**Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders**

**January 2012 Minutes**

January 17, 2012

1:00 p.m.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

* Lloyd Hernandez
* Freddie Landry
* Kathleen Leary
* Tom Lief
* George McHugh
* Shelly Mockler
* Tony Wick

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PARTICIPATING VIA CONFERENCE CALL:**

* Damon Marsala

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

* Lena Bel
* Jon Lance Nickelson

**OBH/ HQ STAFF ATTENDING:**

* Dr. Anthony Speier, OBH Assistant Secretary
* Pete Calamari, OBH Deputy Assistant Secretary
* Galen Schum, Executive Director
* Leslie Brougham Freeman, Ph.D.
* Carol Foret, DHH Program Specialist 1-A/DHH

**OBH/ HQ STAFF PARTICIPATING VIA CONFERENCE CALL:**

* Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, OBH Medical Director

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:**

* Marolon Mangham, LASACT
* Dawn Diez, LPP, SPE Project Director

**I. SERENITY PRAYER & ROLL CALL**

Freddie Landry called the meeting to order. Lloyd Hernandez led the Commission members and guests in a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Carol Foret conducted roll call.

**II. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES**

The members of the Committee reviewed the December 2011 meeting minutes of the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders. Ms. Landry called for a motion to approve the minutes. Tom Lief made a motion to approve the minutes. Tony Wick seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion to approve the December 2011 meeting minutes passed.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. PRESENTATION BY LESLIE BROUGHAM FREEMAN, Ph.D., OBH PREVENTION DIRECTOR AND**

**DAWN DIEZ, LLP, SPE PROJECT DIRECTOR**

***DHH/OBH Presentation***. Leslie Brougham Freeman, Ph.D. and Dawn Diez, LPP provided PowerPoint presentations on the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF). Dr. Freeman provided the Commission members with a copy of the Power Point Presentation.

A brief summary of the current Prevention Services and some current initiatives was provided by Dr. Freeman. Her presentation highlighted the initiatives below:

* + Implementation of the Strategic Prevention Framework Statewide
  + Coalition Development Statewide
  + Statewide Service Delivery
    - 64 Prevention Providers Statewide
    - 18 Evidence-Based Programs
    - 10 Environmental/Population-Based Services – SYNAR Providers
  + Needs Assessment
  + Louisiana Caring communities Youth Survey
  + CORE Survey

The main activities going on with OBH is the implementation of the Strategic Prevention Framework Statewide through the curriculum that has been developed by OBH in collaboration with the Governor’s Office and other partners. Over the next year, OBH will be working with regional systems to develop regional Strategic Plans that will help to guide the development of services over the next several years. A statewide strategic plan for Prevention Services currently exists.

OBH is currently working with the regions to begin developing regional coalitions. While some regions have a fair amount of coalitions developed. OBH intends to ensure that all regions are provided with the necessary tools to develop community coalitions by providing training and technical assistance to the regions. Through past experiences in Prevention Services, the rich resources of coalitions have been identified as very beneficial to communities.

Prevention services are provided through contractual agreements with community-based providers. The Caring Community Youth Survey, which is conducted every two (2) years, is scheduled to occur in 2012 with 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grades. The Core Survey, which is facilitated with two and four year universities, as well as vocational and technical schools, is scheduled to occur in 2012. These two surveys are the two main needs assessments available for planning and collecting data with regards to youth and young adults.

SYNAR Initiative: Louisiana was the highest state in the nation ever, to have such a high non-compliance rate in 1997. The 1997 survey indicated that nearly 73% of the State’s merchants were selling tobacco products to youth under the age of 18. This year, Louisiana’s non-compliance rate is determined to be 4.1%, which is one of the lowest in the nation. The federal requirement is that States not exceed 20% non-compliance. Louisiana met that goal in 1999 and has continued to surpass this goal each year since 1999. The State has set and continued achieve an internal goal to not exceed 10% non-compliance rate. Louisiana has demonstrated consistently low non-compliance rates due to the consistency and the sustainability of the programs in the community educating merchants, as well as ATC’s involvement providing enforcement.

