**Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders**

**April 2013 Minutes**

April 16, 2013

1:12 p.m.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

* Freddie Landry
* Tom Lief
* Lloyd Hernandez
* Anthony Wick

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ATTENDED BY TELECONFERENCE:**

* Kathleen Leary

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

* Lana Bel**l**
* Jon Lance Nickelson
* Damon Marcella
* Shelly Mockler

**OBH/ HQ STAFF ATTENDING:**

* Dr. Anthony Speier, OBH Assistant Secretary
* Kenneth Saucier, OBH Director of Field Services
* Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, OBH Medical Director
* Carol Foret, DHH Program Specialist 1-A/DHH

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:**

* Marolon Mangham, LASACT

**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 MARCH 2013 MINUTES**

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

**III NEW BUSINESS**

**A. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (OBH) – DR. ANTHONY SPEIER, OBH ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND DR. ROCHELLE DUNHAM, OBH MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

The Commission members were updated on OBH by Dr. Anthony Speier and Dr. Rochelle Dunham.

Dr. Speier shared the following:

* House Bill 281 authored by Representative Scott Simon. This bill creates a single license for behavioral health services providers and to authorize the Department of Health and Hospitals to promulgate and publish rules and regulations to provide for integrated behavioral health services under one license, to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of persons receiving behavioral health services, and to provide for the safe operation and maintenance of providers.
* Announced Karen Stubbs as being the new Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Plan Management.
* Duties that Ms. Stubbs is now responsible for:
* The Research and Block Grant Section, which includes the Behavioral Health Block Grant, all of the reporting requirements, annual reports and writing of the Block Grant Application.
* The Official Program Monitoring Head of the Quality Management Group who is the official monitor of the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership.
* OBH recently completed its reorganization. The reorganization now reflects OBH’s changing business model and is now operating as a managed care organization. OBH is now organized as follows:

Medical Director and Chief of Adult Operations - Dr. Rochelle Dunham

Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Child and Family Services - Jody Levinson-Johnson

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration - Cindy Rives

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Plan Management - Karen Stubbs

* Announced Kenneth Saucier as being the new Regional Services Director over the regional clinics.

Dr. Rochelle Dunham updated the Commission Members on the following:

* There are three (3) vacant psychologist positions in the Health Plan Management Section.
* Richard Kramer, who managed the OBH hospitals, left State Government for the Private Sector. This vacated position will not be filled.
* Within the Development Section in the DHH Secretary’s Office, a Deputy Assistant Secretary position was created, which is responsible for the Administrative Operations Component of Hospital Management.
* This position is responsible for the 24-hour facilities and two hospitals that were once operated by the State but now privatized and use the State’s property and buildings. This position is also responsible for solving common issues, such as leaky roofs and food service and has oversight for various components of maintaining licensing, etc.
* This Deputy Assistant Secretary position supports three program offices: Office of Adult Aging Services (OAAS), Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD), the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH).
* Greg Andres was announced as having filled this position.
* The Programmatic Clinical Component of Hospital Management remains in OBH under the Adult Operations Section (AOS) managed by Dr. Rochelle Dunham.
* AOS has several vacant positions that need to be filled; OBH will be able to fill these positions.
* Kathy Kliebert is the new DHH Interim Secretary.
* Courtney Phillips is the new DHH Deputy Secretary.
* Substance Abuse Treatment Initiative, SATI
* Legislative bill update for Substance Abuse
* Kenneth Saucier reported the remaining OBH Regional Offices were moving forward towards their accreditation and their accreditation site visits are being timely scheduled.
* Marolon Mangham announced at the next LASACT Conference Dr. Rochelle Dunham agreed to present a 1.5 hour session on Integrating Behavioral Health with Primary Care.
* The LASACT Conference is scheduled to be held July 28, 2013 through August 1, 2013.
* Karen Stubbs will work closely with the Behavioral Health Advisory Board and Council as well as the Commission Members of the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders. Ms. Stubbs will assist the Commission Members in drafting Bylaws to form a strong Committee for Substance Abuse within the Behavioral Health Advisory Council. The Committee for Substance Abuse will ensure all addiction needs are adequately addressed and preserve and protect the work of the Commission.

**B. 2012 GOVERNOR’S ANNUAL COMMISSION REPORT**

Members of the Commission were provided with a draft version of the 2012 Governor’s Annual Report. Ms. Landry informed the Commission members that the information in blue within the report represents recommended changes. She also informed the Commission members there was too much new material in and revisions made to the Governor’s Annual Report to be reviewed in this meeting. She went on to recommend the draft copy of the 2012 Governor’s Annual Report be taken home by the Commission Members and reviewed. Commission members were further instructed if they had anything they would like to add to the report or revise in the report to please email her the recommended revisions and copy Carol Foret on the email.

