

**Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2014**

Members Present: B. Barclay, B. Boyer, A. Ferguson, G. Stanton

The meeting convened at Talbot Hall in Columbus, OH at 1:00pm.

The committee reviewed the 10/17/13 minutes but did not provide a formal approval since the members in attendance were not at the 10/17/13 meeting.

A. Ferguson presented the Executive Director's update. She updated the committee on staffing indicating that she and Janice Thomas had revamped the renewal process in an effort to encourage more online renewals. The Board investigator has completed the third quarter of his contract for the fiscal year and is working to achieve MBE Vendor status with the state. This status will allow his services to count towards the Board's 15% MBE Vendor purchasing goal for FY2015.

A. Ferguson updated the committee on ethics cases. She indicated that 96 cases were presently open: 1 case from 2011, 12 from 2012, 64 from 2013 and the remainder from 2014. She anticipates having close to 30 cases to present at the May board meeting.

A. Ferguson also updated the committee on several legislative initiatives. The Gambling Endorsement language is currently in the MBR in the Senate, the ICRC language changes will be sponsored by Rep. Sprague and are currently being drafted by LSC, and a recent bill passed authorizing insurance carriers to accept LICDCs for AOD services.

The committee reviewed a request from the Ohio Coalition of Associate Degree Human Services Educators to create an endorsement for addiction curriculum. The committee approved of allowing OCADHSE to provide this endorsement and will present the matter to the Board at the May meeting.

The committee discussed a recent request to incorporate Music and Art Therapy Licensing into the credentials offered by the Board. Members were interested in knowing if these professionals can currently practice in Ohio with their national credentials or if they have to obtain an Ohio credential in another field to practice. Members discussed concerns that this would be a staff intensive venture for the first year as rules, processes and applications would need to be created. Members questioned if staff would have sufficient time for such an endeavor and if funds would be available to hire additional staff. Members asked that they be provided with further data on how many professionals would actual obtain these credentials and at what cost. They further asked for additional data on experiences of other states in starting up these credentials.

The committee reviewed and edited the draft agenda for the May Board Meeting.

The committee reviewed their draft work plan and made recommendations to add the discussion of ICRC annual meeting representation to its Fiscal goal and to establish a timeline to review board policies and procedures to its Operations goal. A. Ferguson will update the work plan and circulate to the committee. The committee agreed to discuss the Fees Assessment at its next meeting and possibly begin discussions of the biennial budget and marketing plan.

The committee established meeting dates for the remainder of the year for 6/23/14 from 1-3 pm and 10/6/14 from 1:30-3:30pm. Both meetings will be at Talbot Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.