



## Chemical Dependency Professionals Board Meeting

### Minutes

February 15, 2019

**Members present:**

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| <i>Alex Bishara</i> | <i>Debbie Thompson</i> | <i>Wendy Haynes-Britton</i> | <i>John Lisy</i>      |
| <i>Greg Hogg</i>    | <i>Jim Mermis</i>      | <i>Max Cortes</i>           | <i>Tamie Sullivan</i> |
| <i>Phil Atkins</i>  | <i>Andrew Moss</i>     | <i>Joyce Starr</i>          |                       |

**Members absent:** *Trisha Farrar*

**Others present:** *Alisia Clark- Executive Director, Bobby Robbins- Investigator, LaTawnda Moore and Lisa Hartman- Assistant Attorney General (Assigned General Counsel)-Abby LaRuche, Columbus State Student*

Chairman Hogg called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Vice Chair, Wendy Haynes-Britton completed the roll call. A Quorum was established.

**Motion:** To approve November 9, 2018 meeting minutes with corrections.  
W. Haynes-Britton, J. Lisy

Approved

**General Announcements:**

G. Hogg announced that we have two new Board members, Philip Atkins and Andrew Moss. The two new members introduced themselves to the Board.

G. Hogg announced an upcoming Opioid Summit in the University of Cincinnati. The summit will cover emerging issues in the economic climate and the opioid epidemic. Greg stated he wants to continue to look at ways education on Medication Assisted Treatment can be offered.

**OHIOMHAS Update:**

J. Starr stated that Lori Criss is the new Director of the department. The field is thrilled to have someone with her leadership and clinical ability. J. Starr stated Dr. Hurst will remain at the department currently as the Assistant Director. She announced they are working hard to ensure the funds that are disseminated through the Grants Management System will be on time this year. J. Starr announced further changes will be coming, however, there are no new changes that she is able to announce at this time.

The department is hosting a Trauma Informed Care summit in May 2019, the registration will open 2/27/19. Dr. Vincent Polleti is the key note speaker.

The new Recovery Policy team that is working with community individuals, stakeholders and ADAMH Boards to help with making recommendations to the department.

G. Hogg proposed an agenda change to move the elections to the beginning of the meeting.

**General Business**

The Board commenced with opening the floor for nominations for any executive seat. P. Atkins nominated A. Moss for Vice Chair.

The elections commenced resulting in W. Haynes-Britton securing the Chair position, A. Bishara maintaining the Treasurer position and A. Moss newly elected as Vice Chair.

**Executive Committee Report:**

G. Hogg stated the Board is working on a Marketing Plan initiative. The marketing team will work to update the branding for the Board which includes updating the logo and letterhead, developing a newsletter, and ensuring the materials developed are consistent.

G. Hogg stated that the Executive Committee would like to set goals for the Executive Director to achieve in the upcoming fiscal year.

The Executive Committee recommended that the Board to join the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation. This organization will assist with ensuring the Board maintains best practice standards in Board operations.

**Motion:** To approve expending funds to join the organization CLEAR.  
A. Moss/T. Sullivan Approved

**Motion:** To distribute the Newsletter.  
J. Lisy/D. Thompson Approved

No changes were made to the Bylaws. The pending Quorum change must be a legislative change in the laws.

**Prevention Committee Report:**

T. Sullivan stated the Prevention scope of practice has been completed the team is working on educational materials to disseminate as well as requesting opportunities to present at workshops and conferences. P. Atkins will develop a proposals to include the Prevention Scope in the upcoming Opiate Conference hosted by OACBHA.

**Treatment Committee Report:**

J. Lisy stated the Treatment Committee along with the Ethics Committee formally recommends to the Board to consider adopting a BCI/Federal background process. The Background process will uniform the practices of CDP with other Boards that request background checks.

J. Lisy reiterated this would not automatically deny any application, however, it allows the Board to make a well-informed decision on applications.

J. Lisy requested that the Board work with OhioMHAS on a workforce initiative to educate the field on the process to obtain a credential.

J. Lisy stated that the committee is looking at a crosswalk between NAADAC and IC&RC states to determine if there is a better way to process reciprocity applications. He stated the Board must take a state by state approach due to the vast diversity in state requirements.

