

**Minutes of the  
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board Meeting  
October 17, 2008**

**Members present:**

Ken Brown	Craig Comedy	John Ellis
Dianne Fidelibus	Mary Haag	Carolyn Ireland
Judi Smithchild	Richard Whitney	

**Members absent:**

Deb Chambers	Jessica Horne	Brad Potts
Dave Schaffer	J. Craig Wright	

**Others present:** Robert Field, OCDPB Staff  
Mary Swank, OCDPB Staff

The meeting of the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board convened at the Vern Riffe Center, Columbus, Ohio on 10/17/08 at 10:00 a.m.

Chair D. Fidelibus called the meeting to order.

MOTION: To approve a 3.5% pay increase for the Executive Director.  
Comedy, Ireland Approved

Approval of the 8/11/08 Minutes was motioned by C. Ireland, J. Smithchild and approved by the Board.

R. Field gave the Treasurer's Report. The Board reviewed changes made to current budgeting categories. Expenses and revenue were also reviewed. The Board discussed a possible move to reduce rent costs. D. Fidelibus and C. Comedy asked that a subcommittee be formed to review this matter further. B. Field will investigate the options a bit more before the committee forms. The Board reviewed the SFY 10-11 Budget Submission.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's report  
R. Whitney, J. Eillis Approved

J. Ellis gave the Education Committee Report. He stated that the committee had not met since the last Board meeting. The committee has selected a group of individuals to meet to begin work on establishing curriculum guidelines for addiction 101 coursework. D. Fidelibus stated that a group two year colleges were meeting today to review their

addiction 101 coursework to see what is already in place. J. Ellis asked B. Field to secure a meeting in January to begin curriculum discussions. The Board discussed the behavioral science degree definition at length considering whether or not to strike out the list of acceptable programs and place in a separate document. B. Field stated that he believed the Board attorney had cautioned against this. D. Fidelibus asked J. Ellis to set an Education Committee Meeting so that this matter could be addressed further with Board staff. No schools have applied for master's accreditation to date.

C. Comedy gave the Prevention Committee report. He indicated they had not met since the last Board meeting. B. Field and C. Comedy will meet to discuss priorities for this committee and set a new meeting date for the committee.

R. Whitney gave the Treatment Committee report. He presented a draft document created by an executive subcommittee which detailed recommended changes to the treatment credentials. These changes are a compilation of many conversations had by the treatment committee and are an attempt to resolve outstanding concerns. These changes are accepted to increase access to our licenses and encourage advancement from level to level. The draft document included an increase in the education hours required for the CDCA from 40 hours to 80 hours. J. Ellis felt this was excessive and suggested 40 hours initially and an additional 40 hours after the first year. The Board felt this was a good compromise as long as the hours were clearly defined.

The draft document included a reduction in work experience hours and education hours at all licensure levels. K. Brown asked if the Board would consider allowing an individual to get the LCDC II without any work experience. J. Ellis and C. Comedy echoed that an individual could get an LSW without work experience. The Board discussed that social work has a degree program which makes granting a license without work experience more feasible. The Board also discussed the difference between paid and volunteer work experience and agreed that supervised internship experience should count but not volunteer work experience.

D. Fidelibus informed the board that changes recommended in this draft document would make all levels non-reciprocal since they would no longer meet ICRC standards. She stated that individuals could still obtain a reciprocal level by meeting the additional requirements set by ICRC. Individuals that are currently licensed would not lose their reciprocity. The draft document also included changes to the renewal fee structure which grants a price break to individuals who hold another license in the state which authorizes them to provide AOD services (ie. LSW, LPC, etc). J. Ellis suggest if these changes go through that we try to advertise them in the CSW Board newsletter. D. Fidelibus stated that the recommendations the Board made would be included in the document and will next be presented to the Treatment Committee for comment.

D. Fidelibus suggested that the Ethics Committee Report be moved up on the agenda so as not to lose a quorum.

**MOTION:** To enter executive session to discuss ethics cases.



and discussing officer nominations. The Executive Committee will prepare a slate of recommended officers for the board to consider in December. Voting will take place in February. R. Field also discussed board member appointments and requested board members to submit names of LCDC IIs who may be solicited for participation on the board.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne Fidelibus".

Dianne Fidelibus, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary F. Haag".

Mary Haag, Secretary