



**Chemical Dependency Professionals  
Treatment and Education & TRN Committee Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2021 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
(Virtual Meeting on TEAMS Platform)**

**Treatment Members Present:** John Lisz (TX CHAIR), Bruce Jones, Tom Stuber, Jim Mermis, Gary Gonnella, Jim Mermis

**Education Members Present:** Ken Yeager (Ed&Trn CHAIR), Diane Fidelibus, Michael Brubaker, Kathy Yokum

**Members Absent:** Adreana Tartt - arriving late, Scott Beach – arriving late, Ray Packard, Kathy Elson, Teresa Lampl

**Others Present:** Jill Smock - Executive Director, Janice Thomas – Admin. Support

John L. called the meeting to order: 1:10 pm

Introductions: Welcome and introductions of those on virtual meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the 12/11/2020 meeting minutes

Tom S., Bruce J.

Approved

Announcements: Tom S. asked for contact info so he could connect with Mike B to work on the supervision definition updates

Directors Update:

Jill S. presented the Directors update. Tonya Spriggs, the boards Customer Service Representative, retired in January. A staff replacement will be hired. HB 5 move to the Senate as is. Jill S. asked committee members to encourage their staff to renew their credentials as soon as possible if they were granted the HB 404 extension. The Elicense team is concerned about the level of help desk assistance if such a large number of licensees tries to renew at the last minute in June. Jill S. will send a reminder to the committee members requesting early renewal. The Peer supporter position statement is out on the Website. The new education definitions are also on the Website and distributed to the field. HB 122 – Original indication was that only LICDC's could perform telehealth services. Tom Stuber mentioned that other behavioral health practitioners and license levels were then added. The OACBHA Opiate conference is in May 11- 13 and the ASI conference is June 18- 19; both virtual.

Position Statements

Impairment Self Reporting - A position statement is needed to clarify what's in rule. The Board wants to encourage individuals to inform the Board without fear. Ken Y. agrees to start the draft and Gary G. and

Dianne F. will work on this with Ken Y. Gary G. and Bruce J. made suggestions for a license mentorship program and maybe a resource page. Deadline to have Draft to Jill for the Ethics Committee is April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ethical Duty - Clarification needed to reinforce the fact that holding a credential binds a licensee whether they are working under the credential or not. John L. and Tom S. will work on this statement. Deadline to have draft to Jill for the Ethics Committee is April 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Five Year Rule Review, Licensing Requirements (LCDCI, III, LICDC)

John L. introduced the discussion of Recommendations for 5 year rule review draft. Jill S. followed up with more detail on the topics for discussion

Suggestions were made for the 180 hour chemical dependency specific education

Change the title for content area C1 from Theories of Addiction to Addiction and Recovery Knowledge, The committees discussed in detail whether to remove the Prevention content requirement from the list of definitions or reduce the hours. The final recommendation was to change content area title to Relapse and Recovery Strategies. It was recommended to add 6 hours to Ethics, C9, applicable to the treatment of substance use disorders pertaining to addiction professionals. Include confidentiality in the addictions field and not specifically name 42CFR but that could be included. Total hours to equal 18.

Jill S. introduced the question of whether the courses for the education grid must be specific to chemical dependency or just cover the skill sets necessary for working with the chemically dependent client. She cited that many degree programs don't contain all the chemical dependency content for the 180 hours and asked if only certain content areas need to be CD specific.

A detailed discussion followed. Ken Y. proposed to keep Chemical Dependency Specific in the title but remove the CD specific (working with addicted populations) requirement from C2, C3 and C5. Adreana T. suggested that the committee should solicit feedback from the field. Tom Stuber offered to bring this up at the Ohio Council Addictions meeting and OARP on their thoughts after Committee member provide Pro and Cons to these changes. Mike B. emphasized that we also have an obligation to make sure people are prepared for the exam thus the required CD specific education should align.

Other Business: John L would like members to consider recommending accepting the NAADAC exam and provided a list from 2019 of what states accept that exam. He mentioned that he is still planning to lead the work group regarding scope.

#### Next Steps

Jill S. asked that members send ideas and with pros and cons so that she can put together a full list to provide to the committee members.

#### Master's Education Grid

Ken Y. and Mike B. will form a sub committee to review the Masters Education grid and pull in the master's endorsed program people to get their thoughts as we work toward rule revision and requirement of courses.

Mike B. proposed that every other meeting be a combination of both the Treatment and Education & Training committees.

Scott B. joined the meeting 1:47 pm and exited the meeting 3:14 pm, Mike B. left the meeting at 2:30 pm and returned at 2:47 pm, Dianne F. left the meeting at 2:42 pm and rejoined around 3 pm and Adreanna T. joined the meeting a little after 2:00 pm.

Combined Meeting Adjourned - Treatment Committee members welcome to stay for the remaining meeting with the Education & TRN Committee members

Education and Training Committee Meeting 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Members Present – Mike B., John L., Kathy Y., Diane F., Ken Y.

Ken Y mentioned the current LCDCIII requirements and the boards recommendations to add Certificates earned by accredited institutions in CD specific education with a practice component. Members suggested asking for input from CSWMFT Board, Medical Board, OHMAS and OCCAR

Bachelors Endorsement

The following committee members, Ken Y, Mike B., and Dianne F. will perform a thorough review of a recent Bachelor's Endorsement Package for Union Institute, and assist with Rule writing around endorsements.


CE Credits, Providers and Sponsors, Renewal Requirements

Jill S presented an issue concerning continuing education content submitted in CE Broker by providers and sponsors. The Board staff are being questioned about whether the CE course content must be CD specific or whether the intent was that the educational skill set for working with addicted populations is the intent. It was pointed out that the renewal requirements for CD specific education would not change. A suggestion was to possibly increase the hours for CD specific renewal education but for initial applications, allow some of the content areas to be more generalized, (ex: counseling procedures and group processing techniques). There were varying opinions on this subject as it tied back to the content area discussion for the 5 year rule review.

Meeting adjourned 4:05 pm

Next Meeting scheduled for 6/11/2021

J.T.

Committee Chair :  Date: 8/20/21

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