Ms. Dawn Diez provided information and a brief summary on Louisiana’s Substance Abuse Prevention Infrastructure. Ms. Diez’s presentation highlighted the topics below:

* Strategic Prevention Framework
* State Prevention Enhancement Grant
* Sustainability & Cultural Competence
* Louisiana’s Substance Abuse Prevention Infrastructure
* Strategic Prevention Framework Successes
* Capacity Building/Infrastructure Enhancement Plan
* Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting Plan
* Enhancements
* Coordination of Services Plan
* Enhancements
* Technical Assistance and Training Plan

***B. ADRA/LASACT MONTHLY REPORT***

Ms. Marolon Mangham provided an update to the Commission on the testing of addiction competencies. She reported LASACT is set-up for computer base testing in their office, and they are now accessing the statewide system. The LASACT office now has certified proctors. The LASACT calendar will be open to start scheduling addiction competencies testing beginning Monday, January 23, 2012. Applicants will have to register to for the testing five days in advance.

***C. REPORT ON THE KITCHEN CABINET-***

Ms. Freddie Landry reported the OBH Kitchen Cabinet Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. The main topic of this meeting focused on the new Statewide Management Organization (SMO). The Cabinet also discussed the credentialing and certification needed to be a provider with Magellan.

The Committee was informed Central Louisiana State Hospital will be relocating within the campus and 48 acute beds at Greenwell Springs Hospital will be moving to Jackson East Louisiana Hospital. These moves are due to cost savings measures for the State. The Tyler Acute Psychiatric Care Unit in Lafayette is being privatized. Lafayette General Medical Center has entered into a cooperative endeavor agreement with OBH to provide these services.

Ms. Landry asked Dr. Anthony Speier if he would provide the Commission with more information on the relocation of Central Louisiana State Hospital and Greenwell Springs Hospital’s mental health beds and an update on the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership Act (LBHP).

Dr. Speier informed the Commission that Central Louisiana State Hospital Campus includes approximately 700 acres of land and a massive facility with a lot of additional buildings that were built in the early half to the 20th century. This facility currently houses only 60 adult hospital patients. The minimal cost to maintain this property is untenable. OBH continues to research ways to maintain the integrity of this valuable service while reducing the building and maintenance costs. The first plan of action would be to consolidate the hospital towards one corner of the campus and seek out other long term options. OBH is committed to maintaining these beds in the central area of the State.

Greenwell Springs Hospital is another very old facility. Originally this facility had approximately 200 beds. This facility currently has 48 beds, which are being moved to the East Louisiana State Hospital in Jackson. A total of 103 of the Greenwell Springs Hospital staff will be moving with the patients to the East Louisiana State Hospital. There will be an estimated 43 staff laid off, which are split evenly between administration and patient support services. East Louisiana State Hospital currently has about 20 job openings available. The persons laid off will be placed on the State Preferred Employment List and will have the first opportunity for placement in these positions at East Louisiana State Hospital. The Greenwell Springs Hospital will be returned to the State Office of Buildings and Grounds, which will be responsible for keeping the structural integrity of the building sound and maintaining the grounds.

The good news is the reduction in operating cost for both Greenwell Springs Hospital and Central Louisiana State Hospital will take on and absorb proposed budget cuts without reducing capacity and services. Greenwell Springs Hospital and the Central Louisiana State Hospital property are both very desirable properties for alternate use.

The privatized adolescent inpatient treatment program operated by Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare, Inc is housed on the Greenwell Springs Hospital grounds. Pathways is currently searching for a new location for the adolescent inpatient unit. Pathways has requested an extension beyond March 2012 to relocate the adolescent inpatient unit; therefore, OBH continues to work with Pathways on this request.

Over the years there has been a relationship between Louisiana State University (LSU) and the State with regard to Tyler Mental Health Center’s acute care unit. LSU has provided less funding toward this program and OBH is unable to absorb the increased portion of the cost to keep the program running at the appropriated funding level. Therefore, Tyler Mental Health Center’s acute care unit is currently going through a privatization process to be managed by Lafayette General Medical Center.

