**Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders (LCAD)**

**Rev June 2014 Minutes**

June 10, 2014

1:11 p.m.

**Commission Members Present:**

* Freddie Landry
* Tom Lief
* Anthony Wick

**Commission Members Absent:**

* Lana Bel**l**
* Kerri Cunningham
* Shelly Mockler
* Jon Lance Nickelson
* Michael Slocum

**Commission Members Present By Conference Call:**

* Lloyd Hernandez
* Kathleen Leary
* Damon Marcella
* Dr. Susan Tucker

**OBH/HQ Staff Attending:**

* Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, Interim Assistant Secretary
* Carol Foret, OBH Program Manager 1-A/DHH
* Dr. Susan Austin, Chief Psychologist - Program Manager 4
* Dr. Kashunda Williams,HMP Psychologist
* Karen Stubbs, HMP Deputy Assistant Secretary
* Kathleen Prejean, LA SAT-ED Project Director

**OBH/HQ Staff Absent:**

* Quinetta Womack, OBH Director of Adult Residential Services
* Kenneth Saucier, OBH Director of Regional Services

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:**

* LaMiesa Bonton, LA-ARDA
* Marolon Mangham, LASACT
* Mark Thomas, LBHAC Chairman
* Melanie Roberts, NAMI Liaison

**I. SERENITY PRAYER & ROLL CALL**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2014 MINUTES**

Commission members were provided a copy of the May 2014 meeting minutes. Freddie Landry asked Commission members if any corrections were noted. Dr. Tom Lief pointed out an error on Page Two of the report. The error was noted then Ms. Landry called for a motion to approve the May 2014 meeting minutes with correction. Dr. Tom Lief made a motion to approve the minutes. Freddie Landry seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed to approve the May 2014 minutes.

**III. DISCUSSION OF INCREASED INVOLVEMENT OF LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON ADDICTIVE DISORDERS (LCAD) MEMBERS ON THE LOUISIANA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (LBHAC)- DR. KASHUNDA WILLIAMS, HMP PSYCHOLOGIST; KAREN STUBBS; HPM DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY; MARK THOMAS, LBHAC CHAIR; MELIANIE ROBERTS, NAMI LIAISON**

Dr. Rochelle Dunham led the discussion and shared the importance of increasing the involvement of LCAD members and individuals representing the addictive disorders community on the LBHAC. Those representing LBHAC in attendance were Mark Thomas, Melanie Roberts, Dr. Kashunda Williams, and Karen Stubbs. The following topics were discussed:

1. Why this discussion needed to take place,
2. Established why further adjustments needed to be made to the LBHAC,
3. Recommended LBHAC’s structure be revised
4. How LACD could engage LBHAC on addiction so there is voice in how it assists OBH in managing the entire spectrum of behavioral health needs,
5. Looked into the structure of the LBHAC to determine where LCAD members could join and be a part of its different committees,
6. How LCAD members could be infused on LBHAC to better meet the needs of the entire spectrum of people with disabilities,
7. Disseminated handouts on how LBHAC relates to the needs of the addictive disorders’ community. The handouts provided insight on LBHAC’s meetings, structure and its current use as it relates to the addictive disorders community. A crosswalk of both documents was conducted to show opportunities for members of the LCAD to participation in the LBHAC and to collect LCAD members’ feedback on what was shared.
8. Melanie Roberts explained and reviewed the documents disseminated and pointed out the following information:
   1. 2014 Committee Membership Roster: Advocacy, Programs and Services, Finance and Membership
   2. Membership Classifications
   3. By Laws
   4. Standing Rules
   5. LBHAC has a limit of 40 members
   6. The Individuals in Recovery from Substance Abuse Category needs advocates.
   7. Five (5) of the original LBHAC members, primarily with mental health backgrounds, will complete their membership term limit on the council in February 2015, eight (8) year terms.
9. The addiction voice needs to be a vibrant part of the LBHAC.
10. All work of the LBHAC takes place at the committee level.
11. Potentially create a sub-committee of the Program and Services Committee. This sub-committee’s focus would specifically be wrapped around the youth and addiction. It would also have core people, such as the LCAD members, on the sub-committee that would work in collaboration with the Programs and Services Committee. The Programs and Services Sub-Committee would report directly to the Programs and Services Committee and one report would be created to submit to the council.
12. Identified and discussed two main comments that resulted from a SAT-ED grant review, which were: LBHAC needs to increase substance use and co-occurring involvement on the council and to increase the family and youth voice that is served by this venue.
13. Marolon Mangham offered LBHAC to help recruit addiction professional through LASACT to serve as advocates.
14. Next Steps regarding the SAT-ED Grant- It’s important for the LBHAC to get at least one (1) youth on one (1) of its committees.
15. Suggested each LCAD commission member join one (1) of the four (4) LBHAC committees and for the committee chairs and the LBHAC chair reach out and engage the commission members and let them know how important it is for them to participate in these committees. LBHAC committees commission members agreed to join and participate in:

Kathleen Leary – RAC Member & Advocacy Freddie Landry - Programs and Services & Advocacy

Susan Tucker – Membership Dr. Tom Lief – Advocacy

Damon Marcella – Membership Dr. Tony Wick – Programs and Services

The LBHAC committees meet monthly via conference call for approximately one (1) hour. The LBHAC meets in Baton Rouge, LA in the Bienville Building in Conference Room 118 on the first (1st) Monday of the second (2nd) month of every quarter.

