



**Chemical Dependency Professionals
Board Meeting**

Minutes

May 15, 2020 10 am – 3 pm

Held by Teams Meeting Teleconference

Members Present: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Alex Bishara, Philip Atkins, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar, Rick Massatti (OHMAS)

Others Present: Jill Smock - Executive Director, Janice Thomas – Admin. Support, Lisa Haywood – Assistant Attorney General (Assigned General Counsel), Stephanie Funkhouser - Board Investigator, Dianne Fidelibus (Public Guest)

I. Board Meeting Opened: Chairperson Wendy Haynes-Britton called the board meeting to order on 5/13/2020.

Time In: 10:10 A.M.

Open Session of the virtual meeting is recorded.

A. Moss performed roll call.

Roll Call: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Alex Bishara, Philip Atkins, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar
A full quorum is established.

Meeting Minutes:

Motion: Chairperson W. Haynes-Britton motioned to approve the 4/23/20 Special Board Meeting minutes.
1st)T. Ferrara, 2nd)J. Mermis

Approved

General Announcements:

OMHAS Update (R. Massatti)

R. Massatti gave an update regarding the Opiate Response grant due 5/12/2020. J. Smock inquired about the due date for comments and R. Massatti explained her will get back to her.

II. Public Comments

D. Fidelibus representing Ohio Coalition of Associate Degree Human Services Educators presented concerns about HB365 and how it proposes an increase in practicum hours that students must complete in a single semester to become licensed. J. Lisy suggested that D. Fidelibus identify the Senate Representative sponsoring the bill and make a recommendation for a friendly amendment to the Bill that spreads the required practicum hours across two semesters instead of one.

W. Haynes-Britton requested this subject be tabled until later in the agenda.

R. Massatti signed off at 10:37 A.M.

III. General Business

Treasurers Report

A. Bishara gave a brief verbal report on Board expenses and revenue for the quarter. He also mentioned that the Board is still looking at ways to potentially reduce or limit spending by up to 20%, as requested by the governor.

Committee Reports:

Ethics Committee (A. Moss)

A. Moss shared that of the 34 recent cases reviewed by the Ethics Committee, 20 of those cases were reviewed since the start of April 2020 and he commended J. Smock and S. Funkhouser on their hard work. He also mentioned that the Committee is exploring ways to incentivize licensees and certificate holders who are experiencing impairment issues to self-report more proactively. The OCDP Board will meet with members of OMHAS and the CSWMFT Board on 5/22/2020 at 11:00 A.M. to discuss collaboration efforts to support the wellness of our credentialed professionals in a way that is similar to the Ohio Lawyer Assistance Program. A. Moss reported that the Ethics Committee is continuing to work on the continuum of sanctions. He also shared that he, J. Smock, and S. Funkhouser attended a very informative CLEAR Webinar on 5/14/2020 titled Introducing Preventative Strategies in Efforts to Reduce Ethical Violations.

Cases for Board Action (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

W. Haynes-Britton motioned to move into executive session

Motion: Chairperson W. Haynes-Britton 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, Janice Thomas, Administrative Support.

1st) J.Mermis, 2nd) J. Lisy

Approved

A. Moss initiated Roll Call Vote: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Alex Bishara, Philip Atkins, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar

Exit Open Session: 10:51 A.M. Executive Session of the virtual meeting is not recorded.

Enter Executive Session: 11:05 A.M.

A. Moss performed Roll Call: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Alex Bishara, Philip Atkins, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar
A Quorum was established.

Motion: Chairperson W. Haynes-Britton motioned to move out of Executive Session

1st) T. Farrar, 2nd) J. Mermis

Approved

A. Moss initiated Roll Call Vote: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Alex Bishara, Philip Atkins, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar

Exit Executive Session: 12:20 P.M.

Enter Open Session: 12:26 P.M

Open Session of the virtual meeting is recorded.

A. Moss performed Roll Call: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Alex Bishara, Philip Atkins, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar
A Quorum was established.

Motion: to break for lunch

Time: 12:29

1st) A. Moss, 2nd) J. Mermis

Approved

Chairperson W. Haynes-Britton called the meeting to order

Time: 1:02 P.M.

