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|  | ***MINUTES***  ***February 2011*** |  |
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| **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** | Lloyd Hernandez  Freddie Landry  Shelley Mockler | Kathleen Leary  Tom Lief  Tony Wick |

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| **COMMISSION MEMBERS PARTICIPATING VIA**  **CONFERENCE CALL:** | Kathy Hayward | Jon Lance Nickelson |

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| **COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** | Lana Bel | Damon Marsala  George McHugh |

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| **OAD / HQ STAFF ATTENDING:** | Pete Calamari | Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham  Daryl Koerth |

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| **GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** | Marolon Mangham |  |

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| **I. Serenity Prayer & Roll Call** |

Freddie Landry called the meeting to order. Tom Lief led the Commission members and guests in the Serenity Prayer. Daryl Koerth conducted roll call.

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| **II. Approval of January Minutes** |

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

Following the approval of last month’s minutes, Pete Calamari, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Office of Behavioral Health, took the opportunity to introduce himself to the Commission. The Commission welcomed him to his new post and to the meeting, and the meeting proceeded on to new business.

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| **III. ADRA and LASACT Monthly Reports** |

Marolon Mangham, Executive Director of the Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors and Trainers (LASACT), Inc., gave the Commission a brief report on three items of interest to the Commission. First, she stated that planning for the LASACT Annual Conference is underway. The event will be held in Baton Rouge July 24-27, with the theme “Let’s Give Them Something to Write About.” The new theme of the conference is designed to address concerns raised by the Commission and OBH regarding clinical documentation practices in the field. Ms. Mangham asked Dr. Dunham and Mr. Calamari if OBH would be interested in co-sponsoring the event. She also stated that LASACT would like to have someone from headquarters who is involved with the addiction treatment aspects of OBH to be on the planning committee. Dr. Dunham suggested that Quinetta Womack would be a good match for that responsibility.

Next, Ms. Mangham gave the Commission an update on the status of a developing Peer Recovery Support Specialist certification. Ms. Mangham is on the task force that is developing the certification. According to her, 30 jurisdictions have indicated interest in developing/implementing the certification, and the process is moving forward with bi-weekly meetings. The development process is still open for discussion and suggestions are welcome. This certification will have an emphasis on ethics training.

Finally, Ms. Mangham informed the Commission that LASACT has accepted the resignations of ADRA Executive Director Lisa Schuster and Lorraine Mayeaux. LASACT is now under a management contract to stabilize the organization and oversee its transition to a more feasible structure. Further information regarding the status of LASACT and ADRA may be available during the Commission’s next monthly meeting.

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| **IV. Annual Report Review** |

Daryl Koerth distributed copies of a rough draft of the Commission’s Annual Report to the Legislature, Governor, and Secretary of DHH. He then proceeded to give the Commission members an overview of the document and make suggestions for its development. He asked the Commission members to review the rough draft and submit suggestions, corrections, or updates by Wednesday, Feb. 23rd, for inclusion in the final draft. The report will go through an internal review once the final draft is submitted to the Office of the Secretary, and will then be submitted to the Governor’s Office and the Joint Health and Welfare Committee. Mr. Koerth will provide copies of the final document for the Commission as soon as they are available.

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| **VI. 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, March 22, 2011.

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| **VII. Adjournment** |

Freddie Landry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony Wick made the motion to adjourn, and Lloyd Hernandez seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.