

RHODE ISLAND BOARD FOR LICENSED CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS

Meeting Minutes

9:30 A.M., Wednesday, November 14, 2007

The Rhode Island Board for Licensing Chemical Dependency Professionals met at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, in Barry Hall's Conference Room 314, 14 Harrington Road, Cranston, Rhode Island.

Members Present: Steve Horovitz, Chair, Cheryl Swensen, Christine Mattera, Elizabeth Kretchman, Debra Tiliouine, L. Sandie Smith, JJ Johnson, Jorge Cevallos, Johanna Rylands, Melissa Morgan, recording secretary

Members Absent: Joanne Ash

Welcome and Introductions

Once a quorum was established, Steve Horovitz called the meeting to order at 9:30a.m. After Steve welcomed the Board members, handed out the meeting dates for 2008. Then the Board reviewed the minutes from the September 12 and October 10, 2007 meetings. Chris stated that in the October minute it should be changed to show that she holds a dual membership to the RI Certification and LCDP Board. It was noted and will be changed. Four other changes, i.e., typo's were

noted and will be changed as well as three spelling errors of Board Member's named in the October Minutes before posting on the Secretary of States website. JJ commented and made a motion to add "Excused" in addition to members "Present and Absent" on the meeting minutes when a Board member calls in sick or has a scheduled meeting or vacation on a scheduled LCDP meeting date. It was noted by Steve that a board members name is absent only when he/she does not call or email the recording secretary to inform the Board they will not be attending the meeting. Cheryl Swansen second, all in favor. So it is written to be noted on the October meeting minutes as well as all future meeting minutes. Christine motioned to approve the September and October minutes, Cheryl second. All were in favor. The Chairperson approved the minutes as written and submitted.

License Application Reviews

There were no new license applications to review.

Old Business

Code of Ethics:

Jorge Cevallos and Debra Tiliouine will give the Board an update on the Ethic Codes at the December meeting.

License for Chemical Dependency Application Revision

A revision made to the application was reviewed by the Board. Debra Tiliouine commented that in Question 6 be reworded to, Highest

Educational Degree in place of Highest Degree of: HS, BA, MSW, MS, MA, etc. and the degree's list below be removed from the application. In addition, Granted By: College or University be replaced with Institution. Elizabeth commented that and revision date be added to the bottom of the first page indicating when a change has been made.

Merge of the LCDP Board to the Department of Health

On November 7, 2007 the two boards, RI Certification and LCDP Boards met at the RI Certification location. The purpose of this meeting was to review the reasons why the two Boards should be combined. In part, Steve summarized the merge of the LCDP Board move to the DOH and handed out of Act Relating to Health Professions-Licensed Chemical Dependency Professionals that Lee Delphonse, Vice Chairperson of the RI Certification Board, Johanna Rylands from the Certification Board and Steve Horovitz drafted prior to the November 7th meeting. The amended Act will be submitted on November 15, 2007 and brought to the General Assembly in February 2008 for reviewing the Legislature. Changes to Sections of the Rules and Regulations of the Licensed for Chemical Dependency included changing the wording in Title 5 Businesses and Professions, Chapter 5-69 License Procedure for Chemical Dependency Professionals, Sections 5-69-2, 5-69-3, 5-69-4, 5-69-5, 5-69-7, 5-69-8, 5-69-9, 5-69-11, 5-69-13 and 5-69-14.

The Board members noted that Section 5-69-6 (b) needs to be revised to: Ten Board Members with a majority of 6 licensed members. As the

Board stands right now, there are 5 licensed members, DATA being the vacant licensed member needed. Steve asked the Board if they are satisfied with the revisions of the Draft and Johanna said she would revise whatever the Board wanted to change. Additional changes would be to Sections 5-69-10 and 5-69-15.

Steve asked if any board member would consider reviewing and make recommendation to the remaining sections. Johanna volunteered to do the task and Steve thanked and commended her for her efforts.

Steve then commented the Boards role now is to focus on the Rules and Regulations. Sandie gave the history of how the Board requirements came to be and voiced her concern what the legislature will do with the Draft. It was noted by Chris that other licensed professionals, like the social workers, sometimes are interested in blocking our legislation if they find it threatening to their profession. Therefore, we should monitor any anticipated interference we might face.

Johanna said she will be watching what the legislation will be doing with the Draft because they can change anything and all the effort everyone has put into this could be changed. Sandie stated the ACT will be submitted by the end of February 2008 and by June it will be reviewed, voted on and put into act. Elizabeth said she will stay on top of this and watch the outcome.

Steve will now have the Board focus on the LCDP Rules and Regulations, most recent January 2002. He asked if two members would form a subcommittee to review and make recommendations. JJ Johnson and Sandie Smith volunteered. Steve thanked for their efforts.

Data Vacancy:

It was decided that Steve will write a formal letter to Neil Corkery requesting a DATA representative who holds and LCDP or LCDCS license and is a DATA Board member name be submitted to the Board.

New Business

Steve noted that Debra Tiliouine, J.J. Johnson and Cheryl Swansen's term expires February 2008. All three expressed that they want to remain on the Board for another term. Melissa will written a formal letter Chris DiFillippo at the Governor's Office requesting to reappoint them another term. Chris Mattera questioned her term expiration since she took Johanna Ryland's remaining term when Johanna resigned.

Announcements:

Elizabeth announced the Division of Substance Abuse has been awarded \$2.75 Million dollars for each of the three year Access to Recovery Grant Program (ATR) with target populations: DOC, RITS

and DCYF. The ATR program provided clients with vouchers that will be completely web based. The purpose is for clients to get access to clinical and recovery support services. Each voucher will be detailed to the client individual needs and must be activated within 30 days for services or the voucher will expire.

Steve announced that Thundermist Health Center has taken on the program that was cut from Women and Infants Hospital. The program is to assess families with newborns in an effort to determine the family needs any type of assistance. Steve is accepting applications from professional clinicians who hold a BSW degree. Each assessment will be worth fifty dollars for.

Adjournment

With no new business and the Board was satisfied with all topics covered, Cheryl Swansen motioned to close the meeting. Chris Mattera second and all were in favor. The Chairperson called the meeting adjourned and thanked everyone for attending.

The next meeting of the LCDP Board is scheduled for December 12, at 9:30 am, third floor conference room 314 Barry Hall Building in Cranston.

Minutes respectfully recorded and written by:

Melissa L. Morgan

Secretary, Rhode Island Board for Chemical Dependency

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