Mr. Pete Calamari explained a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) has been negotiated with Lafayette General Medical Center (LGMC). The CEA still has to be processed internally in DHH/OBH. LGMC will operate the Acute Psych Care Distinct Part Unit which is adjacent to the Taylor Mental Health Center. The mental health center is a distinct part of the Taylor Mental Health Center, but it’s located in a part of that building which is totally separate. The CEA includes a provision where LGMC agreed to spend $176,000.00 a year on major repairs to the facility. DHH/OBH representatives will meet with LGMC to exchange the major repair budget which will be converted into a per diem method of payment. This action will keep the facility in first class shape.

This conversion will be very helpful as Region IV converts into a local governing entity and in alleviating what would have been a six or seven hundred thousand dollar a year burden to the State. Mr. Calamari clarified that it will be the acute psych care unit transitioned to LGMC and not the acute medical detox unit, which is currently managed by LSU-HCSD University Medical Center.

The transition of services to LGMC is also good news for OBH employees that were employed with the acute psych unit. Of the 23 employees with the acute psych unit, 19 were offered employment opportunities with LGMC. LGMC offered these employees a competitive salary scale. This transition will be effective Friday, February 17, 2012.

***D. REPORT ON LBHP***

Ms. Freddie Landry asked Dr. Anthony Speier to provide the Commission with an update on the progress of the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership. Dr. Speier informed everyone that OBH is in search of a creative and “spiffy” name for LBHP. The agency marketing this program has asked OBH to come up with a name that would convey the same message but in a smaller concise way. Dr. Speier is enlisting volunteers from everywhere and suggested that everyone ask someone they know for suggestions. Magellan is confident that we will go live as planned on Thursday, March 1, 2012.

As of last week all of OBH’s waivers and state plan amendments have been accepted by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS); therefore, LBHP is officially approved for implementation on March 1st. Addictive disorders services have been added back to the Medicaid state plan. This is probably the largest and the only statewide implementation like this that has been connected to and approved by Medicaid. We are now on the cutting edge of behavioral health service provision systems.

Transition Plans:

Phase I: OBH is in the process of transitioning all current Medicaid clients.

Phase II: All other clients who are potential to be Medicaid eligible will be transitioned.

Everyone currently receiving services will not lose any of their services during this transition period.

Magellan is making available a free electronic behavioral health record to enrolled vendors. Magellan has also announced that they will make loans available to vendors to assist the accreditation process.

The Magellan of Louisiana website went live Tuesday, January 17, 2012. This website has a provider section as well as a member section. Magellan of Louisiana website includes the certification processes and a list of the providers that have enrolled in the program. The Magellan Louisiana and the DHH websites continue to be valuable resources for updates and information regarding LBHP.

The electronic provider handbook will be made available on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 as well as an electronic member handbook. The member handbook will not be published as paper copies until later in the year due to last minute changes that may occur.

Data testing will be taking place all of March, April, May and June 2012. Problems found in the system will be tested to determine what’s causing the problem and to find solutions to these problems. During these months, the LBHP will be in the corrective mode, where the system will be tested, noted problems will be corrected, and OBH and Magellan will be looking for possible problems amongst various things.

As of this date, there are approximately 235 vendors signed up with another possible 200 that have not finished the credentialing process. Over a thousand inquiries have been received from different providers. OBH and Magellan have established eight (8) implementation teams that are well coordinated. Dr. Speier commented that the delightful thing about being in this work right now is the people’s level of commitment. It’s just amazing how strong everybody is committed to make this happen. Real changes for the people we serve will become evident.

Dr. Rochelle Dunham suggested to the Commission members to go on [www.MagellanofLouisiana.com](http://www.MagellanofLouisiana.com) as a consumer to see how easy or difficult it is to negotiate the system and enroll in the program. Dr. Speier recommended the Commission members email OBH with their results.

There are Medicaid application centers in all of our behavioral health regions and districts. OBH will soon begin collecting and submitting Medicaid applications for addictive disorder services.

