

MINUTES  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE/PROBLEM GAMBLING PROGRAM LICENSURE COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 8, 2012 - 9:00 A.M.  
DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
LUCAS STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
TELECONFERENCE

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hansen called the meeting to order via telephone conference at 9:04 a.m. and Ms. Fisher conducted roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Jay Hansen, Chair (via telephone)  
Justine Morton (via telephone)  
Rowe Winecoff (via telephone)

**Members Absent:**

**Other Attendees:**

Heather Adams, AG (via telephone)  
DeAnn Decker, IDPH  
Robyn Fisher, IDPH  
Kevin Gabbert, IDPH  
Jeff Gronstal, IDPH  
Cynthia Kelly, IDPH  
Bob Kerksieck, IDPH  
Robin Misel, IDPH

**I. Agenda/Minutes**

Mr. Winecoff moved that the minutes from the January 11, 2012 meeting be approved. Ms. Morton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**A. Substance Abuse Licensure Recommendations**

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

A motion was made by Ms. Morton and seconded by Mr. Winecoff to approve a license for a period of three (3) years to Crossroads of Pella, EDGE of Recovery, Pella, Iowa, license effective February 5, 2012 to February 5, 2015; to Boone County Community Services, Boone County Recovery Center, Boone, Iowa, license effective November 13, 2011 to November 13, 2014; and to A1 Addictions Recovery Center, Adel, Iowa, Iowa, license effective December 3, 2011 to December 3, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

**2) Denial**

A motion was made by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Ms. Morton to propose to refuse the renewal of the license to Lawson Treatment Services, LLC, Ruthven, Iowa, in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code 641-155.11(1). Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Alignment of Standards with Other Standards - Open Discussion**

Licensure staff will follow up at the March 14, 2012 meeting.

#### **IV. Substance Abuse/Problem Gambling Update – DeAnn Decker**

##### **A. Mental Health Services Certification**

Kathy Stone will update the committee at the March 14, 2012 meeting.

##### **B. Military Academy – Kevin Gabbert**

In November 2011, the Governor's office was contacted by SAMSHA and IDPH was offered the opportunity to lead a policy academy designed to improve behavioral health services for service members, veterans and their families. SAMSHA would provide technical assistance, including an on-site visit to further clarify the policy academy mission and vision. Mr. Gabbert stated invitations were extended to a broad group of State agency and local organizations to participate in the first site visit in mid-November, which was followed by a two and a half day training in Washington, D.C. where academy members began to develop a strategic plan. Since then, the academy member finalized the strategic plan and submitted it to SAMSHA. Another site visit is scheduled for March 9, 2012, at which time SAMSHA will review the plan and determine what further technical assistance is needed. Mr. Gabbert indicated much of the March site visit will focus on data collection and how to best target resources to avoid just offering "blanket" services. Mr. Hansen asked about "Tri-Care", the main insurance that covers most veterans, and provider inability to contract with Tri-Care to provide services. Mr. Gabbert stated that Tri Care is one of the items on the Iowa academy's strategic plan. He acknowledged there is confusion about how the system works, including who is eligible for VA services and who is eligible for Tri-Care. Mr. Gabbert stated there has been discussion with the VA and SAMSHA to provide a "Military Culture 101" training that could address topics such as billing, client eligibility for specific services, the definition of a veteran, and provider eligibility to provide services. This is a one-year project with technical assistance available through July.

##### **C. Residential Treatment Tobacco Cessation – Bob Kerksieck**

Mr. Kerksieck stated that the Division of Tobacco Use Prevention and Control received federal monies to work with three licensed substance abuse treatment programs with residential services, interested in developing tobacco free campuses. The three programs are Prairie Ridge (Mason City), Area Substance Abuse Council (Cedar Rapids), and Community & Family Resources, (Fort Dodge). The project began with on-site visits followed by monthly conference calls. Mr. Kerksieck reported that all three programs are doing very well. The programs established policies and procedures to create tobacco free facilities and grounds, integrate nicotine dependence treatment into overall treatment protocols, and identify resources for Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) for residential treatment clients. All three programs have developed tobacco cessation course curricula. Cessation classes are optional at this time but may become mandatory on July 1, 2012. Two of the programs offer NRT to staff as well as clients. Mr. Hansen stated that Prairie Ridge's approach has been to furnish NRT for the first week, if necessary, with the expectation that the individual will use the savings from not smoking to purchase their own NRT supply after that. If that is not financially possible, the program supplies the NRT. Prairie Ridge opened a new facility in December and it opened as a "tobacco free" environment.

Information on the project will be shared at the Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse in April. A breakout session is being planned involving staff from each of the three participating programs and Mr. Kerksieck and Lonnie Cleland from IDPH.

Mr. Hansen asked Ms. Adams if it would be possible to make it illegal to smoke on the grounds of a substance abuse facility. Ms. Adams stated that would require a statutory change in the definition of those facilities, but it certainly can be considered.

**V. Next Meeting**

The Committee will meet Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will originate in the Director's Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, in the Lucas State Office Building.

**VI. Adjournment**

Mr. Winecoff moved that the meeting adjourn. Ms. Morton seconded. The motion carried unanimously and Mr. Hansen adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.