**Education Committee Report:**

Bishara stated the bachelor's degree Application is complete and ready to disseminate, it was greatly modified after the Associates level bachelor's endorsement. A. Bishara also stated the education committee is working on online guidelines for continuing education.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bishara stated the Board is working to improve internal operations to meet the recommendations provided in the Audit. In the Mid Biennium request 20/21 the Board requested an increase.

**Executive Director's Report:**

A. Clark presented the second quarter statistics to the Board. The office has processed 1,959 application this fiscal year and approved 1964 credentials. Alisia stated is sending out the 2019 audit letters March 2019. A. Clark announced the new website has been launched and the new Newsletter is ready to go.

**Ethics Report:**

M. Cortes stated the committee is working on standardizing the standards for sanctions. He stated the chart is a guide and allows for individual flexibility when needed. W. Haynes Britton shared that she created a form to streamline the process.

The committee discussed the questions on the application and received recommendations from the AAG.

The committee discussed Summary Suspension and determine it was not something that the Board would move forward with at this time, however, it will be discussed again in the future.

A. Clark discussed SB 255 and the impact of the bill on the Board.

A. Moss discussed the benefits of a background check and the ability to track violations.

**Motion:** To adopt a formal BCI/Federal Background Check Requirement.  
P. Atkins/G. Hogg

Approved

A. Clark and B. Robbins presented the cases for vote:

**Consent Agreements:**

**Motion:** To issue a written reprimand to Jonna Roberts CDCA 160841, for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(a) and 4758-8-01(B)(3)(k).

A. Bishara, G. Hogg  
(Abstain: M. Cortes)

APPROVED

Motion: To issue a written reprimand to Stephen Price LICDC 943972, for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(j) and 4758-8-01(B)(6)(a).

G. Hogg, J. Lisy

APPROVED

(Abstain: M. Cortes)

Motion: To issue a one-year suspension to John McFarland CDCA.165359, for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(3)(h), 4758-8-01(B)(1)(j), and 4758-8-01(B)(5)(a).

G. Hogg, A. Moss

APPROVED

(Abstain: M. Cortes)

Motion: To issue a written reprimand to Mark Ross LCDC III 141287 for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(a), 4758-8-01(B)(1)(h), 4758-8-01(B)(1)(j), 4758-8-01(B)(3)(l) and 4758-8-01(B)(6)(a).

J. Mermis, A. Moss

APPROVED

(Abstain: M. Cortes)

Motion: To issue a Notice of Opportunity to Jewel Colon CDCA 130688 for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(h), 4758-8-01(B)(1)(j), 4758-8-01(B)(3)(l), 4758-8-01 (B)(7)(a) and 4758-8-01(B)(6)(a).

G. Hogg, A. Bishara

APPROVED

(Abstain: M. Cortes)

Motion: To issue a Notice of Opportunity to Matthew Snyder LCDC III.021289 for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(a), 4758-8-01(B)(1)(h), 4758-8-01(B)(1)(j), 4758-8-01 (B)(3)(b), 4758-8-01(B)(3)(l) and 4758-8-01(B)(6)(a).

A. Bishara, J. Mermis

APPROVED

(Abstain: M. Cortes)

Motion: To issue a Notice of Opportunity to Steven Marks CDCA 140747 for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(1)(h), 4758-8-01(B)(1)(j), 4758-8-01 (B)(7)(a) and 4758-8-01(B)(6)(a).

G. Hogg, J. Lisy

APPROVED

(Abstain: M. Cortes)

Motion: To issue a Notice of Opportunity to Benjamin Lowery CDCA 090697 for violation of OAC 4758-8-01(B)(2)(a), 4758-8-01(B)(5)(a), 4758-8-01(B)(10)(a), 4758-8-01 (B)(10)(b).

G. Hogg, A. Moss

APPROVED

(Abstain: M. Cortes)

**Call for Any Other Business:**

None

Adjourn Meeting: 2:05 pm

  
Chair Wendy Haynes-Britton

NEXT MEETING: 5/17/19

