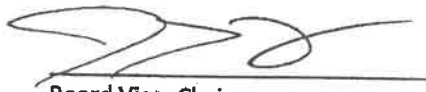
Chairperson A. Moss motioned to adjourn the meeting

W. Haynes-Britton, A. Bishara – All in favor

Motion Passed

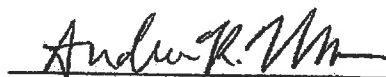
Meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm

J.T.



Board Vice- Chair

5/26/2021
Date



Board Chair

5/25/2021
Date