



**Ohio**

**Chemical Dependency  
Professionals Board**

## **Education & Training Committee Meeting Minutes**

Friday, January 20, 2023, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Location: OSU STAR Trauma Recovery Center Resident Conference Room

### **1. Welcome**

#### **a. Roll call**

Present: Ken Yeager (Chair), Sherri Bowyer, Sara Branson, Christi Lackner-Valenti

Absent: Michael Brubaker, John Ellis, Kathy Elson, Sara Friedman

Staff: Jill Smock (Executive Director), Kris Quin

b. Review and approval of last meeting minutes. Minutes were approved by Sara Branson, seconded by Christi Lackner-Valenti.

2. **Announcements** – Christi Lackner-Valenti reported that OCAM is updating/redoing its web page and there will be new content added shortly!

3. **Public Comment** - No public in attendance

4. **Directors Update** – J. Smock began her report by reviewing the charter for this committee, noting that if two meetings in a row were missed the participant will be contacted by the committee chair and asked of their intent to continue to participate on the committee. She also reported that a minimum of 50% participation in meetings is required over two years. Members are asked to sign the charter for this group and to return it to her attention. Membership was also increased to 8 members outside of Board and staff members so the Chair will be looking to add two more members.

CE Broker: The Board continues to work with CE Broker. There is a new representative working with the Board at this time to fine tune the functioning of CE Broker, updates will be provided as the process moves forward.

Positions: Kris Quin continues to train the newest board staff member in answering calls and emails at this time. In the not-too-distant future the goal is to have Kris working to move forward the education and training aspects of the board with her taking the lead to move forward the goals of the board for modernizing and refining the education and continuing education aspects of the board. She will be working to formalize educational provider audits, and to assure accuracy of information provided related to educational programs assuring objectives and goals are accurate and in line with the guidelines set forth in Blooms Taxonomy; a set of three hierarchical models used for classification of educational learning objectives into levels of complexity and specificity. Sara B. notes this has been a recent focus of the Nursing Board and believes this action will be in alignment with other continuing education providers.

### **5. LICDC requirements**

- a. LICDC OAC Rule requirements – Committee Chair facilitated an informational gathering meeting with universities holding CDP masters degree endorsement the day prior regarding modernizing LICDC masters degree education requirements along with representatives from TX and this committee.
- b. LICDC-CS Scope, education, and experience – further discussion held until more members could be in attendance.

## 6. Renewals

### a. Supervision CEUS for renewal for those w/out scope:

This discussion addressed the issue of those who hold a LICDC II or below and consideration of this level of licensure submitting supervision continuing education for certification/licensure renewal. Currently CE Broker will only accept supervision hours for those holding the CS endorsement. After discussion it was determined that the LCDC III and LICDC would be appropriate to submit for supervision continuing education for licensure renewal. However, those holding LCDC II and/or CDCA would not be able to submit supervision course work for their respective renewal as supervision would fall outside of that certification/licensure level scope of practice.

### b. Banking /Roll back hours

Banking hours for continuing education hours. If the license holders chemical dependency/prevention specific and ethics hours are complete there is the opportunity to bank hours within a specified time frame.

The committee is suggesting to the Board to allow “banking” 10 hours forward into the next renewal cycle. There is a 90-day window prior to license expiration date when banking hours would be accepted for those who renew on time only. This was followed by a discussion of the roll backing continuing education hours to prior renewal cycles if the correct amount of hours were not submitted into CE Broker. The discussion surrounding roll back suggested the following actions; find out what other boards are doing in this area; consider the pro’s and cons of each; examine complaints about the roll back.

### c. Failed Audits

On those who fail an audit there was discussion of current practice of the individual receiving a written reprimand and requirement to complete continuing education hours. There was additional discussion of a potential fee for those who fail to meet the continuing education hours. The committee suggests that only after the second offense of a CEU audit failure that the discipline be elevated to a suspension for a period of one month.

## 7. HB509/SB131/HB452 Updates

a. HB 509 changes the grace period to now a one-year inactive lapsed status if you do not renew your license on its expiration date. Those who do not renew after the one year grace period will be required to “start over.”

b. HB 509 also changes the number of hours to renew. Previously 40 continuing education hours were required. Now thirty continuing education hours are required. However, if you hold the IC& RC reciprocal endorsement, 40 hours are still required as that is the ICRC requirement. Those 65 or older can renew with 20 continuing education hours if they do not hold the IC&RC reciprocal endorsement. Discussion have been initiated with IC&RC to consider changing the 40 hours of CEUS requirement. These changes are NOT in effect at this time; board will announce when effective.

HB 509 discussion surrounded writing rules for submission that will address current masters grid and educational hour content issues.

SB131 discussion surrounded the reciprocity bill and more board discussion will have to be made in regards to the required procedures to follow the new statute. Concerns of committee members that border states may have less strict requirements than Ohio licenses and how this statute will affect

how the Board issues which license. Discussion will continue as new OAC rules will be written to support the ORC change. This issue will require additional research with the board's AAG.

HB452 did not pass thru the last Assembly and the Board will be seeking another bill to be introduced. Representative Manning has expressed her willingness to support again. Walk thru ORC

This committee was looked at section 4758.51(C) of the Ohio Revised Code and discussion around the issue of those unable to fulfill continuing education hours because of military service, illness, residence outside of the United States" having the board waive their CEU requirement. The recommendation was to remove illness and residence outside of the U.S., as they have the option to place their license in escrow. The statute still allow the board to waive under the wording " for any reason the board considers acceptable".

Homework for all committee members is to review the Chapter 4758 of the ORC and suggest any further edits or changes not introduced as part of HB452.

## 8. Educational Pathways to Licensure

The question was posed is there a way to provide a pathway to a license without a degree? This was noted as a possible barrier to licensure. Cost of a college degree can be prohibitive of some seeking a chemical dependency license, but committee discussed other barriers that might prohibit getting a degree. Online college education opportunities has broaden the ability to earn a degree while working.

- There was discussion around the development of an independent learning experience. However, in this discussion concerns were raised regarding the quality of education attained in such an experience without the possible oversight of the traditional program accreditation process associated with colleges and universities.
- Additional discussion surrounded partnerships with agencies and educational entities to build cost effective online stackable programming potentially beginning with a certificate but working toward stackable degrees.
- There was also discussion of working with the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation to consider the option for support for those in recovery who had a desire to work toward a chemical dependency certification/license.
- In general, the discussion surrounding a pathway without a degree was not supported. However, there was support to exploring additional pathways to licensure that was tied to creative methods to assist with obtaining educational degrees/diplomas.

9. **New 2023 Workplan:** was tabled until the next meeting. Ken to draft a workplan for 2023 to present after discussion from the Executive Committee on 2023 workplans and goals for Committees.

10. **Education and Training for CDP Staff on Content Areas-** Jill will schedule end of February with Michael, John and Ken and staff.

11. **Other Business-** None

Committee adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Next meeting is April 14, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

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Committee Chair

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