

**Minutes of the
Chemical Dependency Professionals Board Meeting
April 14, 2008**

Members present:

Larry Anthony	Ken Brown	Deb Chambers
Craig Comedy	John Ellis	Dianne Fidelibus
Mary Haag	Carolyn Ireland	Dave Schaffer

Members absent:

Jessica Horne	Richard Whitney	J. Craig Wright
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Others present: Bob Field, OCDPB Staff
Mary Swank, OCDPB Staff
Public Visitors

The meeting of the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board convened at the State Library, Columbus, Ohio on 4/14/08 at 10:00 a.m.

Chair D. Fidelibus called the meeting to order.

D. Fidelibus welcomed new board members Ken Brown, Mary Haag and Judi Smithchild. Introductions of Board members were made on behalf of the new members and public individuals present.

Approval of the 3/3/08 Minutes was motioned by D. Schaffer, C. Ireland and approved by the Board.

B. Field gave the Treasurer's Report. Expenses year to date are around \$31,000 under budget. Revenues year to date are down approximately \$47,000. B. Field reviewed the budgeting process for new members. SFY 2009 Draft Budget was reviewed and will need approval at the June Board Meeting. SFY10-11 Budget will be distributed to the Board at the August meeting.

MOTION:	To accept the Treasurer's report	
	J. Smithchild, C. Ireland	Approved

D. Fidelibus indicated that the Executive Committee would be meeting to review Bob's position classification and salary.

L. Anthony gave the Education Committee Report. The committee met on 4/9/08 to review Mr. Ross's petition to advance to the LCDC III. L. Anthony stated that under current rules Mr. Ross does not qualify for this level of licensure. L. Anthony explained rationale for including political science and philosophy in the definition of behavioral science degree. L. Anthony stated the committee discussed whether or not a more expansive definition was needed to be more inclusive but also discussed the need to maintain standards and quality of professionals. L. Anthony indicated that the committee discussed applying Mr. Ross' associate's level courses to his BA or MA to demonstrate a behavioral science degree but this has not been the practice up till this point. Committee requested that staff obtain a legal review of the definition to determine if a more liberal reading was even allowable. L. Anthony distributed a sample degree program and reviewed it with the Board.

J. Ellis stated that L. Anthony's report was only representing one side of the committee's discussion. L. Anthony remarked that he was trying to explain the rationale behind the existing definition and felt it was important that all members understood this in order to make their decision. He further stated that other committee members could voice their opinions after his presentation.

L. Anthony stated that Mr. Ross's request asks for a more liberal interpretation of the rule than has been applied in the past and that this may have broad implications on the accreditation process. J. Ellis commented that he believes allowing political science and philosophy in the definition opens Pandora's box and potentially allows wiggle room for other degree's to fit. If any change is made it should be to tighten the rule by eliminating these two degrees.

C. Comedy stated that some members were for Mr. Ross's request but there were questions on how it could be approved. He stated that many folks are already entering with less than what Mr. Ross has in terms of education. C. Comedy stated that the Addiction degree L. Anthony shared is wonderful example and should be what we are moving toward in the future but it is not a fair comparison since the majority of professionals in the field have not gone through such a program. C. Comedy raised the issue of how this matter affects the consumer and whether or not Mr. Ross has the educational experience necessary to provide the service. He also stated it is a workforce issue since many professionals are not paid enough to get the degrees we require.

J. Ellis reminded the Board that Mr. Ross is an LCDC II already and can practice in the field he is merely asking to be advanced to an LCDC III. A no vote would not prevent him from staying in the field. D. Fidelibus stated that the rule has been applied that a general degree with the 40 hours of concentration within the degree is acceptable. She believes it is an issue of timing. She further asked how we make room for individuals making a career change. CDCAs can enter the field with minimal education to encourage folks in recovery to enter the field. She asked why then do we cut off folks at the other end when the front end is wide open? J. Ellis stated that our Board does not have a comparable major so we have to accommodate other majors and just determine where we

draw the line. B. Field agreed stating that Nursing has been historically left out but these folks are working in our field anyway so we may want to consider adding them.