1. Other purposes of the LBHAC such as being a mechanism to bring issues to the committees, councils and entities things that need to be addressed and the collaboration between the LCAD and the LBHAC could be used by the communities to determine their needs.
2. Recognition of the gaps in advocacy within the LBHAC in terms of substance abuse.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

* **REPORT FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS ON RAC ACTIVITIES/ TRAINING**

Commission Members had no reportsto shareon RAC Activities/Trainings attended.

* **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Freddie Landry asked members of the Commission if they would agree to post pone the strategic planning session that was to begin at this meeting until the fall due to low meeting attendance resulting from the summer season. Ms. Landry made a recommendation to reschedule the strategic planning session in October 2014. She also informed Dr. Rochelle Dunham that a proposal was submitted to her describing the logistics on how the Commission proposed to accomplish this project.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

* **REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (OBH) - Dr. ROCHELLE DUNHAM, OBH ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

Dr. Rochelle Dunham announced that she accepted the OBH Assistant Secretary position. She also informed the commission she would be compiling a summation of the legislation for this past legislative session and will provide it to them particularly on those bills that were reported favorable or unfavorable that impacts the OBH.

She went on to say that SAMHSA has approved a percentage of the treatment funds to purchase Naloxone (generic name) or Narcan (brand name) for the purposes of the Good Samaritan Law. OBH still has to brainstorm and develop guidelines for the distribution of the naloxone.

Dr. Rochelle Dunham was asked for assistance by Ms. Landry to fill all the vacant seats and those seats that are filled with inactive LCAD members that hold the Lake Charles and Monroe seats. Ms. Landry expressed her disappointment of Commission’s inability to have any of the vacant LCAD’s seat filled with candidates recommended by the Commission. Dr. Dunham recommended that she, Carol Foret and Ms. Landry conduct research to determine what the process involves. Then she could possible engage the level of the secretary’s office to help secure the full complement of vacant seats and to replace inactive LCAD members. Ms. Landry also pointed out that Lloyd Hernandez’s seat is now open and that Kerri Cunningham actually lives in the Lafayette area. She was appointed to represent the Florida Parishes Human Services Authority area. Ms. Landry would like to move her representation to the Acadiana Area Human Services District and have someone from the Florida Parishes Human Services Authority area appointed.

* **SAT-ED GRANT – KATHERINE PREJEAN, CFO, LA SAT-ED PROJECT DIRECTOR**

Katherine Prejean provided the Commission members an overview of what the SAT-ED Grant is and what it’s doing. She provided information and described certain aspects of this grant as listed below:

1. Funding mechanism
2. Purpose,
3. Age group targeted and served,
4. Length of the grant,
5. Trained the two initial pilot agencies located here in Baton Rouge, LA on evidenced based practices,
6. Culture and how the evidenced based practices are working with the chosen groups and communities,
7. Will train an additional four (4) roll-out SAT-ED grant sites throughout the course of the grant, two (2) more sites soon, and two (2) in the third year of the grant.
8. Workforce Development- provided trainings and opportunities for individuals and providers in the substance abuse and co-occurring field to get access to additional information such as evidence based screenings, therapy and assessment tools,
9. Offer exposure training for other providers
10. Finalizing in the next couple of weeks the workforce dissemination plan on how the grant will be rolled out, this will be brought to the LBHAC for feedback.
11. Works closely with Magellan to target providers with this training and information,
12. Initiate collaboration with other child serving agencies such as the Department of Child and Family Services, Juvenile Justice and with representatives of the Department of Education,
13. Ensuring other entries touching and reaching children in the region have the tools and information they needed.

Ms. Prejean stated OBH has not received the final exit report from the SAT-Ed Grant Review Site Visit at this time, but was provided with the verbal feedback, which included:

1. Positive Feedback – Reviewed the strengths of the Grant
2. Technical Assistance
3. Identified Challenged areas where the SAT-ED grant program needs to grow
4. Make sure the LBHAC is very well diversified and representative in the population the council is serving and that its representative of this grant since this is the council chosen by the grant.
5. Additional Technical Assistance – to be received to increase youth and family voice and retention in services especially with the adolescent population, but also to try to get their feedback as a constant voice within the service delivery system. So at both the site level and infrastructure level, the program needs to increase the family voice, which has been a challenge in our state overall to date.
6. Incomplete financial map
7. Ways to strengthen the pathway to youth entering the substance use disorders treatment
8. How to modify the evaluation plan

* **ARDA/LASACT MONTHLY REPORT (OPTIONAL)**

Marolon Mangham with LASACT had nothing to report**.**

**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, July 8, 2014.

**VI. Adjournment**

Freddie Landry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Tom Lief made the motion to adjourn, and Dr. Tony Wick seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m.