**C. COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS**

Commission members were asked to share their activities since the March 12, 2013 meeting. The following activities were reported:

* Wednesday, April 17, 2013 the New Orleans Health Department is coordinating a meeting to address behavioral health issues in the City of New Orleans and is being hosted by Dr. Karen Desalvo. Both Freddie Landry and Dr. Tom Lief will be attending this meeting.
* A meeting has been scheduled for the entire Greater New Orleans Drug Demand Reduction Coalition (GNODDRC) on Thursday, April 18, 2013 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the U.S. Attorney’s Office located on Poydras Street; Freddie Landry will be attending this meeting. The Prevention, Enforcement, Judicial and Treatment Committees will be presenting to the GNODDRC their goals, objectives and action plans they developed over the past several months.

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

Freddie Landry asked Marolon Mangham to report on LASACT including some of her legislative concerns. Marolon Mangham reported the following information to the Commission:

* IC&RC held its semi-annual meeting last week.
* A Strategic Planning Task Force was formed to determine how IC&RC should develop this field. Ms. Mangham announced she will be serving on this task force.
* LASACT applied for and was accepted to offer the Peer Recovery Support Specialist in Louisiana. The title Louisiana creates for this position has to include “Peer Recovery.” Ms. Mangham went on to say she will make a recommendation to Margaret Mitchell and Nancy Roach that the position be entitled, “Peer Recovery Support Specialist” the same as Texas.
* The application to apply for the peer recovery position will not be made available until IC&RS has developed the certification test, tentatively January 7, 2014.
* There are about 175 people identified as having completed the Peer Recovery Training.
* This certification will not be mandatory. It will be an advanced type certification like counselors now have, which is more than the current certification of course completion.
* Peer Recovery Support Specialists will be tested for competency.
* Members of the Commission were informed by Dr. Dunham that Magellan is considering adding Warm Lines to the services being offered through Magellan should a Magellan member be in need of talking with a peer or someone who is not a professional because they are in crisis, having difficulty or they just need to touch base with a peer.
* Magellan will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for agencies who want to provide this service through peers.
* OBH may apply for a SAMSHA grant to train the Peers on a model that has fidelity and consistency in terms of what is to be provided. Marolon Mangham offered her services in writing the SAMSHA grant.
* Marolon Mangham reported that IC&RC will develop the Peer’s Job Task Analysis (JTA), the test blueprint. The JTA is the document from which the curriculum is developed. Marolon offered to provide Dr. Rochelle Dunham a copy of the JTA when it becomes available.
* Dr. Dunham instructed Ms. Mangham to meet with Ms. Roach and Ms. Mitchell, who will be writing the grant, to share this information with them and asked that Ms. Mangham to copy her on the correspondence.
* A presentation was provided by Faces and Voices in Recovery at the SAMSHA Board meeting attended by Dr. Dunham last month. Faces and Voices in Recovery was advocating for an accreditation body for peer agencies at this meeting. The purpose of developing a different accrediting body is to identify the mission for peer services, create fidelity in training, encourage agencies that hire peers to develop an infrastructure and pay for peers.
* Ms. Mangham reported that LASACT received several telephone calls of concern regarding House Bill 281 authored by Representative Scott Simon. Dr. Speier informed the Commission members and guests that House Bill 281 is an OBH Bill and went on to explain this bill creates one integrated license for multiple behavioral health service providers and requires licensure of all such providers. However, the proposed law shall not apply to the licensing of hospitals, crisis receiving centers, nursing homes, psychiatric residential treatment facilities, therapeutic group homes, federal facilities, federally qualified health centers, community mental health centers certified by the federal government, home-and-community-based service providers, rural health clinics, Dept. of Corrections facilities, or Licensed Mental Health Professionals (LMHP). LMHPs include the following: psychologists (licensed or medical), clinical social workers, professional counselors, marriage & family counselors, licensed addiction counselors, & advanced practice registered nurses (individuals or groups).
* Marolon Mangham with LASACT asked to be kept informed of future proposed changes in OBH licensing regulations so LASACT can reduce concerns being received by email and/or telephone in their office.

**E. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DAY – THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013, 10:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M., CAPITOL STEPS**

Ms. Freddie Landry reminded the Commission members Behavioral Health Day is on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 10:30 A.M. on the capitol steps and she encouraged everyone to attend. Members of the Commission were informed that lunch will be provided at the Barracks across the street from the State Capitol after the activities are finished. Members of the Commission were asked to wear white shirts!!

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Landry called for a motion to go into an Executive Session. Dr. Tony Wick made a motion to go into an Executive Session. Dr. Tom Lief seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion was carried forward.

**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, May 14, 2013.

**VI**. **ADJOURNMENT**

Freddie Landry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Tom Lief made the motion to adjourn, and Tony Wick seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.