



**Chemical Dependency Professionals
Treatment and Education Committee Meeting
Minutes**

September 11, 2020 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
(Virtual Meeting on TEAMS Platform)

Treatment Committee Members Present: John Lisy, Tom Stuber, Bruce Jones, Scott Beach, Gary Gonnella, Ray Packard, Adreana Tartt . Education & Training Committee Members Present: Dianne Fidelibus, Kathy Elson, Michael Brubaker, Kathy Yokum,

Treatment Members Absent: Maria Nemeč, Jim Mermis, Teresa Lampl

Others Present: Stacy Morris (Board Member Guest)

Meeting called to order: 1:05 pm

Introductions: Welcome and introduction of those on video call

Approval of Minutes:

There was a misspelling in K. Elson's last name.

Motion to approve : G. Gonella, : Second D. Fidelibus

Approved

J. Lisy approved 6/12/20 minutes with stated amendment.

Directors Update

J. Smock reported a drop in licensure & renewal in the FY20 4th quarter believed to be due to COVID19 and expected renewals will get back to similar numbers once extended renewal is up 12/1/20. In FY 19 to FY 20 with a 13% increase mostly with CDCA. The drop could be attributed to the Pandemic.

Board staff will be participating in Problem Gambling Network of Ohio calls on Oct 16th and March 6 to discuss applying for the Gambling endorsement. Both the Treatment and Education Committees worked on updating the treatment definitions and will be distributed to Providers and Sponsors as well as on the website. The Ohio Counselor Conference will take place on Oct 28-30th (Virtual conference).

Treatment Definition Updates and Committee Report

J. Lisy stated that the Board approved the revisions to the Treatment Education Definitions.

D. Fidelibus thanked K. Elson who took all the notes from the workgroup and typed up the changes for the definitions so they could be reviewed by the Executive Committee. D. Fidelibus and K. Elson explained to the committee members that the definition hours cannot be changed currently because rule changes are needed but the revisions should make the language more intuitive for the applicants. T Stuber asked what's needed to get legislation to make changes. J. Smock will be keeping track of change suggestions so that when rule changes are up, all can be included. J. Smock will check to see when the next 5 year rule change is coming up. D. Fidelibus suggested removing prevention strategies education from the treatment education requirements. J. Lisy said Prevention Strategies were added when the treatment license holders could supervise the prevention credential. Since that is no longer in their scope, suggested that they should not be required to receive that education and add hours to other areas.

J. Smock informed the members that MAT education hour are noted in the descriptions as a strong suggestion until a rule change occurs to make it a requirement. G. Gonnella stated that there is no training to help those coming off MAT treatment. M. Brubaker expressed that training is also needed to assist with suicide prevention and T. Stuber pointed out that detox management was not mentioned in the withdraw management definitions. G. Gonella would like to see more training or skillset on co-occurring disorders such as mental health and substance use. D. Fidelibus suggested encouraging individuals through the newsletter to get training on some of these issues. M. Brubaker stated there is consideration at the Federal level on integrated care. Suggested to add integrated and inter-professional rare and withdrawal management to the definitions. J. Smock will document the suggested changes.

J. Lisy commended the sub-committee for doing a great job on the definitions.

Board Statements

J. Smock announced that A. Moss will no longer be a member of the Treatment Committee due to commitments on other CDP committees, but as a final contribution to this committee he put together a Board Position Statement on Client Abandonment and Peer Support.

Client Abandonment: The position statement on Client Abandonment was reviewed and briefly discussed amongst the committee members with acceptance.

Peer Recovery Support: The position statement on Peer Recovery Support was reviewed and suggestions for changes were made. J. Smock will make the suggested changes.

Exploratory Committee Report: Mental Health Endorsement

J. Lisy and G. Gonnella reported from the working committee meeting that is looking into the mental health endorsement possibility. So far only Texas has an LICDC level that can do both, but still researching.

T. Stuber questioned whether we have any means of demonstrating the mental health counseling competency. G. Gonnella suggested maybe adding some requirement for additional education in co-occurring disorders. D. Fidelibus was in agreement that demonstrated competency should be a requirement. K. Elson added that although Sinclair students can't perform mental health counseling they are being taught assessment and diagnosis.

M. Brubaker said one of the biggest holes is in the screening and both he and G. Gonnella shared that some of their best training happened early in the fieldwork experience. Counselors should be able to assess competency and they need really good tools to assist.

Adreanna Tart joined the meeting.

There was some question about HB 365 so T. Stuber provided the committee with a brief description of HB 365 and the reasoning behind it.

A. Tartt shared that she looked at the whole area of co-occurring disorders and on the mental health side there is elevated treatment, but substance use treatment is somewhat lacking. If the treatment team is trained it may be possible to look at an endorsement. She reached out to California State because they have an advance addiction license that requires a lot of mental health coursework but she hasn't heard back from them. J. Lisy pointed out there could be potential liability if a client is referred to a practice where they don't have a lot of SUD training so we have to make sure we have the competency to provide it. J. Lisy extended an invitation for any Education Committee members to join the work group. Kathy Elson would like to join the workgroup. J. Lisy will convene the next workgroup meeting.

Test Acceptance – This discussion is tabled for next meeting

Telehealth

T. Stuber stated that telehealth is going to have a permanent role in the field. Many of the standards put in place during the Pandemic are going to stay in place. New, permanent rules are being outlined by OHMAS and

OBM. (OHMHAS draft rules and link were provided to committee members) He suggested delivering information to Providers and Sponsors about the need for Telehealth. J. Smock mentioned that telehealth to the legal and ethical requirements for training as it related to issues such as confidentiality.

J. Smock discussed that the Board is looking to add telehealth language in any scope rule changes, but the fact that the CDP rules are silent, our OCDP licenses can provide services in their scope via telehealth and under the supervision of their scope of practice.

Workplan Review

Additions to the workplan include Co-Occurring Disorders for Endorsement, Test Acceptance (both tests), Educational Requirements for the Bachelor's degree with an Associate in Addiction Counseling.

D. Fidelibus asked for clarity on the most recent exception policy regarding the LCDC III degree requirement. J. Smock will review statute and the policy to provide an answer.

Other Business

J. Smock asked if committee members are aware of any colleges or Universities with Master's programs in Criminal Justice that can assist students with getting the courses they are missing without having to enroll in a program, (particularly missing counseling, assessment, group counseling and human development) necessary to move forward in licensure. M. Brubaker stated that he felt there are some courses (assessment , human development) they could take without being enrolled in a program however some of the group counseling would be hard to take without being in a program..

M. Brubaker left the meeting 3:05 pm

D. Fidelibus and G. Gonnella are not in support of going beyond the norm to move criminal justice students ahead to get the LICDC licensure. Both believe counselors at that level should have the full spectrum of counseling education.

Meeting adjourned at 3:09 pm

Next Meeting 12.11.2020 1 pm – 3pm

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Committee Chair

Date: 12/16/20



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