**State of Louisiana**

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the**

**Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders (LCAD)**

February 10, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bienville Building, 1st Floor, Conference Room #173

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

* Dr. Wickramasekera,
* Shelley Mockler
* Dr. Thomas Lief
* Kerri Cunningham
* Freddie Landry
* Kathleen Leary

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

* Lana Bel
* Dr. Susan Tucker
* Mike Slocum
* Damian Marsala

**OBH / HQ STAFF ATTENDING:**

* Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, OBH Medical Director
* Ken Saucier
* BJ Stafford (scribe)

**GUEST:**

* Stephen Taylor

Meeting began at 1:10 p.m.

**I. SERENITY PRAYER & ROLL CALL**

Kerri Cunningham called the meeting to order. Dr. Thomas Lief led the Commission members and guests in a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

BJ Stafford conducted roll call.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2015 MINUTES**

The January 2015 minutes was reviewed. Freddie Landry and Dr. Thomas Lief reported corrections to the minutes were needed. Approval of the January 2015 minutes was postponed until the February 2015 meeting.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**a.****Review and Update the Strategic Plan**

The review and approval of a draft letter crafted by the Commission Chair, Kerri Cunningham, were moved to the May 2015 LCAD meeting. This draft letter is to invite the Local Governing Entities (LGE) to future Commission meetings and to review newly developed orientation materials.

A discussion was held on filling vacant seats on the LCAD. Ms. Cunningham reported that she submitted resumes to the Governor’s Office.

**b. Adoption of Proposed By-laws**

Freddie Landry recommended a large number of changes to the LCAD By-laws, but she was unable to find her copy that included the revisions. A suggestion was made to check Carol Foret’s office to determine if she has the revised document.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Report from the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) – Dr. Rochelle Dunham, OBH Secretary**

Dr. Rochelle Dunham shared information on the following topics with the members of the Commission:

* Transitioning to the new Managed Care Organization (MCO), Bayou Health Care Plans,
* November 30, 2015 is the last day for Magellan of Louisiana, Inc.
* Clinical Advisor,
* Nursing Services,
* Billing System,
* Open Enrollment to Medicaid Eligible
* New Enrollees of the Bayou Health Care Plans
* Non-Medicaid Request For Inquiries (RFI)

**b. Report from Commission Members on Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Activities/Meetings**

Kerri Cunningham reported that multiple RAC members said they would like the Commission on Addictive Disorders members to attend their RAC meetings. RAC members have previously contacted different Commission members to invite them to a meeting and the Commission members failed attend.

**c. Report from Freddie Landry on the Integration Advisory Group**

Freddie Landry reported the Integration Advisory Group meeting on Friday, February 6, 2015, had standing room only. Everyone attending was concerned about the behavioral health services integration with Bayou Health. There were six (6) questions people would keep referring back to. The next meeting will be held Friday, February 20, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Landry reported that she will attend the February 20, 2015 meeting and will update the Commission members at the March 2015 LCAD meeting.

Ms. Landry provided Commission members with a listing of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

**d. Report from Kerri Cunningham on the Louisiana Behavioral Health Advisory Council (LBHAC)**

Kerri Cunningham informed the Commission that the LBHAC members wanted to know why the Commission members were not at RAC meetings and/or LGE meetings.

Ms. Cunningham suggested that Commission members attend LGE meetings outside the area they represent and to call Commission members that haven’t been participating in the RAC and/or LGE meetings. She went on to say that until Commission members participate in the LGE meetings they won’t know the roll we perform.

Dr. Rochelle Dunham stated the Commission members need to develop the relationships with the LBHAC and legislatures. A minimum of five (5) Commission members need to apply this principle to get the LCAD’s momentum moving. She informed the LCAD that they should leverage their voice. People put their energy into what they think is a priority. Be a voice that is noticed, attend meetings, etc.

Freddie Landry asked when the new application for the SAPT Block Grant funds was going to be submitted. She stated the LCAD is to advise how these funds should be spent and would like to review the completed application. Kenneth Saucier informed Ms. Landry that the application is posted on the DHH/OBH website. Kerri Cunningham offered to email Quinetta Womack to obtain a copy of the application.

**e. Discuss Rule Change per Strategic Plan**

Goal One is to increase capacity of the LCAD byfilling vacant Commission seats. Commission members discussed the rule change process. An action step under Goal One (1) and Strategy Two (2) on LCAD’s current Strategic Plan recommends that the Commission obtain clarity on the rule changing process to determine in what instances changing of rules require legislative approval. Ms. Cunningham reported reviewing the process and will continue to study the instructions so the Commission can move forward in accomplishing goal one.

A discussion among the Commission members was held on the need to fill the vacant Commission member seats. There are regions/areas within the State in need of representation on this commission. Kerri Cunningham volunteered to contact the Office of Boards and Commission located in the Governor’s Office to get definite process/directions to fill the vacant Commission seats.

**f. Discuss Dr. Tucker’s Nomination as Vice Chair**

This agenda item was not address.

**g. ADRA/LASACT Monthly Report** (Optional)

Representatives for the ADRA and LASACT were not present at the February 2015 meeting.

**V. NEXT COMMISSION MEETING**

The next meeting of the LCAD was discussed, and the date, time and location were set. The next meeting will take place in the Bienville Building, in Baton Rouge, at OBH Headquarters, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Dr. Tom Lief recommended inviting Yolanda Webb, Metropolitan Human Services District Executive Director, to this meeting.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Kerri Cunningham called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Wick motioned to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.