

**MINUTES**  
**SUBSTANCE ABUSE/PROBLEM GAMBLING PROGRAM LICENSURE COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 14, 2012 - 9:00 A.M.**  
**DIRECTOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**LUCAS STATE OFFICE BUILDING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and Ms. Fisher conducted roll call. Introductions were made, as two members from Employee and Family Resources (EFR) were in attendance, Tammy Hoyman, CEO and Julie McClatchey, Clinical Director.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Jay Hansen, Chair  
Rowe Winecoff

**Members Absent:**

Justine Morton

**Other Attendees:**

DeAnn Decker, IPDH  
Robyn Fisher, IDPH  
Jeff Gronstal, IDPH  
Cynthia Kelly, IDPH  
Bob Kerksieck, IDPH  
Kathy Stone, IDPH

**Program Attendees**

Tammy Hoyman, EFR  
Julie McClatchey, EFR

**I. Agenda/Minutes**

Mr. Winecoff moved that the minutes from the February 8, 2012 meeting be approved. Mr. Hansen 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 Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Mr. Hansen to approve a license for a period of three (3) years to Alternative Interventions, LLC, Des Moines, Iowa, license effective March 25, 2012 to March 25, 2015, and to Employee and Family Resources, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa, license effective April 16, 2012 to April 16, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**2) 270 Day License**

A motion was made by Mr. Winecoff and seconded by Mr. Hansen to approve a license for a period of 270 days to Shade of The Tree, Spirit Lake, Iowa, license effective March 14, 2012 to December 8, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

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

After a brief discussion, the committee chose to table this item until the May 9, 2012 meeting, when all committee members would be present.

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

**A. Mental Health Services Certification**

Ms. Stone noted there are four workgroups to the Mental Health and Disabilities Services Redesign that would directly affect and involve Public Health.

First is Data Systems Alignment workgroup. Their efforts will review and align the current data systems used by the Department of Human Services (DHS), the State Association of Counties

(ISAC) and IDPH to track mental health and substance abuse services, with a goal of having standardized data with decreased burden on providers.

The second workgroup will identify ways to better align DHS certification of mental health services and IDPH licensure of substance abuse programs.

The third workgroup is a judicial workgroup that will consider integration of the three separate areas of state law governing involuntary commitments for mental health, intellectual disability, and substance abuse. Mental health and ID are under DHS authority. Substance abuse is under IDPH authority. Representative Mark Smith, also wants consideration of court appointed advocates for substance abuse commitments. Mr. Hansen noted that most providers may not see advocates as necessary but he thinks that under committal circumstances, all clients deserve an independent advocate. Mr. Winecoff suggested that when providers act as advocates, it may be a conflict of interest. Mr. Winecoff noted that mental health advocates were eliminated in the past due to funding issues. Ms. Stone stated that Representative Smith's intent would be to fund the positions appropriately. Mr. Hansen stated that people know there is a waiting listing for admission to residential treatment and there is a perception that if a person is committed to treatment they get immediate access and the treatment is free, which is not true. Ms. Stone asked the committee if they had any questions regarding the bill's language about who can speak in court or who is qualified to make commitment-related decisions. Mr. Hansen stated that generally, this work is appropriately done by a physician. For example, in his area, a hospital physician puts in the order for the agency do an assessment, they do the assessment, and the physician reviews the assessment and reports to the judge.

The fourth workgroup is "Workforce", which within the mental health redesign discussion, is concerned with having appropriately trained, qualified and competent workforce. Mr. Hansen voiced concern regarding workforce, as it is becoming increasingly difficult to hire and keep staff, threatening the ability for programs to provide services.

Ms. Stone noted that the Iowa Board of Certification and Iowa Behavioral Health Association are working together on professional certification/licensure. Mr. Hansen believes fewer people are entering the profession, possibly related to stigma and the low pay level.

Ms. Stone inquired if this is the type of information the committee still wanting updates on, and the Committee indicated they did.

Ms. Stone congratulated Mr. Hansen on the article in the paper concerning the Prairie Ridge smoking cessation program.

## **V. Next Meeting**

The Committee will meet Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be a teleconference, but 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. Mr. Hansen seconded. The motion carried unanimously and Mr. Hansen adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.