**Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders**

**November 2013 Minutes**

November 13, 2013

1:20 p.m.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

* Freddie Landry
* Kathleen Leary
* Tom Lief
* Susan Tucker
* Anthony Wick

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

* Lana Bel**l**
* Lloyd Hernandez
* Damon Marcella
* Shelly Mockler
* Jon Lance Nickelson
* Mike Slocum

**OBH/ HQ STAFF ATTENDING:**

* Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, OBH Interim Assistant Secretary
* Kenneth Saucier, OBH Director of Regional Service**s**
* Carol Foret, OBH Program Manager1/A

**OBH/HQ STAFF ABSENT:**

* Quinetta Womack, OBH Program Manager 2

**I. SERENITY PRAYER & ROLL CALL**

Freddie Landry called the meeting to order and Dr. Tom Lief led the Commission members in the Serenity Prayer. Carol Foret conducted roll call.

**II. GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Susan Tucker, Louisiana Department of Corrections, Assistant Warden/Chief Psychologist (FWCC) Coordinator, State-Wide Sex Offender Treatment Program State Wide Coordinator, Substance Abuse Program**

Dr. Susan Tucker presented the Commission members with an overview of the Steve Hoyle Intensive Substance Abuse and Family Recovery Programs. Dr. Tucker reviewed and summarized the following aspects of the programs:

**Treatment Program**

* Substance Abuse/Use & Crime
* Treatment/Recidivism
* Louisiana’s Statistics
* Grants
* A Clinical Treatment Model
* Triage/Assessment
* Institute of Behavioral Research at Texas Christian University (IBR). IBR specializes in the study of drug abuse treatment – including new interventions, therapeutic process, and outcomes.
* Criminogenic Needs Assessment
* Criminal Thinking Scales
* Treatment Approaches
* Length of Program
* Substance Abuse Treatment Program
* Ancillary Treatment
* Typical Treatment Day in Dorm
* Criteria for Treatment
* Conditional Release/90 Day Turnaround
* Monitoring Offender’s Progress
* Flag System for Tracking

**Family Recovery Program**

* Treating the Entire Family in a Correctional Setting
* Family Based Treatment Grant
* Family Recovery Program
* Family Program Data
* Strengthening Families
* Family Day
* Reaching all Families
* Read to me Daddy

Dr. Tucker’s presentation sparked a discussion among the members of the Commission on how to encourage other prison facilities to take interest in offering Substance Abuse Treatment Programs to inmates while incarcerated. A result of these discussions was a recommendation by Dr. Lief for a motion to invite Sheriff Gusman, Orleans Parish, to the December 2013 Commission meeting.

Freddie Landry called for a motion to invite Sheriff Gusman from Orleans Parish to the next Commission meeting. Dr. Tom Lief made the motion and Dr. Wick seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed to invite Sheriff Gusman to the December 10, 2013 Commission meeting to discuss substance abuse treatment in the Orleans Parish prison facility.

Ms. Landry informed Commission members that the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse of New Orleans (CADANO) was awarded a grant from SAMHSA for an Offender Reentry Program. Eighty prisoners a year within the Orleans Parish Prison will have the ability to participate in the Offender Reentry Program. CADANO contracted with Healing Hearts for Community Development/Celebration Hope Center to operate an outpatient and an intensive outpatient treatment programs.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2013 MINUTES**

Committee members were provided a draft copy of the minutes for the October 2013 meeting of the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders. Ms. Landry called for a motion to approve the October 2013 minutes. Dr. Tom Lief made a motion to approve the minutes. Kathleen Leary seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed to approve the October 2013 meeting minutes.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. REPORT FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS ON RAC ACTIVITIES/TRAININGS**

Freddie Landry invited Commission members to share their experiences since the last Commission meeting if they were involved in any RAC activities and/or trainings. The following information was shared:

* Dr. Susan Tucker reported she will be attending a RAC meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2013.
* Kathleen Leary reported there was a great turnout to the Houma RAC’s activity held on Thursday, September 12, 2013. Ms. Leary shared that although there was a large turnout to this event and Ms. Bennett’s book is excellent she was disappointed in the delivery of the presentation, “Reclaim Your Life.”

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Report on Quarterly Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC)**

Freddie Landry shared that the BHAC’s quarterly meeting was held on Monday, November 4, 2013. Ms. Landry went on to report two important pieces of information learned during the meeting:

1. There was a change in the BHAC’s By-laws. It was determined a representative from the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders needs to be on the Planning Committee. The new By-laws now state, “The Committee on Planning shall be composed of the council’s officers, chairmen of other outstanding committees and a council representative from the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders.” Ms. Landry also informed the Commission of the rational for the change in the by-laws.

The BHAC’s by-law changes now require the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders to submit a written report quarterly on its activities.

2. A resolution was unanimously passed by the BHAC for the Office of Behavioral Health to share with the council how Federal Block Grant funds are distributed to the LGEs throughout the state.

* Freddie Landry was elected Chairperson to the Prevention Committee of the Greater New Orleans Drug Demand Reduction Coalition.
* Tony Wick will be attending a Greater New Orleans Drug Demand Reduction Coalition meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2013.

**B. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (OBH) – DR. ROCHELLE DUNHAM, OBH INTERIM ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

Kenneth Saucier addressed the Commission members in the absence of Dr. Rochelle Dunham. He informed the Commission members that:

1. the remaining five (5) Local Governing Entities (LGEs) are in their shadowing years,

2. OBH and LGEs have now transitioned into new roles.

3. the LGEs transitioning into different roles are Regions 4- Lafayette now Acadiana Area Human Services District (AAHSD), Region 5- Lake Charles now Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority (ICHSA), Region 6- Pineville now Central Louisiana Human Services Authority (CLHSA), Region 7- Shreveport now Northwest Louisiana Human Services District (NWLHSD) and Region 8- Monroe now Northeast Delta Human Services Authority (NEDHSA).

4. when OBH Headquarter staff receives requests for treatment and/or beds, a warm handoff is extended to the LGE’s executive director in the designated area. LGE executive directors are now responsible for treatment and/or bed requests. OBH is to be notified by the LGE executive director once a reported situation has been resolved.

**C. COMPULSIVE GAMBLING TREATMENT – QUINETTA WOMACK**

Ms. Womack was unable to attend this meeting due to circumstances beyond her control; therefore agenda item was not addressed.

**D. ADRA/LASACT MONTHLY REPORT (OPTIONAL)**

There was no representation for these agencies at the meeting; therefore agenda item not addressed.

**V. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING**

The next meeting of the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders was discussed, and the date, time, and location were set. The next meeting will take place in Baton Rouge, at OBH Headquarters, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

**VI**. **ADJOURNMENT**

Freddie Landry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Wick made the motion to adjourn, and Kathleen Leary seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m.