

**MINUTES**  
**SUBSTANCE ABUSE/PROBLEM GAMBLING PROGRAM LICENSURE COMMITTEE**  
**DECEMBER 12, 2012 - 9:00 A.M.**  
**DIRCTOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**TELECONFERENCE**  
**LUCAS STATE OFFICE BUILDING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hansen called the teleconference to order at 9:02 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  
Cynthia Kelly, IDPH  
Bob Kerksieck, IDPH  
Jeff Gronstal, IDPH  
Robyn Harris, IDPH  
Kathy Stone, IDPH

**I. Agenda/Minutes**

Ms. Thomas moved that the minutes from the October 10, 2012 meeting be approved. Ms. Morton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**A. Substance Abuse Licensure Recommendations**

**1) One (1) and Two (2) Year Programs**

A motion was made by Ms. Morton and seconded by Ms. Thomas to approve a license for a period of one (1) year to Resolutions Substance Abuse Services, Inc., Iowa City, Iowa license effective February 4, 2013 to February 4, 2014 and to approve a license for a period of two (2) years to Northwest Iowa Mental Health Center, dba Seasons Center for Behavioral Health, Spencer, Iowa, license effective February 2, 2013 to February 2, 2015. 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 Unity Health Care/New Horizons Chemical Dependency Services, Muscatine, Iowa, based on the accreditation survey conducted and awarded by the Joint Commission, license effective October 21, 2012 to October 21, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Kerksieck gave an overview of the proposed changes to the Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 155. Mr. Kerksieck noted that the tuberculosis rules will be added. Ms. Thomas asked if the proposed changes were consistent with the ASAM patient placement criteria and stated that treatment planning and continued stay review requirements should fit the ROSC approach, providing a support network for the client. Mr. Hansen suggested getting additional stakeholder comments prior to initiating the notice process. Mr. Hansen noted that the ROSC model could

mean a large number of clients in continuing care, with follow-up appointments ranging from 30 days to quarterly to six months. Mr. Kerksieck will research ASAM language on scheduled follow-up.

Ms. Thomas asked if the licensure team would have the option not to conduct an on-site licensure inspection for an outpatient program. Mr. Kerksieck stated that option would exist; licensure staff would determine when an on-site visit might not be indicated. For example, if a licensed program in good standing with the Department proposed to open a new satellite office, an on-site inspection might not be scheduled. Mr. Hansen suggested licensure staff develop a checklist of critical health and safety issues as a guide to determining if a site visit would be indicated prior to the issuance of a license.

Mr. Hansen discussed the ASAM criteria in the context of essential health benefits and the importance of continuing to include residential treatment in the substance abuse treatment continuum of care. Ms. Stone stated that the ASAM criteria are specifically cited in the licensure regulations but are not currently referenced in Iowa Code. Ms. Thomas suggested Iowa Administrative Code 155.21(19) Management of Care as a reference. Mr. Kerksieck will research. Mr. Hansen also suggested clarification is needed of residential treatment and mental health subacute services. Ms. Stone stated this had been raised during Mental Health Redesign meetings, along with crisis stabilization services.

Ms. Adams asked for clarification regarding noticing of the rules for the January 2013 Board of Health meeting. The committee asked Ms. Stone to gather additional stakeholder feedback and notice the rules at the March 2013 Board of Health Meeting.

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

Mr. Gronstal stated a complaint procedure had been drafted and would be distributed to the committee for feedback. The licensure team is working to streamline the complaint process and better describe an investigative plan. Staff proposes to triage complaints with the Attorney General prior to any administrative dismissal.

**V. Next Meeting**

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, 2013. The meeting will originate in the Director's conference room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lucas State Office Building.

**VI. Adjournment**

Ms. Thomas moved to adjourn and Ms. Morton seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hansen adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.