

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Morton called the meeting to order via telephone at 9:02 a.m. and Ms. Harris conducted roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Justine Morton  
Diane Thomas

**Other Attendees:**

Jeff Gronstal, IDPH  
Robyn Harris, IDPH  
Cynthia Kelly, IDPH  
DeAnn Decker, IDPH  
Kathy Stone, IDPH

**I. Agenda/Minutes**

Ms. Thomas moved that the minutes from the July 11, 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 Three (3) Year Program(s)**

Ms. Morton stated she would abstain from the motion to license Urban Dreams, S.A.V.E., Des Moines. The motion for Urban Dreams, S.A.V.E., Des Moines will be considered at the September 12, 2012 meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Morton to approve a license for a period of three (3) years to First Resources Corporation, Ottumwa, Iowa, license effective August 8, 2012 to August 8, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**2) 270 Day Program**

A motion was made by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Morton to approve a license for a period of 270 days to Open Arms Psychological Services, Sioux City, Iowa, license effective August 8, 2012 to May 4, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Dr. Frank Lamp Update – Jeff Gronstal**

Mr. Gronstal stated that Dr. Lamp waived his right to a speedy trial and the trial has been moved to December 2012. Mr. Gronstal will update the committee at that time.

**VI. Substance Abuse/Problem Gambling Update – Kathy Stone**

1. The Mental Health and Disability Services Redesign legislatively directed workgroup led by the Department of Human Services have begun to meet. The Judicial Workgroup was directed by the legislature to consolidate or align involuntary commitment code sections in Chapter 125, addressing substance abuse and under the purview of the Department of Public Health, and Chapters 222 and 229, addressing intellectual disability and mental illness, respectively, under the purview of the Department of Human Services. The

- workgroup will also consider opportunities for expanding the role of advocates to serve all individuals in the involuntary commitment process. Initial issues: a) Chapters 125 and 229 are similar in language and application but Chapter 222 appears to be significantly different and b) potential funding for an expanded advocate role.
2. Substance abuse professionals have recommended that the current “counselor certification” process transition to a professional licensure process, similar to those of like professionals such as social workers and marriage and family therapists. Certification is currently done by the Iowa Board of Certification. Licensure for other professions is done through boards under the IDPH Professional Licensure Bureau. Stakeholders believe this transition would better support understanding of the profession and eliminate questions about the difference in credentialing processes for substance abuse staff as compared to other behavioral health professionals. This is particularly important given the current transformation of health care services under state and national health care reform.
  3. IDPH staff attended the SAMHSA block grant conference held the first week of August. Ms. Stone made a presentation on telehealth services in Iowa, noting specifically gambling distance treatment, Access to Recovery (ATR) coaching calls, and Iowa Plan Medicaid telepsychiatry. Kevin Gabbert presented on ATR recovery peer coaching.

**V. Next Meeting**

The Committee’s next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2012. Note: the full Board of Health meeting will be held that day in Iowa City. The Program Licensure Committee meeting will likely be a teleconference, originating in the IDPH Director’s Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, in the Lucas State Office Building, with a start time to be determined so as to accommodate Committee members who are traveling to Iowa City.

**VI. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Morton. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Morton adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.