

**MINUTES**  
**SUBSTANCE ABUSE/PROBLEM GAMBLING PROGRAM LICENSURE COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 9, 2013 - 9:00 A.M.**  
**DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**LUCAS STATE OFFICE BUILDING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Ms. Harris conducted roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Jay Hansen, Chair  
Justine Morton  
Diane Thomas

**Other Attendees:**

Heather Adams, AG  
DeAnn Decker, IDPH  
Jeff Gronstal, IDPH  
Robyn Harris, IDPH  
Bob Kerksieck, IDPH  
Kathy Stone, IDPH

**I. Agenda/Minutes**

Ms. Morton moved that the minutes from the December 12, 2012 meeting be approved. Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**II. Substance Abuse/Problem Gambling Licensure**

**A. Substance Abuse Licensure Recommendations**

**1) Three (3) Year Programs**

A motion was made by Ms. Morton and seconded by Ms. Thomas to approve a license for a period of three (3) years to Kelderman Consulting, Oskaloosa, Iowa license effective February 6, 2013 to February 6, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**2) Deemed Status**

A motion was made by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Morton to approve a license through deemed status to United Community Services, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, based on the accreditation survey conducted and accreditation awarded by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), license effective November 30, 2012 to November 30, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Proposed Changes/Edits to the Iowa Administrative Code – Bob Kerksieck**

Mr. Kerksieck gave an overview of the draft proposed changes to the Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 641-155 that had been sent to the committee.

- Subacute: Research of Iowa and other State regulations show a broad range of definitions of subacute services. Some states use subacute as a generic term for health services that can be provided outside of a hospital inpatient setting. In Iowa, mental health subacute services are generally viewed as a step-down from inpatient hospitalization. IDPH program licensure standards (641—155) uses the word subacute in describing the “subacute biomedical and emotional/behavioral problems” addressed through “Medically-monitored intensive inpatient treatment (Level III.7)”. This is consistent with the ASAM criteria on which the licensure standards are based; Level III.7 is the level of care between Level III.5 Clinically Managed residential and Level IV Medically Managed inpatient. Ms. Stone stated that Level III.7 and possibly III.5 seemed

most in-line with how subacute is defined for mental health services and may also be aligned with crisis stabilization.

- Continuing Care: The committee discussed potential changes to treatment plan and review requirements and the practical implications of any such changes.

Ms. Adams noted that the committee's goal had been to bring Administrative Rules changes to the March 2013 Board of Health meeting. However, the continued need for more stakeholder input for discussion at the February committee meeting likely meant that the Rule changes would be presented to the full Board in May.

#### **IV. Draft of Complaint Process – Jeff Gronstal**

Mr. Gronstal reviewed the draft complaint procedure given to the committee prior to the meeting. The information provided was a generally summary of the Department's process when a complaint was received with the addition of development of an investigative plan, formalized as an internal policy. Ms. Thomas asked if there were timelines associated with complaints. Mr. Gronstal stated that the standards require that a report be sent to the complainant and program within 30 days of completion of an investigation, and added that some investigations can take up to one year to complete. Mr. Hansen asked for clarification of the scope of licensure investigations and of the responsibility of program staff to report issues to IDPH. Mr. Gronstal replied that the standards require programs to report sanctions against their staff to the Department. A complaint must be linked to the licensure standards in order for IDPH licensure staff to initiate an investigation.

#### **V. Substance Abuse/Problem Gambling Update – Kathy Stone**

- 2013 Iowa Legislature convenes Monday, January 14. IDPH submitted a flat funding budget request that is expected to go forward.
- Ms. Stone has been approached by a legislator regarding possible legislation to regulate telehealth services. The Department would monitor any such legislation, specifically related to current problem gambling services and proposed expansion to substance abuse services. That same legislator also has an interest in "wet homes".
- Mental Health Redesign continues. IDPH will monitor any legislation related to workgroup recommendations on revisions to current mental health and substance abuse involuntary commitment laws including establishing a role for mental health advocates to also work with substance abuse clients, if funding became available.
- Discussion is likely regarding detox, subacute services, and crisis stabilization.
- Legislation will likely be proposed related to medical marijuana and/or legalization of marijuana.
- Federal "sequestration" budget cuts are projected at approximately 8.2%. Should cuts occur, IDPH will work to maintain direct service funding. No new information is available regarding the SAMHSA Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant.
- IDPH distributed a specific invitation to behavioral health providers to participate in Iowa Health Information Network Direct Secure Messaging for free for six months.

**V. Next Meeting**

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2013. The meeting will be a teleconference and will originate in the Director's Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lucas State Office Building.

**VI. Adjournment**

Ms. Morton moved and Ms. Thomas second to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hansen adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.