D. Schaffer asked if the Board would be challenged on previous rulings on this issue if we change our policy now. B. Field stated that legal counsel gave us the approval to read and apply the rule the way it has been. The Board may be able to re-interpret and/or change the rule but stated that it could open the gate to allow folks to come back and re-apply if they were previously prevented based on degree. J. Ellis stated he believe there are three types of degrees: clearly behavioral science, clearly not and ambiguous degrees.

D. Fidelibus stated that currently the LCDC II allows for an associate's in a behavioral science or a bachelor's in any field. She suggested the possibility of doing something similarly with the LCDC III allowing for a bachelor's in a behavioral science or a master's in any field. C. Comedy asked if the matter needed to go to the treatment committee for consideration. J. Ellis cautioned ping-ponging the matter from committee to committee and suggested it just stay with the full board. B. Field suggested the staff work on some options and present to the Education Committee and Board for further review.

B. Field gave the Prevention Committee Report. Their next meeting is May 7th at CACY from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

B. Field gave the Treatment Committee report. He suggested tabling the review and discussion of the re-structuring matrix for the June meeting due to time constraints. The next Treatment Committee Meeting is May 13th at 2:00 pm at Talbot Hall.

The Board accepted public comment from Stephan Densmore. Mr. Densmore stated that he had violated the code of ethics and his case was before the Board for review. He indicated that he has been in recovery now for 3 years and as part of that recovery wanted to meet face to face with the Board to clear up any issues of past harm. He stated that he treated his credential as an entitlement and not a privilege and that he would stay after the meeting to discuss his case with anyone who may have questions.

B. Field gave the Executive Director's report. Accreditation and fee change rules went into effect on 4/1/08. The new AODA written exam will be out June 13th and will include 137 traditional multiple choice questions and 13 questions based on a written case which will test on the twelve core functions. The exam is now also aligned with TAP 21 and the new JTA will be out in 30 days. Rules to eliminate the oral exam have been filed, a hearing is set for 4/25/08 and the rules are projected to go into effect 6/13/08.

B. Field gave an update on his trip to the ICRC meeting. He stated he would be sending the Board a written report as well. ICRC is considering conducting international approval of distance learning programs. This measure would require member boards to recognize this international approval and is a potential revenue loss to the Board. The Board currently makes \$35,000 a year on approval of RCHs. B. Field will be following

up with ICRC on this matter. ICRC did pass a measure that would allow all reciprocal professionals to receive the ICRC certification free. B. Field voted against this measure because it lacked a timeline and had not been vetted fiscally. Currently ICRC generates \$65,000 through these certificates and \$20,000 of that comes from Ohio. Our Board further makes \$20,000 that remains with the Board. This measure was passed in an effort to raise visibility for the ICRC and the 37,500 certified professionals it has. B. Field stated ICRC is also working to create an international database and an ethics database. D. Fidelibus asked B. Field to prepare a risk/benefit analysis of our membership with ICRC to be presented at the August Board Meeting. B. Field stated our Board was up for compliance review by ICRC and the review went well with only minor changes needed.

B. Field stated that he has been asked to serve on the GLATTC Regional Advisory Board. He also stated that board members needed to complete the financial disclosure statements by 4/15 for old members and within 90 days of appointment for new members. He distributed dates for the upcoming ethics trainings and reminded members that they needed to attend one training every other year.

MOTION: To enter executive session to discuss ethics cases
J. Ellis, J. Smithchild Approved

D. Fidelibus stated that the Board would defer action on ethics cases until the next meeting due to investigative questions they had for staff who were not present at the meeting.

MOTION: To adjourn
C. Ireland, M. Haag Approved



Jessica Horne, Secretary



Dianne Fidelibus, Chair