



## Chemical Dependency Professionals Education Committee Meeting

### Minutes

October 18, 2019

**Members present:** Dianne Fidelibus, Greg Hogg

**Members absent:** Deb Thompson, John Ellis, Kathy Yokum, Michael Brubaker

**Others present:** Jill Smock- Executive Director, Janice Thomas-Board Staff

Meeting Opened: 2:45 PM

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes from the 4/19/19 meeting.  
(D. Fidelibus, G. Hogg) Approved

#### **General Announcements**

G. Hogg announced that the Board hired a full time Investigator, Jeff Conrad, in August and the board will soon have a new background check policy and disqualifying offenses list in place.

J. Smock explained that the background check will be mandatory, disqualifying offenses would require additional review and investigation and she is currently working with the Assistant Attorney General on the language. Once completed the information will go up on the Board's website.

D. Fidelibus asked if applicants will have to submit a separate background check if they're applying to more than one board. J. Smock stated that each Board is separate so information is not shared between the boards. The applicants should however have the option to request to BCI where they want their background check to go. J. Smock agreed to try to obtain information that the Board can provide to students about where they can obtain their background check.

G. Hogg also mentioned that the Board members approved a new Master's Education Grid policy that will be announced in the next Newsletter.

G. Hogg recommended adding General Office Issues as an agenda item on future meeting agendas.

#### **General Office Issues**

J. Smock presented a proposal to change the number of hours required on the Master's Education Grid.

D. Fidelibus explained the history of the Master's grid and the proposal was discussed. J. Thomas will send the new grid proposal to G. Hogg who will send it out to the all the Education Committee members for review, and take the final recommendation to the Executive Board members at the November meeting.

G. Hogg will present a recommendation to the Executive Board that a Master's degree in Pastoral Counseling or Addiction Counseling be accepted with a waiver of the Masters grid requirement.

J. Thomas asked the members whether a college Philosophy of Ethics class is acceptable for the Boards Ethics requirement on the education grids. It was agreed that this class could be considered as valid ethics education hours if part of a behavioral science degree.

J. Smock presented a request that the committee members take a look at the grid education descriptions currently being used for the purpose of revising them to modernized and include EBP language. J. Thomas will e-mail the descriptions to G. Hogg who will forward to the committee members for review.

J. Thomas asked the committee to consider adding the LCDC III licensed applicants to the new master's grid waiver policy and outlined the reason they fit the waiver option. Members agreed and G. Hogg will present this recommendation to the Executive Board Members.

### **Colleges and Universities**

J. Smock explained that the Treatment Committee wants the Education Committee to create a worksheet that outlines a plan to market to Colleges and Universities. She asked if the Associate degree Coalition committee has any marketing material that she can review. D. Fidelibus will send her some information.

J. Smock addressed questions about the Bachelor's degree endorsement process and what plan was discussed in previous committee meetings. D. Fidelibus suggested she contact M. Brubaker about this as he was heavily involved in the design of this endorsement. Possibilities would be to have the Education Committee review those applications, or discuss this with the Ohio Coalition of Associate Degree committee for them to complete the Bachelors degree endorsement review.

### **CEU Trainings**

MAT training.

G. Hogg asked if there are free MAT trainings available and J. Smock stated there are several on Ebased Academy. It was suggested to make MAT training a part of the 180 hour education grid and include in the education descriptions. D. Fidelibus mentioned possibly adding MAT as an education requirement under the Pharmacology content area description. Additional discussion included adding MAT training to the Renewal requirement on the website.

The Executive Board asked this committee to consider whether CE credit hours could be granted for participation in its committee meetings since discussions focus on the field and field issues. Committee is recommending that since the Board Meetings are not actual training sessions there is no current justification for granting CE hours.

### **HB 365 Review**

HB365 was reviewed and discussed among the members. D. Fidelibus has some concerns regarding specifying sixteen hours a week for practicum hours as opposed to a total number of hours. She will follow up with Rep. Manning office in regard to her concerns.

G. Hogg made a request to have the committee put Prevention Education and Training issues on future agendas and do more to promote Prevention.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm**

**J.T.**

**Committee Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Meeting: 2020 dates TBD**

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