

MINUTES
SUBSTANCE ABUSE/PROBLEM GAMBLING PROGRAM LICENSURE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 14, 2011 - 9:00 A.M.
DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR
LUCAS STATE OFFICE BUILDING
TELECONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hansen called the meeting to order via telephone conference at 9:06 a.m. and 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 phone
DeAnn Decker, IPDH
Robyn Fisher, IDPH
Cynthia Kelly, IDPH
Bob Kerksieck, IDPH
Kathy Stone, IDPH

I. Agenda/Minutes

Ms. Morton moved that the minutes from the November 9, 2011 meeting be approved. Mr. Winecoff seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: Prior to discussion of the Substance Abuse Licensure Recommendations, Ms. Morton stated she would abstain from the vote on Eyerly Ball Community Mental Health Services, Des Moines, citing a past relationship with the program.

II. Substance Abuse/Problem Gambling Licensure

A. Substance Abuse Licensure Recommendations

1) One (1), Two (2) and Three (3) Year Comprehensive Program(s)

A motion was made by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Ms. Morton to approve a license for a period of three (3) years to House of Mercy, Des Moines, Iowa, license effective December 19, 2011 to December 19, 2014; to approve a license for a period of two (2) years to Behavioral Services, LLC, Hazelton, Iowa, license effective August 8, 2011 to August 8, 2013; and to approve a license for a period of one (1) year to Lifeline Recovery at Lifeline Resources, LLC, Des Moines, Iowa, license effective December 12, 2011 to December 12, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

A separate motion was made by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Mr. Hansen to approve a license for a period of two (2) years to Eyerly Ball Community Mental Health Services, Des Moines, Iowa, license effective January 7, 2012 to January 7, 2014. Ms. Morton abstained from the vote. Motion carried, with one abstention.

III. Alignment of Standards with Other Agencies/Standards – Open Discussion

Ms. Stone reviewed last month's approval of a three year license to the Iowa Residential Treatment Center (IRTC), Mt. Pleasant, even though the on-site licensure inspection determined that the program did not have an annual fire inspection as required by the Substance

Abuse/Problem Gambling program standards. The program believed the fire inspection requirement was covered by Department of Inspection and Appeal (DIA) review, generally conducted every five years, of the mental health institution facility where the IRTC program is located. Per discussion with DIA, their inspection did not cover the IRTC substance abuse program. Ms. Stone asked the Committee if the lack of a fire inspection was significant enough for the Committee to direct the Department to request corrective action from IRTC, which would be consistent with the Committee's purview, even though the program received a three year license. Ms. Morton asked if there was any precedence for this action. Ms. Stone was not aware of a specific precedent but stated the need for such action at this time may be related to changes in the licensure inspection point system over the past few years. She added that, even though there have been changes in the point system, the fire safety standards have been in place for several years and are not new to programs. Ms. Morton questioned if it was possible the program intentionally did not comply with this standard. Ms. Stone stated that licensure staff had discussed this and believe IRTC staff thought they were covered by the DIA standards. Mr. Winecoff asked if there were other safety issues that would fall into this corrective action category, as well. Ms. Stone replied yes, leading to a second issue for the Committee's consideration. Licensure staff had started to review the standards to identify significant "life safety" standards. The initial objective had been to link those standards to potential corrective action requirements following licensure determinations by the Committee. However, a more proactive approach might be to require that documentation of compliance with these standards be submitted as part of a program's application prior to the licensure team conducting the on-site inspection.

The Committee directed the Department to require a corrective action plan from IRTC for their areas of non-compliance and further directed the Department to submit information for Committee consideration regarding documentation of compliance with program licensure standards as part of the application process.

VI. Substance Abuse/Problem Gambling Updates – Kathy Stone

The 2012 legislative session begins on January 9, 2012. The Department is not initiating legislation specific to substance abuse/problem gambling program licensure. The Department will continue to be involved in the DHS Mental Health/Disabilities Systems Redesign and will align substance abuse and problem gambling services, as indicated. Ms. Stone reminded the Committee that Redesign reports and recommendations are available on-line at the DHS website.

Deborah Thompson, the Department's new policy advisor and Healthiest State Initiative coordinator will likely be introduced at the next Board of Health meeting. She will take on certain legislative liaison responsibilities, replacing Lynh Patterson.

Mr. Hansen discussed apparent barriers to substance abuse/problem gambling programs being credentialed by DHS to provide mental health services. Ms. Stone described the Department's efforts to work on this with DHS that were hampered by staff changes and competing priorities. Ms. Stone suggested that this be a standing agenda item, linked to mental health redesign and community mental health center legislation.

The Department forwarded a DHS survey assessing provider "co-occurring capability" to licensed programs. Ms. Stone will keep the Committee informed of any analysis or findings.

V. Next Meeting

The Committee will meet Wednesday, January 11, 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

Mr. Winecoff moved that the meeting adjourn. Ms. Morton seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.