

MINUTES
SUBSTANCE ABUSE/PROBLEM GAMBLING PROGRAM LICENSURE COMMITTEE
APRIL 11, 2012 - 9:00 A.M.
DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR
LUCAS STATE OFFICE BUILDING
TELECONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Winecoff called the meeting to order via telephone conference at 9:05 a.m. and Ms. Fisher conducted roll call.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jay Hansen, Chair (joined at 9:08 am)
Rowe Winecoff
Justine Morton

Members Absent:

Other Attendees:

Heather Adams, AG (via telephone)
DeAnn Decker, IPDH
Robyn Fisher, IDPH
Jeff Gronstal, IDPH
Cynthia Kelly, IDPH
Bob Kerksieck, IDPH
Allan Lynch, IDPH
Kathy Stone, IDPH

I. Agenda/Minutes

Mr. Winecoff moved that the minutes from the March 14, 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 Program(s)

A motion was made by Ms. Morton and seconded by Mr. Winecoff to approve a license for a period of three (3) years to New Perspective Treatment Care Services, Fort Dodge, Iowa, license effective May 5, 2012 to May 5, 2015; to Phillips and Associates, LLC, Hope Counseling, Glenwood, Iowa, license effective February 5, 2012 to February 5, 2015; to Iowa State Penitentiary – Substance Abuse Treatment Program, Fort Madison, Iowa, license effective March 15, 2012 to March 15, 2015; to YWCA Women's Halfway House, Fort Dodge, Iowa, license effective, April 5, 2012 to April 5, 2015; and to Fifth Judicial District, Department of Correctional Services, Substance Abuse Treatment Programs, Des Moines, Iowa, license effective May 17, 2012 to May 17, 2015; and to approve a license for a period of two (2) years to Gilbert Alber, PC, Cresco, Iowa, license effective March 17, 2012 to March 17, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

2) 270 Day License

A motion was made by Ms. Morton and seconded by Mr. Winecoff to approve a license for a period of 270 days to Siouxland Treatment Center, LLC, Sioux City, Iowa, license effective April 11, 2012 to January 1, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Deemed Status

A motion was made by Ms. Morton and seconded by Mr. Hansen to approve a license through deemed status to Horizons, A Family Services Alliance, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, based on the accreditation survey conducted and accreditation awarded by the Counsel on Accreditation effective January 31, 2012 to January 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Substance Abuse/Problem Gambling Update – Kathy Stone

A. TB Rules Iowa Code – Presentation by Allan Lynch

Mr. Lynch introduced himself as Tuberculosis Manager for the IDPH TB Control Program. He reviewed language IDPH has drafted to update current Iowa Code on TB testing to be consistent across state agencies and with national recommendations. He agreed to make the language available electronically for forwarding to committee members following the meeting.

In 2005, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued recommendations for TB testing in the general public, health care workers and residents of health care facilities. In Iowa, three different State agencies hold rule-making authority for TB testing: the Department of Inspections and Appeals, the Department of Human Services and, for substance abuse services, IDPH. The IDPH TB Control Program holds no regulatory authority over the rules. Instead, the program is working across all three departments to update the Iowa Code.

Current rules for substance abuse services require a single TB skin test upon admission to a residential facility and explanation to clients of TB signs and symptoms. The draft revision language proposes screening for signs and symptoms of the disease and a two-step TB skin test upon admission to residential treatment. Testing of substance abuse treatment staff would also be required, consistent with CDC language on testing health care workers.

Ms. Adams noted that the current rules Mr. Lynch referenced are located in Iowa Administrative Code, Chapter 155, section 21.16. She asked the committee to review the proposed rules for discussion at their next meeting.

Mr. Hansen asked if there was a CDC or IDPH protocol that would allow a facility to admit a client who is possibly positive for disease. If a client was confirmed “active”, the client would not be admitted to the facility unless the facility has access to an air-borne isolation room.

Mr. Winecoff asked about the rules process. Ms. Adams stated that once the Committee has approved moving forward, public notice and opportunity for comments would be posted and the normal process involving the full Board of Health would be followed.

Mr. Kerksieck asked about testing for outpatient clients. Mr. Lynch stated that a client coming in for an individual counseling session would not be tested. Mr. Hansen stated much substance abuse treatment is conducted through group therapy and suggested consideration of screening questions for clients participating in group sessions.

Ms. Stone noted that Mr. Hansen’s comments are consistent with IDPH’s strategic planning for substance abuse and problem gambling services that suggests licensed programs should address the general health care needs of their clients, looking at current symptoms as well as chronic conditions through basic health screening followed by linkage with appropriate services.

B. Policy Issues

Ms. Stone reported that the first meeting of the “mental health redesign” workgroup on aligning data systems across DHS, IDPH and ISAIC had been held, focused on basic information gathering.

Ms. Stone stated the 35th Annual Governor’s Conference on Substance Abuse had been held the previous week. Early reports say it was a great success, with close to record attendance. The Governor, Lt. Governor and Dr. Miller-Meeks all provided welcoming remarks.

V. Next Meeting

The Committee will meet Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will originate in the Director’s Conference Room, 6th Floor, in the Lucas State Office Building.

VI. Adjournment

Ms. Morton moved that the meeting adjourn. Mr. Hansen seconded. The motion carried unanimously and Mr. Hansen adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.