

ADDICTIVE DISORDER REGULATORY AUTHORITY BOARD
MEETING

ADRA
Crowne Plaza
739 Canal Street
Bienville Room
New Orleans, LA 70130
July 31, 2022
10:30 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: Bernadine Williams, Secretary/Treasurer
 - a) April 2022
 - b) May 2022
 - c) June 2022
- V. Public Questions or Comments
- VI. New Business
 - a) New Board Member Introduction
 - b) Approval Of Application to be Credentialed
 - c) End of Year Financial Report
 - d) Background Check Companies
 - e) Misdemeanor Guidelines
 - f) Degree Waiver Request: T. Moore
 - g) Felony Waiver Request: H. Cotton
- VII. Old Business
 - a) Remote Proctoring Update and Testing Fee- Marolon Mangham
- VIII. Executive Director's Report:

Adjourn Meeting: Next Meeting date: October 21st @ ADRA Office

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Minutes

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I. Call to Order

July 31, 2022, regular meeting of the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority Board was called to order by Roy Baas, Chairman, at approximately 10:30 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
Susan Thornton, PhD, LPP
Adrian Perron, LAC, CCS

Members Absent:

Chris Andrews
Catrice Tolbert PhD
Samita Prasad, MD, MPH, MBA

ADRA Staff Present:

Lauren Smith, Executive Director
Renee Franklin, Assistant Director
Melody Stewart Administrative Assistant

III. Public Introductions

Marolon Mangham, Executive Director of LASACT
Adam Vidrine
Helen Cotton

IV. Approval of April 22, 2022, Minutes (Attachment 2)

A draft of the April 22, 2022, board meeting minutes was presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended by Adrian Perron seconded by Paul Schoen to accept the April 22, 2022, minutes. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

V. Treasurer's Report (Attachment 3)

The April, May, and June 2022 Treasurer's Reports were presented by Lauren Smith, Executive Director. A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Susan Thornton 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) *New Board Member Introduction:*

Samita Prasad, MD, MPH, MBA- Dr. Prasad couldn't make it today due to a prior engagement. Dr. Prasad has been appointed as our new Medical Director to replace Dr. Roy. She is the Assistant Professor of Addiction Medicine in the Dept of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at Tulane. She is also the medical director at Long Branch and the VP of Louisiana Society of Addiction Medicine. She came highly recommended by Dr. Roy.

b) *Approval of Applicants to be Credentialed:*

A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Susan Thornton to approve the Applicants to be Credentialed.as amended. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

c) *End of Year Financial Report:*

We ended the year in a surplus. The state annual financial report is due in August. Lauren and Eric (CPA) will be meeting the on August 9th to work on preparing the necessary information so the report will be submitted in a timely manner.

d) *Background Check Companies:*

Due to inconsistent results from the background checks we have received from Southern Research, Lauren has started looking into a few other companies to work with for background checks. Lauren contacted Universal Background Screening to receive a quote. As time permits Lauren will continue looking to see what other options are available within our budget.

e) *Misdemeanor Guideline:*

The ADRA office has received an influx of applicants with misdemeanor charges. Per the Board, due to legislation, the ADRA does not have the authority to request additional information on misdemeanor charges.

f) *Degree Waiver Request – T. Moore:*

A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Paul Schoen to approve the degree waiver request of T. Moore. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

g) *Felony Waiver Request – H. Cotton:*

The Board requested that Ms. Cotton provide records/receipts of restitution payments from May 7th, 2021 to present, before a decision will be made. The Board will revisit at next board meeting.

VIII. *Old Business*

a) *Telehealth Status Update*

The Telehealth Rule to include LAC, CAC, RAC, LPP, CPP, RPP and CCGC passed and will be effective August 1, 2022. Included in the board meeting packet is a revised version of the LPC rule regarding their Telehealth policy. The Board asked to review it to see if there was anything they wanted to change or add and will be discussed at the next rule change committee meeting.

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IX. Executive Directors Report

Renewal cycle went smoothly. Renee and I took a hands-on approach. Even after sending out mass reminders, as time got closer to their renewal, we made a list of renewals that hadn't been completed and helped people complete their renewals in a timely manner. This will most likely be our process from now on.

Reminder: Boards members are reimbursed for one night of hotel stay. Please email me a copy of your receipt or be sure to give me copy before you leave after you check out. I be mailing out reimbursement/mileage checks when I get back to the office after the conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Bass, LAC, CCGC, CCS Chairman