

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
BOARD OF LICENSING FOR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS

3 CAPITOL HILL  
CONFERENCE ROOM 104  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Friday, December 04, 2015  
3:00 PM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Richard Froncillo, BS, LCDCS  
Ian Knowles, Chairperson, Consumer Member  
Robert Marshall, LCDCS

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

David Dorsey, LCSW, LCDCS

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Arlene Hartwell, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Thomas Joyce, Member of the Public

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Licensing for Chemical Dependency Professionals was held on Friday, December 4, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 3:06 PM on a motion by Richard Froncillo and seconded by Ian Knowles. Motion carried.

2. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Richard Froncillo and seconded by Ian Knowles to adjourn to Closed Session at 3:07 PM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

3. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Richard Froncillo and seconded by Ian Knowles at 3:12 PM to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of the November 17, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Ian Knowles and seconded by Richard Froncillo to accept the Open Session minutes of November 17, 2015 . The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

5. New Business

- The board reviewed, discussed, and created a response to the Office of Regulatory Reform (ORR) proposal to remove burdensome rules from the regulatory environment.
  - i. Richard Froncillo made a motion to support the ORR recommendation to eliminate the fee cost for licensure. The motion was seconded by Robert Marshall and the motion carried unanimously.
  - ii. Richard Froncillo motioned to support an amendment to RIGL 5-69, to include provision of 4,000 required work experience if an applicant holds a bachelors degree in a related field as approved by the board. The motion was seconded by Robert Marshall and carried unanimously.
  - iii. The board discussed ORR proposal to merge the Chemical Dependency Supervisor License with the Chemical Dependency Professional license because it is not a burden, rather, it enhances the ability of clinicians to provide services to people suffering from substance abuse disorders and that the qualification of Licensed Chemical Dependency Clinical Supervisors help to ensure a competent workforce in Rhode Island. Richard Froncillo made a motion to oppose the merge of Chemical Dependency Supervisor License with Chemical Dependency Professional license. The motion was seconded by Robert Marshall carried via unanimous vote.

## 6. Adjournment

The next Board of Licensing for Chemical Dependency Professionals meeting will be held February 16, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Richard Froncillo and seconded by Robert Marshall to adjourn at 3:40 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

'Arlene Hartwell  
Board Manager  
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions