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

**August 2014 Minutes**

August 5, 2014

2:33 p.m.

**Commission Members Present:**

* Freddie Landry
* Tom Lief
* Anthony Wick

**Commission Members Absent:**

* Lana Bel**l**
* Kerri Cunningham
* Kathleen Leary
* Damon Marsala
* Shelly Mockler
* Jon Lance Nickelson
* Michael Slocum
* Dr. Susan Tucker

**OBH/HQ Staff Attending:**

* Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, Interim Assistant Secretary
* Carol Foret, OBH Program Manager 1-A/DHH

**OBH/HQ Staff Absent:**

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

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:**

* Marolon Mangham, LASACT
* LaMiesa Bonton, LA-ADRA
* Roy Baas, Chair, ADRA

**I. SERENITY PRAYER & ROLL CALL**

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

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

Committee members were provided a copy of the July 2014 meeting minutes. Ms. Landry asked if there were any corrections noted. There were a couple minor corrections that were noticed in the minutes, the acronym for ADRA, Dr. Rochelle Dunham was documented as being absent and Dr. Tom Lief felt his comments on cultural competency should have been included in the minutes.

Dr. Rochelle Dunham recommended that Carol Foret ask the Commission members after each discussion what they want recorded in the meeting minutes and not to assume what they want recorded. Marolon Mangham suggested that at the end of each discussion Commission members should identify what they want Carol Foret to record in the minutes; otherwise, it will be too difficult for her to determine what needs to be documented.

Carol Foret made a recommendation for Commission members to read the advanced minutes attached to the LCAD meeting reminder emailed each month. This email requests the review, comments and/or corrections of the attached minutes from the prior month by a stated deadline so corrections can be made before the upcoming meeting. Commission members should not wait until the day of the meeting to review the prior month’s minutes. Valuable time that could be used to conduct the Commission’s business is being used to review the prior month’s minutes.

Ms. Landry called for a motion to approve the July 2014 meeting minutes with noted corrections. Dr. Tony Wick made a motion to approve the minutes with changes. Dr. Tom Lief seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed to approve the July 2014 minutes with changes.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

* **UPDATE ON ADDICTIVE DISORDERS AND THE LOUISIANA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (LBHAC)**

Freddie Landry reported Monday August 4, 2014, LBHAC’s held its quarterly meeting in Baton Rouge. Ms. Landry is required to submit a quarterly report on Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders’ (LCAD) activities at each of their quarterly meetings. A copy of the LCAD quarterly report provided to LBHAC was distributed to the Commission members and reviewed by Ms. Landry.

Ms. Landry went on to say that LBHAC’s Committee on Planning is working on a draft resolution providing for the transfer of Regional Advisory Council (RAC) policy from the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) to the LBHAC and on a notice of proposed bylaw amendments. These proposed changes would give the RAC’s more involvement in what occurs in the LBHAC.

Mark Thomas (LBHAC’s Chair) appointed an Ad-hoc RAC Committee during the Planning Committee meeting held Monday, August 4, 2014. The Chair of each RAC around the state was appointed to this committee. This Ad-hoc RAC Committee is charged with making recommendations on the draft resolution and on the changes to the proposed bylaws to the Planning Committee by October 1, 2014. The Planning Committee will then make its recommendations back to the LBHAC by its next quarterly meeting in November 2014.

Ms. Landry then highlighted the following on this and other topics:

* Resolution for RAC Policy
* Resolution Draft
* Policies adopted with respect to the RACs
* Charter (application, adoption of bylaws, roles parallel LBHAC, failure to operate consistent with charter)
* Services (LGE and community)
* Operational Duties (meetings, maintain careful records and executive committee, evaluate effectiveness)
* Membership Composition (membership composition and requirements)
* Support (organizational, operational funding, and training and orientation)
* Dr. Tom Lief and Dr. Anthony Wick have been unsuccessful in being able to engage the Orleans Parish RAC.
* Ms. Landry, Dr. Wick and Dr. Lief will schedule a meeting with Ms. Yolanda Webb, Metropolitan Human Services District’s (MHSD) Executive Director, to help resolve this situation.
* Dr. Dunham offered to take part in the meeting to help find a resolution.
* Ms. Landry pointed out it’s important for Commission members to develop strategies to overcome some of the obstacles of the integration of substance use disorders with mental health disorders advocacy within the local RACs and the LBHAC.
* Notice of proposed bylaw amendments
* Proposed Bylaw Amendment Changes (Amendment 1 thru 9)
* **REPORT FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS ON RAC ACTIVITIES/TRAININGS**

Commission Members had no reports to share on RAC activities/training.

* **STRATEGIC PLANNING – OCTOBER 21, 2014**

Freddie Landry reminded the commission members the project to update the current LCAD strategic plan is scheduled for October 21, 2014. Carol Foret was asked to report out on the planning and preparation completed to date on this project. Ms. Foret provided the following information:

* The Bienville Building first floor Conference Room 173 has been reserved for October 21 and 22, 2014.
* Commission members will be reimbursed actual mileage for travel to participate in project in addition to lodging according to the State Travel Regulations.
* Commission members were provided a copy of Revised Statue (R.S.) 46:2500 thru 2505, the legislation that created the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders.
* The outcome of this project will be enhanced as a result of each member of the commission being reminded of its legislatively assigned duties and responsibilities as well as its reporting requirements.
* Dr. Dunham verified that Dr. Leslie Brougham-Freeman and Ms. Dawn Diez agreed to facilitate the project to update LCAD’s strategic plan. Freddie Landry reported she would like to meet with both Ms. Diez and Dr. Brougham-Freeman.
* An email was forwarded to each Commission member on July 11, 2014 that included the website of the 2013-2014 State Travel Regulations and identified other documents that will need to be completed in order to be reimbursed expenses for this project:
* New 2015 Travel Authorization Form
* Tax Exempt Form
* 2015 Travel Expense (TE) Form

