

ADDICTIVE DISORDER REGULATORY AUTHORITY BOARD
MEETING

ADRA
4919 Jamestown Avenue
Ste. 203
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
April 22, 2022
11:30 A.M

- I. Call to Order: Roy Bass, Chairman
- II. Roll call; set quorum: Roy Baas, Chairman
- III. Public Introductions and Representation
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Susan Thornton, Secretary/Treasurer
 - a) January 2022
 - b) February 2022
 - c) March 2022
- V. Public Questions or Comments
- VI. New Business
 - a) Executive Session
 - b) Merit/Cost of Living Increase
 - c) Approval of Applications to be Credentialed
 - d) Ethics Board Response – Advisory Opinion
 - e) FSSolutions Agreement
 - f) Policy and Procedure
 - g) Felony Waiver Request: M. Collins
 - h) Degree Waiver Request: S. Kerr
 - i) Consent Agreement: J. Gipson
 - j) Concerns Regarding Scope: C. Viverito
- VII. Old Business
 - a) Remote Proctoring Update and Testing Fee: Marolon Mangham
 - b) LASACT Conference 2022 Update: Marolon Mangham
 - c) HB 826 Update: Marolon Mangham
- VIII. Executive Director's Report:

Adjourn Meeting: Next Meeting date: July 31st, 10:30am @ LASACT Conference

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I. Call to Order

April 22, 2022, regular meeting of the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority Board was called to order by Roy Baas, Chairman, at approximately 11:30 A.M the meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice and notice was properly posted.

II. Roll Call (Attachment 1)

Members Present:

Roy Baas, LAC, CCGC, CCS, Chairman
Paul Schoen, LAC, CCGC, Vice-Chairman
Catherine Lemieux, PhD, LCSW
Susan Thornton, EdD, LPP, LPC-S, NCC, LPP, RPT-S
Adrian Perron, LAC, CCS
Chris Andrews

Members Absent:

Dr. Catrice Tolbert, PhD

ADRA Staff Present:

Lauren Smith, Executive Director
Renee Franklin, Assistant Director

III. Public Introductions

Marolon Mangham, Executive Director of LASACT

IV. Approval of January 14, 2022, Minutes (Attachment 2)

A draft of the January 14, 2022 board meeting minutes was presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Adriane Perron seconded by Catherine Lemieux to accept the January 14, 2022 minutes. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

V. Treasurer's Report (Attachment 3)

The 2022 January, February, and March Treasurer's Reports were presented by Lauren Smith, Executive Director. A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Paul Schoen to accept the report as given. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

VI. Public Questions or Comments:

None at this time

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VII. New Business

a) Executive Session:

A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Paul Schoen to enter executive session. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Chris Andrews and seconded by Paul Schoen to end executive session. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

- b) Merit/Cost of Living Increase: A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Catherine Lemieux to approve the proposed Merit/Cost of Living Increase for the ADRA staff members effective May 1, 2022. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.
- c) Approval of Applicants to be Credentialed: A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Catherine Lemieux to approve the applicants to be credentialed. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.
- d) Ethics Board Response – Advisory Opinion: The Board of Ethics informed the ADRA Board that ADRA can have a LAC as an Executive Director, provided they are not getting paid from both places at the same time.
- e) FSSolutions Agreement: The ADRA Board now has an agreement with FSSolutions for individuals who are under consent agreement or ethical violations to have access to a reporting portal for random drug screens, ability to upload meeting notes and other documents that will be monitored by Lauren and Paul as per the conditions of their consent agreement.
- f) Policy and Procedure – Felony Waiver: The ADRA office has been getting an influx of inaccurate/incomplete felony waiver information from applicants who are requesting a felony waiver from the ADRA board. Lauren has created a more detailed and informative felony waiver policy and procedure to help eliminate some of the misunderstandings the applicants may have.
- g) Felony Waiver Request: M. Collins – A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Paul Schoen to approve the felony waiver request of M. Collins. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.
- h) Degree Waiver: S. Kerr – A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Paul Schoen to approve the degree waiver request of S. Kerr. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.
- i) Consent Agreement: J. Gipson – A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Catherine Lemieux to approve the conditions of the consent agreement for J. Gipson. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

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- j) Concerns Regarding Scope: C. Viverito – Ms. Viverito currently holds a CIT status. Ms. Viverito expressed to the board her concerns about the limited scope of practice of the LAC and the lack of authority to lobby. The board referred Ms. Viverito to Marolon Mangham at LASACT to see if she can better assist Ms. Viverito with her lobbying concerns and encouraged her to continue fighting for this profession. We need more voices.

VIII. Old Business

- a) Remote Proctoring Update and Testing – Remote proctoring is now up and running at the LASACT office. If an applicant chooses to test remotely, the cost of the remote proctoring test is \$300.00
- b) LASACT Conference 2022 Update: Marolon Mangham – The LASACT Conference will be held July 31-August 3, 2022, in New Orleans, LA. Marolon informed the board that hotel reservations are now open. Hotel rooms can be booked under the LASACT in order to get the discounted rate that has been locked in for LASACT attendees.
- c) HB 826 Update: Marolon Mangham – HB 826 bill is on the last reading for the House. As of right now, ADRA counselors should not be doing telehealth unless it is an assessment for someone within a custodial setting.

IX. Executive Directors Report

The ADRA staff has been busy working on the current renewal cycle. Our office has been receiving an increased amount of CIT applications. We are extremely excited about this increase.

Adjourn Meeting: A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Paul Schoen to adjourn meeting. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative. The next ADRA board meeting will be held at the LASACT Conference in New Orleans on Sunday, July 31, 2022 at 10:30am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Bass, LAC, CCGC, CCS Chairman