Dr. Rochelle Dunham recommended for those Commission members who do not use the internet to call the toll free number to learn about the process. The consumer toll free number is 1-800-424-4399 (TTY number: 1-800-424-4416). Consumers can send their inquiries to [LouisianaInfo@MagellanHealth.com](mailto:LouisianaInfo@MagellanHealth.com). The provider service line number is 1-800-788-4005. Providers can send inquires to [LAProvierQuestions@MagellanHealth.Com](mailto:LAProvierQuestions@MagellanHealth.Com). Magellan’s URL website address is [www.MagellonofLouisian.com](http://www.MagellonofLouisian.com).

Lloyd Hernandez asked Dr. Speier if persons who do not meet the Medicaid eligibility requirements will be served through Magellan. Dr. Speier ensured him that Magellan is just the manager. There are two populations of people, the Medicaid and the non-Medicaid. Magellan is also the manager for the non-Medicaid recipients. The system for the non-Medicaid population will not look any different from the system used by the Medicaid recipients. The difference being for the non-Medicaid recipient is the network provider system. It will be limited to the current traditional OBH provider services system.

Mr. Hernandez inquired about how much of the space on Central Louisiana State Hospital’s Campus will be used. He was informed by Dr. Speier three of the building will be used. Mr. Calamari also explained that this situation is just an interim arrangement until the off campus move. The permanent arrangement at this point promises to relocate them on the Pinecreast Developmental Hospital Campus. The configuration of what this will look like is under study. This is an interim arrangement that will save us substantial amount of money next fiscal year, which is a savings of approximately $2.5 million.

George McHugh asked if Red River Treatment Center will remain on the grounds of Central Louisiana State Hospital. He was informed that Red River will have to move eventually, they are looking for another place at this time.

Dr. Speier inquired from Dr. Dunham for the latest update on Red River Treatment Center. Dr. Dunham reported that Pathways Community Behavioral Healthcare Inc. operates Red River Treatment Center and the adolescent inpatient unit at Greenwell Springs Hospital. As with all other providers, they will need to sort through their Medicaid and the non-Medicaid recipients. OBH will continue to fund the services for the non-Medicaid recipients. Magellan will continue to manage everything.

Mr. McHugh and Ms. Landry inquired about the availability of Utilization Reports. Ms. Foret provided copies of the Utilization Reports for December 2011 and a partial report for January 2012 to the Commission members.

***E. COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP***

Ms. Landry reported to the Commission members the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorder Annual Report to the Governor is due sometimes in March 2012. Strategies on how the Commission is going to put the report together needs to be considered. Ms. Landry requested permission from OBH to communicate with the regional directors and/or the executive directors of the authorities and districts. Ms. Landry stated that she would like the regions/districts to prepare a report of all the events and progress that has been made in relations to Addictive Disorders in the past year. Dr. Anthony Speier gave permission for the Commission to contact the regional directors and/or the executive directors of the authorities and districts.

Ms. Landry also inquired if regional public forums would still be conducted this year. Dr. Speier informed her that the traditional dates these forums are held have been changed. Dr. Dunham also informed Ms. Landry the regional public forums will be conducted after the legislative session due to OBH being consumed with the implementation of LBHP and transition of services to Magellan Health Services. These forums will be scheduled to be conducted in the summer months.

Ms. Landry was informed by Dr. Speier should the Commission not receive the requested feedback from the regions and districts, OBH would be able to help them obtain this information. Dr. Speier offered to have a video conference arranged with all of regional and district administrators at the next commission meeting so Ms. Landry could request information the Commission needs. Ms. Landry agreed with this suggestion. Dr. Speier instructed Carol Foret to work with BJ Stafford to arrange the video conference.

Dr. Tom Lief suggested the presentation provided by Dr. Ramon Singh with the Department of Parole and Corrections should be included in the governor’s annual report, and Ms. Landry agreed. Ms. Landry also stated that it would be beneficial to inform the Governor and legislators that the Commission is working in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

Dr. Tom Lief informed the Commission Members he has been in communication with Ms. Kathy Hayward, former chairperson of the Commission, and she asked that he tell everyone hello. Dr. Lief provided a brief update on Ms. Hayward’s deteriorating medical condition, and reported that she continues to be in good spirits.