A. Moss performed Roll Call: Wendy Haynes-Britton, Andrew Moss, Alex Bishara, Philip Atkins, Jim Mermis, John Lisy, Trisha Farrar

Time: 1:04 P.M.

A Quorum was established.

Ethics Cases

Case Number		Motion to Approve Consent	Approve	Abstain	Additional Comments
A.K. 189	APP	1 st J. Lisy, 2 nd P. Atkins	6 Yes	A. Moss	Withdrawal of Application
R.S. 875	APP	1 st J. Lisy, 2 nd P. Atkins	6 Yes	A. Moss	Withdrawal of Application
K.H. 708	APP	1 st J. Lisy, 2 nd P. Atkins	6 Yes	A. Moss	Withdrawal of Application
M.H. 817	APP	1 st J. Lisy, 2 nd P. Atkins	6 Yes	A. Moss	Withdrawal of Application
M.M 000330634	APP	1st A.Bishara, 2nd J. Mermis	6 Yes	A. Moss	Denial of Application Notice of Opportunity
J.E. 000194397	APP	1st A.Bishara, 2nd J. Mermis	6 Yes	A. Moss	Denial of Application Notice of Opportunity
April Smith 20035R	LICDC.141130	1 st J. Lisy, 2 nd T. Farrar	6 Yes	A. Moss	Written Reprimand
Aveeavisa Black 19054	LCDCIII.021224	1 st P. Atkins, 2 nd , A. Bishara	6 Yes	A. Moss	Written Reprimand
Derrick Hodge 20040	LCDCIII.161974	1 st A. Bishara, 2 nd T. Farrar	6 Yes	A. Moss	Written Reprimand
M.W.19043		1 st J. Lisy, no second	N/A	N/A	Motion did not carry
M.W.19043 (same as above)		*1 st A. Bishara, 2 nd P. Atkins	6 Yes	A. Moss	*Motion to amend the consent to include training on ethics charges listed
Melissa Benjamin 19031	CDCA.169173	*1 st A. Bishara, 2 nd W. Haynes-Britton	6 Yes	A. Moss	*Motion to accept the recommendations for Written Reprimand
M.B. 19103		As above	6 Yes	A. Moss	Option 2
Rachelle Gray 19065	CDCA.168454	1 st P. Atkins, 2 nd J. Lisy	6 Yes	A. Moss	6-month suspension

Sara Kennedy 19122	LICDC.161011	1 st A. Bishara, 2 nd T. Farrar	6 Yes	A. Moss	2-year suspension
Thomas Book 18136	CDCA.166148	1 st J. Lisy, 2 nd P. Atkins	6 Yes	A. Moss	Written Reprimand
Tera Martin 20012	CDCA.168603	1 st J. Lisy, 2 nd T. Farrar	6 Yes	A. Moss	Written Reprimand
Zoe Doss 18073	CDCA.166340	1 st A. Bishara, 2 nd J. Lisy	6 Yes	A. Moss	Revocation
Alan Walsh 20041	CDCA.171879	1 st J. Lisy, 2 nd P. Atkins	6 Yes	A. Moss	Written Reprimand
Desiree McDevitt 18137	LCDCIII.161540	1 st J. Lisy, 2 nd P. Atkins	6 Yes	A. Moss	6-month suspension
Emily Anderson 20037	CDCA.172037	1 st J. Lisy, 2 nd P. Atkins	6 Yes	A. Moss	6-month suspension
J.L 19089		1 st T. Ferrar, 2 nd A. Bishara	6 Yes	A. Moss	Notice of Opportunity
T.C.19092		1 st P. Atkins, 2 nd J. Lisy	6 Yes	A. Moss	Notice of Opportunity

Time: 1:38 P.M.

Hearing Process

L. Haywood provided a brief overview of the general flow of the hearing, which will be conducted by the designated hearing officer and will occur on May 27, 2020 at 9 am via teleconference. J. Smock suggested developing a brief written synopsis of hearing protocol.

S. Funkhouser exited the meeting at 1:39 P.M.

Executive Committee (W. Haynes-Britton)

W. Haynes Britton briefly discussed the Board's current Audit which will last until the end of this fiscal year. No other general business.