The project schedule for updating the strategic plan is as follows:

***Tuesday, October 21, 2014*** Begin: 12:00 p.m. and End: 5:00 p.m.

***Wednesday, October 22, 2014*** Begin: 9:00 a.m. and End: 4:00 p.m.

Freddie Landry asked the Commission members to review the current strategic plan and forward her any comments you have in month of September 2014 before she meets with the project facilitators, Dr. Freeman and Ms. Diez. Ms. Landry asked Carol Foret to forward this request to all Commission members absent at this meeting.

**IV. NEW BUISNESS**

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

Dr. Rochelle Dunham discussed two topics she felt were important for the Commission members to be aware of, which were Opioid Replacement Therapy and a status update on the Statewide Management Organization (SMO) Request for Proposal (RFP).

*Opioid Replacement Therapy* - Dr. Dunham relayed the following information:

* OBH is convening regular meetings with the Opioid Treatment Providers (OTPs) through the work of the State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA), Traci Perry. The intent of these meetings is to launch an educational campaign wherein they teach the state about Opioid Treatment Replacement Therapy.
* OBH will initiate a monthly meeting to develop the educational campaign, which should be completed in the fall.
* As the educational campaign develops, Dr. Dunham will keep everyone informed.
* The expertise on Opioid Replacement Therapy is housed with SOTA.
* OTPs are licensed by the state and monitored by OBH. OBH’s concern is that these programs are delivering safe and effective care.
* OBH is trying to bring the Opioid Treatment Replacement Therapy in under the same umbrella as all the other addiction treatment services.
* Recommended that Marolon Mangham bring all of the Opioid Treatment Therapy (OTT) into the main stream of addiction.
* This educational program will have tight boundaries on the message OBH wants delivered.
* OTT Programs are under federal regulations and all OTT providers have to be accredited unlike all addiction providers.
* OTT Programs should be used as a referral source if a person has an opioid use disorder.
* Naloxone was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as an opioid blocker.
* Dr. Dunham agreed to help LASACT with their convention next year if they would offer a track on OTT.

*Statewide Management Organization (SMO) Request for Proposal (RFP)* -Dr. Dunham relayed the following information:

* OBH has a meeting next week with the Office of Contractual Review (OCR) to present the SMO’s RFP.
* Moving forward OCR will be final approver of the SMO contract.
* An SMO contract, resulting from the RFP, will be awarded February 28, 2015.
* A transition phase was built into the existing contract with Magellan should they not win the bid of this RFP.
* Freddie Landry recommended that paying for drug testing should be a part of the new RFP.

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

Roy BAAS reported the following to the Commission members regarding ARDA:

* ARDA’s responsibility is to protect the public.
* Completed the Rule Change for the counselors-in-training (CIT)
* Included the Technical Assistance Publication (**TAP**) Series **21** **Counselor competencies** into the rule
* Included the 123 competencies, that substance abuse treatment counselors should master to do their work effectively, into the rules for the Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS), CITs and Qualified Professional Supervisors (QPS)
* The CIT position is truly a learning status and not a practice credential.
* Currently working on Prevention rule change
* Each certification cycle ARDA loses a few credentialed professionals and gains a few credentialed professionals. There is an incremental increase in professionals, but it’s almost immeasurable with the people who drop out.
* Financially stable, but not excessive
* Regulates approximately 1,500 credentials

Freddie Landry asked Dr. Dunham if the local LGE’s are required to have a licensed prevention professional (LPP) to coordinate the LGE prevention programs funded by the SAPT Block Grant or does OBH have any authority over this issue? Dr. Dunham indicated that she would ask Dr. Leslie Braughm-Freeman if there is a credentialing prevention requirement for the coordination of prevention services for the LGE.

* A discussion was held on the fluctuation in the number and types of professionals who are associated with ADRA.
* Dr. Dunham shared that her concern is with the larger health care system, 42 CFR. She went on to say that if OBH doesn’t seriously address 42 CFR as to what is being perceived as the largest influence on healthcare to advancing technology with electronic health records then addiction will be left out.

Marolon Mangham shared the following information about LASACT:

* Next year’s LASACT conference will likely be held in either Baton Rouge or Lafayette,
* LASACT is not financially solvent and has not been for several years,
* LASACT has had to postpone some of its commitments,
* A financial issue of LASACT is that only 350 out of 1,500 substance use disorder professionals support the load for this organized voice. LASACT has 15 organizational memberships while there are hundreds of addiction providers.
* A discussion was held to help LASACT problem solve ways to increase its funding. Dr. Dunham made the following recommendations:
* meet with organizations on a personal level to recruit membership,
* a conversation is needed between LASACT and Magellan of Louisiana,
* schedule a meeting with Lisa Faust, Chief of Staff and Dr. Craig Coenson, Chief Executive Officer
* request to be added to the Executive Management agenda for the Human Services Interagency Council (HSIC) meeting that is convened by the Deputy Secretary, Courtney Phillips, which would be a good audience to discuss the future of LASACT
* Discussions were held on possible conflicts of interest for assessments that were once completed by treatment providers that are now being completed by contracted independent assessors for mental health and on behavioral health assessments that are being completed by the LGEs and why it’s not considered a possible conflict of interest.

**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, September 23, 2014.

**VI. Adjournment**

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