

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and conducted roll call.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jay Hansen, Chair
Justine Morton
Rowe Winecoff

Members Absent:

Other Attendees:

Heather Adams, AG
DeAnn Decker, IPDH
Robyn Fisher, IDPH
Jeff Gronstal, IDPH
Cynthia Kelly, IDPH
Bob Kerksieck, IDPH
Robin Misel, IDPH

I. Agenda/Minutes

Ms. Morton moved that the minutes from the December 14, 2011 meeting be approved. Mr. Winecoff seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Substance Abuse/Problem Gambling Licensure

A. Substance Abuse Licensure Recommendations

1) Two (2) and Three (3) Year Program(s)

A motion was made by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Ms. Morton to approve a license for a period of two (2) years to Community Health Centers of Southern Iowa, Leon, Iowa, license effective February 2, 2012 to February 2, 2014; and to Newton Correctional Facility, Newton, Iowa, license effective January 13, 2012 to January 13, 2014; and to approve a license for a period of three (3) years to Assessment Services, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, license effective January 14, 2012 to January 14, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Deemed Status

A motion was made by Ms. Morton and seconded by Mr. Winecoff to approve a license through deemed status to Mercy First Step Mercy Recovery Center, Mercy Franklin Center, Des Moines, Iowa, based on the accreditation survey conducted and accreditation awarded by the Joint Commission effective March 5, 2011 to March 5, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Complaint Investigation

Behavioral Services, LLC, Hazelton, Complaint #BH-1121-030911

A motion made by Ms. Morton and seconded by Mr. Winecoff to accept the Department's report regarding complaint #BH-1121-030911, with no corrective action required at this time and that the case be closed. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Substance Abuse/Problem Gambling Policy Updates – DeAnn Decker

A. “Complete” Application

Copies of the current comprehensive licensure application were provided to the committee. Ms. Kelly noted that after a review of the standards and the application by herself and Mr. Kerksieck, it was determined that the application does not clearly state that the program must submit a description of the screening and training process for volunteer workers. Ms. Kelly and Mr. Kerksieck recommended adding this to the instructions of the application. Ms. Decker reminded the committee that review of the application and standards came about because the Iowa Residential Treatment Center, Mt. Pleasant, received a three-year license but lacked a current fire safety inspection at the time of our licensure inspection. Points were deducted; however, they still fell within the range of a three-year license. The overall issue is either to have the licensure team enforce the language of the application that states “the program shall submit the following information...” prior to inspection which would require a complete application prior to inspection or deduct points if certain items were not available at the time of inspection. This would then require the program to submit a corrective action plan even if the program is awarded a three-year license. Ms. Adams stated that the Department was seeking the committee’s consensus in moving forward with implementing the “complete” application before inspections and direction on any additions to the application. Ms. Adams noted that all standards are listed in the application with the exception of the screening of volunteers. Ms. Adams stated she thought it would be beneficial for the committee to review the application and place it on the agenda for the next meeting with a motion to approve the content and finalize the language. The committee agreed unanimously. Mr. Winecoff stated he thought it should be stated explicitly that volunteer workers would have a personnel file that contained training information.

Mr. Hansen made note of the recent change in the standards that required staff be certified within two years. Mr. Hansen’s concern was some staff may have numerous years of experience but not be certified. Ms. Kelly noted that the program is to forward a list of all staff, their titles and credentials which the licensure team reviews. Mr. Kerksieck noted that at the time of the change in the personnel standards, previous personnel in that field were “grandfathered” in at the agency prior to July 1, 2010 and staff dates of employment are regularly checked. Mr. Hansen inquired about “Deemed Status”, whether those programs had to comply with our standards. Mr. Gronstal stated that when they did the comparison of the substance abuse standards against accreditation entities it was found that those entities held to the same or higher standards. Mr. Hansen asked that the licensure team revisit the accreditation standards to ensure our standards align.

B. Mental Health Services Certification

Ms. Decker shared information from Ms. Stone stating that she had met with and will continue to meet with Director Palmer and will work on general work force issues as part of the Mental Health Redesign follow up; this has potential for legislation specific to DHS and IDPH program accreditation. This item would continue to be on this committee’s agenda.

Ms. Misel noted that there is only one program scheduled for the February agenda; however, the recommendation will be for a denial. In addition, February’s meeting occurs prior to the monthly staff meeting with Ms. Adams. Ms. Misel asked whether the committee would prefer to reschedule the February 8, 2012 meeting or keep it as is. The Committee decided that since this meeting will be a teleconference, to keep the February 8, 2012 meeting as scheduled.

Mr. Hansen asked if someone has a social work license and is certified and there is a complaint with the Social Work Board, do they notify the Certification Board and is it possible to lose one license and keep the other? Ms. Decker replied that it is possible, and communication between the agencies is getting better. Ms. Decker noted that the Social Work Board is now posting notices when action is being taken.

Mr. Hansen noted that Iowa Behavioral Health Association in partnership with IDPH is planning to submit a CMS Innovation Grant due January 27, 2012. The intent of the grant is to bring primary care to substance abuse facilities as this population does not generally access primary care, even though they frequently have chronic co-morbid conditions. Mr. Hansen noted that this would be an opportunity to screen for different illness; such as obesity, diabetes, and tobacco.

V. Next Meeting

The Committee will meet Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be a teleconference and the call 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. Winecoff seconded. The motion carried unanimously and Mr. Hansen adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.