Prevention Committee (T. Farrar)

T. Farrar reported that a few Prevention committee members volunteered to present at the next Board meeting to give a brief presentation about the Prevention Field per Boards' former request. The committee worked on a Board Statement regarding the Scope of Practice & Work Experience as it pertains to Prevention certification Process. It states that an individual will be required to hold or have held a Registered Applicant (RA) before attempting to advance to the next Prevention certificate level. A suggestion will be to hold the RA for a minimum of 6 months. An RA can apply for an OCPSA or an OCPS. You must hold an OCPS or one of the credentials able to supervise an OCPC to apply for an OCPC.

Motion: To adopt the proposed Board Statement with corrections by J. Smock and be ratified by the Board with allowance for Executive Director, J. Smock to finalize the document with implementation by November 1, 2020.

Motion: 1st) P. Atkins, 2nd) A. Moss

Approved

Other general business: T. Farrar indicated the committees support of workforce development collaboration with ADAPAO, PAA, OhioMHAS and Voinovich School and requests Board representation as a partner of the OCPC Fellowship program. Board members agree to a collaborative relationship, rather than a “partnership,” with this OCPC Fellowship. Board will support with staff at planning meetings. J. Lisy recommended that the fellowship should not include referencing OCDP Board in marketing materials as a partner. Board agreed to be listed in the first sentence with other agencies as the Prevention Committee of the OCDP Board. L. Hayes cautions to be careful that collaboration doesn’t look like an endorsement. T. Farrar says they are looking at different platforms for prevention education.

Treatment Committee (J. Lisy)

J. Lisy reported that the March meeting was cancelled due to COVID19. Other general business: A. Moss mentioned that the Committee should re-study the CDCA rule and the impact that it has had on ethics violations; also, re-survey field to obtain feedback on the impact of the rule. Some language may need to be adjusted in the rule regarding highest scope of practice for dual credential holders.

Education Committee (J. Smock)

J. Smock reported that the Education committee meeting was postponed in May and will join with the Treatment committee on June 12, 2020. A. Bishara reported that both he and D. Fidelibus performed 2 reviews of the Walsh University Masters Curriculum for the purpose of curriculum endorsement by the Board.

Motion: To endorse the Walsh University Master curriculum which includes the 180 hours of CD specific coursework.

1st) A. Bishara, 2nd) A. Moss

Approved

IV. Executive Director’s Report (J. Smock)

J. Smock stated staff have adapted well to remote office environment. She discussed work on elicense and changes in categorizations on CE broker (bigger push for providers/sponsors to look @ content of areas). Elicense Supervision form testing in progress thanks to CSWMFT who will be doing the same paperless supervision reports and took the lead on this project.

Motion: To approve Executive Director Report and all actions on this report.

(1st) P. Atkins, (2nd) J. Lisy

Approved

V .HB 365

HB 365 has been referred Senate Health, Human Services & Medicaid. Dianne Fidelibus reiterated her concerns as previously stated during the public comment portion of this meeting. She also was concerned that some individuals may be able to obtain licensure without a degree as part of HB 365. Moss shared that the Ohio Counseling Association asked for the Board’s opinion on the bill. J. Lisy re-stated his belief that D. Fidelibus making a friendly suggestion to amend the bill may be appropriate. J. Mermis suggested that the Coalition or other interested provider/professional organizations might present testimony or suggestions. The issue was

discussed amongst the members. L. Haywood advised that the Board is here to represent the body as a whole and under the ORC, taking a political position is not one of the Board's mandates.

P. Atkins left the meeting at 2:58

VI. Other Business

J. Smock reminded Board members about timesheets being completed within the pay period and that financial disclosure statements are due by 7/15/2020.

Motion: To end the meeting

1st) J. Lisy, 2nd) J. Mermis

(A. Bishara and P. Atkins left the meeting before this roll vote was initiated).

Approved

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

2020 Board Meeting Dates

Sept. 9th and November 20th, 2020

Vern Riffe Board Room 31st floor

J.T.

Vice-Chair

Date

Chair

Date