



**Treatment (with ED & TRN) Committee Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2020**

VIRTUAL MEETING (Microsoft TEAMS)

Treatment Members Present: John Lisy (CHAIR), Andrew Moss, Jim Mermis, Maria Nemec, Raynard Packard, Bruce Jones, Tom Steuber,

Absent: Teresa Lampl, Adreana Tartt, Gary Gonella,

Education & TRN Committee Member Present: Dianne Fidelibus, Michael Brubaker, Kathy Yokum

Others Present: Jill Smock – OCDP Exec. Director, Janice Thomas – OCDP Staff

Public: Kathy Ellison
Call to order 1:05

Introductions: Welcome and introduction of those on video call

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: to approve the 12/20/19 meeting minutes.
Maria N. , second Bruce J. All in favor

Approved

Announcements:
None

Executive Director Updates:

Jill S. praised the work of the OCDP staff in adaptability to work remotely since mid-March. There has been some additional time in processing applications but are still within the 40-business day window.

Elicense has completed an enterprise solution for processing licensure for active duty military and their spouses under SB7 which gives them a temporary six-year license if they have an active license in another state.

Supervision reports will soon be completed online through elicense. This allows for the supervisor to submit documentation direct to the Board eliminating paper pushing between supervisor and the applicant as well as helping to achieve a state goal to go paperless. An

Applicant will be notified through Elicense when the supervisor report has been submitted. Information will be going out to the field.

OHMHAS is conducting a workforce study through all Behavioral health boards and the OCPD has signed an agreement to provide data for this study.

Ohio Counselors Assn. conference is coming up in September. They have started a substance use disorder group within the association and are looking for licensees to join.

A new House bill HB679 has been introduced on Telehealth. A copy was sent to TX committee members for review. Committee members are welcome to provide any thoughts or comments to Jill.

Bruce J. and Tom S. joined meeting at 1:20.

Position Statements:

Andrew M. introduced and gave a brief overview of two draft board position statements for committee input.

One draft covered guidelines for more direction to the field around counselor terminations or individuals leaving positions without appropriate notice. This mostly affects primary care counseling at the agencies. The questions are what is appropriate, how to avoid it happening and what constitutes as an ethical complaint?

Maria N. asked when an Employer is responsible to inform the Board of staff termination and Andrew M. explained that this is necessary only if there is an evident violation. He gave the example of an agency staff counselor leaving a position without notice which would be considered client abandonment. Therefore the Board should be notified. The recommendation is that a minimum of two weeks of planning should be allowed for both clients and other clinicians to have time to adjust to the counselor leaving. The committee recommended separate position statements for each. One for the employer responsibility and one for the client responsibility.

The second draft covered Peer Supporters and a Code of Ethics for CDCA vs. Peer Supporters. Information is needed regarding the ethical guidelines for individuals who are asked to cover both positions in their employment setting. Raynard P. contributed that he has trained both and suggests counselors' exam whether the sharing is about the client or themselves. There was discussion among the committee members about the confusion of the two disciplines combined for both the client and the counselor. The clients sometimes don't know what hat the counselor is wearing. The committee is in agreement that these lines are blurred. Micheal B suggested having the licensee review with their employers to discuss their role and give them guidance for that discussion. Members agreed employers have a role to help assist some licensees don't conflict with ethical codes. The suggestion is to coordinate with OMHAS to develop and roll out the Peer Supporter position statement. A good contact at OMHAS was suggested as Sharon Fitzpatrick.

Treatment Definitions

Jill S. explained that a request of the Ed & Trn committee was to review the 180 hour chemical dependency definitions for the purpose of suggesting revisions. Dianne F. agreed to provide a draft for both Committees to review. She briefly went over the suggested changes which included updates to the definitions and number of hours for committee discussion. The Coalition of Health Services Educators provided input on using DSM and Person first language. Suggestions were made to make certain number of MAT education hours. Jill S suggested adding MAT education under description for Pharmacology content area for now. A rule change could be recommended later on.

Jill S. also suggested making sure the language for each subject area is defined for applicants with a couple of sentences. It was confirmed that the number of hours for the subject areas are in law but the definitions are not.

John L. suggested a subcommittee review the definitions for recommendation to the Executive Committee next month on July 17, 2020. Volunteers for the subcommittee are Dianne F., Andrew M., Tom S., Maria N., John L., Janice T (staff). Kathy Elison(with Sinclair College as a potential add to the ED & TRN Committee) will also be invited to join.

Dianne F. will send a cleaned up version to all the group next week. A Doodle Poll will be sent out for possible dates.

Andrew M. out at 2:16 pm

Twenty Seven Semester Hour Requirement

Jill S. raised the issue of Board Staff requesting clarity from the committee on the Behavioral Science Degree definition due to applicant questions. One question that keeps coming up is whether individuals who received a degree with less than 27 semester hours of behavioral science coursework can go back and complete additional classes to meet the requirement after the degree is conferred. Another question is whether it's acceptable to use the course acronyms representing the discipline titles listed in law and rules when determining the 27 semester hours or should they be looking deeper into the actual course content. The 27 semester hours is only used so determine whether an individual has accomplished meeting the requirement to be eligible to submit an application for higher licensure.

There was a brief discussion on the reason for the 27 semester hours, and what changes can be made. John L. concluded that this required a much deeper review and changes in Law so this issue will be added to the work plan. The committee agreed that it is acceptable to use the course acronyms that represent the titles referenced in laws and rules to determine the 27 semester hours of behavioral science courses within the degree for now.

Exploratory Committee: Mental Health Endorsement

John L. proposed a Doodle Poll for the date to set up a future meeting to discuss a mental health endorsement. What would the benefits be to have a scope of practice in both fields? Janice T. will send report to Jill S. that includes the number of licensees that hold both licenses.

Work Plan Review

John L. suggested taking a look at where OMHAS is with their workforce development. Determine how to get counseling staff engaged and train those in the profession. Bring OMHAS in the discussion and find out how they are coming up with their priorities.

Dianne F. suggested that the committee might consider taking a look at alternatives that would allow more individuals to come into the field and possibly add this subject to the work plan. Look at system changes, simplifications or other things that complicate being able to get our licenses.

Tom S. is concerned that the HB679 limits use of telehealth to independent licenses only and doesn't consider the licenses under the independent licensees' supervision which becomes critical as the bill moves forward. The Bill is not clear. John L. would like the Executive Committee to look at all licenses for eligibility to perform telehealth treatment. Jill S. said the board is silent on Telehealth in Rule and will need to review our rules around Telehealth with the Board.

Meeting adjourned: 2:52 PM

Next Meeting: September 11th 1-3 pm currently scheduled for the State Library

J.T.

Committee Chair

Date

Board Chairperson

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