

ADDICTIVE DISORDER REGULATORY AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

ADRA/Zoom  
4919 Jamestown Avenue  
Ste. 203  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
April 28, 2023  
11:00 A.M

- I. Call to Order: Roy Bass, Chairman
- II. Roll call; set quorum: Roy Baas, Chairman
- III. Public Introductions and Representation
- IV. Approval of January 20, 2023, Minutes: Roy Baas, Chairman
- V. Treasurer's Report: Bernadine Williams, Secretary/Treasurer
  - a) January 2023 -March 2023
- VI. Public Questions or Comments
- VII. New Business
  - a) TPN Presentation
  - b) Introduction of Board Members
  - c) Approval of Applicants to be Credentialed.
  - d) Reciprocity Standards for CCS (Telehealth)
  - e) Degree Waiver Request
  - f) Annual Merit Increase and Office Hours
  - g) 2023-2024 Budget
- VIII. Old Business
  - a) Health Standard- Felony Exclusion: Celia Cangelosi
  - b) LASACT Conference Update: Marolon Mangham
  - c) Board Member Orientation for October 2023: Celia Cangelosi

IX. Executive Director's Report:

Adjourn Meeting: Next Meeting date: July 30, 2023 @ LASACT Conference

Minutes

Regular Meeting of Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority Board

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I. Call to Order

The April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 regular meeting of the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority Board was called to order by Roy Baas, Chairman, at approximately 11:00 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  
Catherine Lemieux, Ph. D LCSW  
Susan S. Thornton, Ed. D, LPP, LPC-S, NCC, RPT-S  
Catrice Tolbert Ph. D  
Adrian Perron LAC, CCS  
Smita Prasad, MD, MPH, MBA – Medical Director

Members Absent:

Chris Andrews  
Paul Schoen, LAC, CCGC – Vice-Chairman

ADRA Staff Present:

Lauren Smith, Executive Director  
Renee Franklin, Assistant Director  
Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney

III. Public Introductions

Marolon Mangham, Executive Director of LASACT  
Jordon Blacher, Assistant Director of LASACT  
Gail Smith, LASACT  
Casey Richard  
Carla JeanBaptiste

IV. Approval of January 20, 2023, Minutes (Attachment 2)

A draft of the January 20, 2023 board meeting minutes was presented for approval. A motion was made by Susan Thornton and seconded by Adrian Perron to accept the January 20, 2023 minutes. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

V. Treasurer's Report (Attachment 3)

The January 2023-March 2023 Treasurer's reports were presented by Lauren Smith, Executive Director. A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Catrice Tolbert to accept the report as given. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

VI. Public Questions or Comments:

None

VII. New Business

a) TPN Presentation:

TPN gave a quick presentation about the program they are creating to potentially replace Certemy. A motion was made by Susan Thornton and seconded by Adrian Perron to explore TPN as a new possible digital credentialing platform. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

b) Introduction of Board Members

Since we have had a few new board members, Susan Thornton suggested that we have a quick introduction. Each ADRA board member went around the table to formally introduce themselves and share some information about their work specialties.

c) Open Meeting Law: Celia Cangelosi

Celia Cangelosi requested that we postpone this topic for another meeting. The board agreed.

d) Approval of Applicants to be Credentialed:

A motion was made by Susan Thornton and seconded by Adrian Perron to approve the list of applicants to be credentialed. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

e) Reciprocity Standards for CCS (Telehealth)

The ADRA staff was presented with a CCS reciprocity application from an individual that resides and works in another state. Her intention was to provide clinical supervision to CIT's living in Louisiana via Zoom or other digital means. The board decided that this was not something that they wished to pursue at this time.

f) Degree Waiver Request: C. Richard and B. Pepin

A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Catherine Lemieux to approve the degree waiver request for C. Richard. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Catherine Lemieux and seconded by Adrian Perron to approve the degree waiver request for B. Pepin. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

g) Annual Merit Increase and Office Hours:

At the April 2022 board meeting, the board requested that we include the annual merit increase to our agenda for all April board meetings moving forward. A staff merit increase was requested by Lauren Smith, along with a request to temporally increase hours to 32-38 hours per week as needed.

The board requested that Lauren present documentation of what a merit increase would look like at 2%, 3%, and 4% with an increase to 38 hours per week at our next board meeting.

A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Catrice Talbert to approve the increase in employee hours from 32 to 38 hours on a temporary basis until the next board meeting; at which time the board will re-evaluate. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

h) 2023-2024 Budget:

The proposed 2023-2024 budget was presented to the board for review. A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Catherine Lemieux to approve the proposed 2023-2024 budget. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

VIII. Old Business

a) Health Standards – Felony Exclusion: Celia Cangelosi

A copy of LA R.S. 40:1202.3 was given to board members. Celia Cangelosi provided the board some answers to questions the board had regarding recent legislation from Health Standards and prior felony convictions and how it relates to the ADRA and the credentialing process.

b) LASACT Conference Update:

The LASACT conference will be held July 30- August 2, 2023 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. The board meeting will be held on Sunday, July 30, 2023, at 10:00am.

c) Board Member Orientation for October 2023:

Celia Cangelosi will collaborate with board member, Susan Thornton, to create a new board member orientation.

IX. Executive Director's Report:

Lauren Smith has a meeting next Tuesday with the work study coordinator from LSU to review the contract. She was finally able to speak with the coordinator with Southern and has started the process to get approved with them to be a work study employer.

A motion was made by Adrian Perron and seconded by Catherine Lemieux to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote.

The next board meeting will be held July 30, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

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Roy Baas, LAC, CCGC, CCS, Chairman