Ms. Kathleen Leary suggested having a meeting in that area. If she feels well enough that day, she could attend the meeting. Dr. Lief reported it’s time for us to change the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders’ meeting place. The Commission members were asked by Ms. Landry if they would like for her to set-up the next meeting in the Florida Parishes, in Covington or Mandeville. The Commission members agreed with Ms. Landry’s suggestion.

Ms. Freddie Landry reported the next date for the Commission meeting would be Tuesday, February 14, 2012 and asked if everyone was in agreement. All of the Commission members approved the date for the next Commission meeting. Ms. Landry will schedule with the Florida Parishes Human Services Authority (FPHSA) to see if they would be willing to host the next Commission meeting.

Ms. Kathleen Leary reported being out of the loop and requested information regarding the inpatient facilities that remain, including those privatized, and the average length of stay.

Dr. Rochelle Dunham informed the Commission that the average length of stay in a residential treatment facility may range from 20 to 30 days, with the actual average being closer to 24-28 days. Ms. Leary asked if the outpatient services would increase and the inpatient services decrease. Dr. Dunham reported that is a difficult question to answer at this point. OBH is trying at a minimum to preserve the services the way they are. OBH is also considering the expanded provider pool. It is projected that there will be higher numbers in outpatient services because the LBHP will include private providers, including license addition counselors (LAC), who can bill Medicaid. This will also increase the number of people being served. Magellan will manage all services for OBH, pay for addictive disorders recipients who are Medicaid eligible, and manage the transition of recipients between levels of care. Through the LBHP and management of services by Magellan, people will begin to be placed in the best and most appropriate levels of care based on their individual needs. Traditionally, the default placement for addictive disorders clients has been the residential treatment program, but it’s often not the most appropriate assigned level of care as indicated by the ASAM Patient Placement Criteria. Magellan is going to strictly be basing their placements on the ASAM Patient Placement Criteria not only at admission, but also for the continued stay days. A decrease in the waiting list for residential treatment services is anticipated, as people will be placed in more appropriate levels of care for durations authorized by Magellan. Magellan will appropriately assign the individuals service needs and then at discharge ensure there is a placement for them in community-based settings.

A community will need adequate services and resources to keep people out of the residential facilities. There are currently 13 residential substance abuse treatment facilities operating. Magellan will hopefully recruit and enroll additional service providers who deliver residential addiction treatment services.

Lloyd Hernandez stated it would be appropriate to have someone from Magellan to provide a presentation to the Commission at our next meeting. Dr. Dunham stated that it would be good if the Commission knew what type of information they would like Magellan to present to them. Mr. Hernandez indicated he missed the public hearing and thought something like that might be appropriate. Dr. Dunham informed Mr. Hernandez that the presentations and information are on the DHH website. Dr. Dunham asked Ms. Foret to provide this information for the Commission. Dr. Dunham informed the Commission members that Magellan is a very large corporation and is also overwhelmed with the current plans for implantation on March 1, 2012. Dr. Dunham suggested that the Commission members identify specific information/topic areas that they would like in a presentation from Magellan. Dr. Dunham also informed the Commission that OBH staff working with Magellan may be able to provide some of the requested information at this time. Dr. Lief and Ms. Leary both reported that they would like the opportunity to get more general information from Magellan regarding their company and the resources they will bring to addictive disorders treatment in Louisiana. Ms. Landry requested that a representative from Magellan be available for the next Commission meeting.

**IV.** **NEXT COMMISSION MEETING**

The next meeting of the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders was discussed, and the date, time, and location were set.

**Host:** Florida Parishes Human Services Authority Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) Office

**Date:** Tuesday, February 14, 2012

**Time:** 1:00pm to 3:00pm

**Location:** 21454 Koop Drive, Suite 2-H

Mandeville, LA 70471

**Telephone:** (985) 871-8300

**V**. **ADJOURNMENT**

Freddie Landry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Wick made the motion to adjourn, and Dr. Lief seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.