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

**May 2014 Minutes**

May 13, 2014

1:10 p.m.

**Commission Members Present:**

* Kerri Cunningham
* Lloyd Hernandez
* Freddie Landry
* Kathleen Leary
* Tom Lief
* Anthony Wick

**Commission Members Joined by Conference Call:**

* Dr. Susan Tucker

**Commission Members Absent:**

* Lana Bel**l**
* Damon Marcella
* Jon Lance Nickelson
* Michael Slocum

**OBH/HQ Staff Attending:**

* Kenneth Saucier, OBH Director of Regional Services
* Dr. Susan Austin, OBH Chief Psychologist
* Carol Foret, OBH Program Manager 1-A/DHH

**OBH/HQ Staff Joined by Conference Call:**

* Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, Interim Assistant Secretary
* Jennifer Katzman, OBH Director of Research & Special Projects

**OBH/HQ Staff Absent:**

* Quinetta Womack, OBH Director of Adult Residential Services

**Guests in Attendance:**

* Marolon Mangham, LASACT
* LaMiesa Bonton, ARDA
* Marie Collins, Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Office-Acadiana Recovery Center Treatment Programs

**Guests Joined By Conference Call:**

* Rob Reardon, Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Office, Director of Corrections

**I. SERENITY PRAYER & ROLL CALL**

Freddie Landry called the meeting to order and Dr. Tom Lief led the Commission members in the Serenity Prayer. Carol Foret conducted roll call.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2014 MINUTES**

Committee members were provided a copy of the April 2014 meeting minutes. Ms. Landry called for a motion to approve the April 2014 meeting minutes. Dr. Tony Wick made a motion to approve the minutes. Kathleen Leary seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed to approve the April 2014 minutes.

**III. PROGRAM: ISSUES IN SENTENCING OF DRUG OFFENDERS – DISCUSSION WITH THE LOUISIANA SENTENCING COMMISSION TASK FORCE**

Members of the Louisiana Sentencing Commission Task Force (LSCTF) attended the Louisiana Commission Addictive Disorders’ (LCAD) May 13, 2014 regular monthly meeting either in person or by teleconference to collaborate on common interest and concerns. Members of the Sentencing Task Force who were in attendance by either method were: Marie Collins, Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Office; Rob Reardon, Director of Corrections for the Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Office; Dr. Susan Tucker, Commission Member; and Dr. Susan Austin, OBH Chief Psychologist. The following topics were discussed:

* Louisiana Sentencing Commission Task Force (LSCTF)
* Department of Corrections (DOC) Available Treatment Resources
* Best Practices
* Assessments
* LASACT-Substance Abuse (SA) Competency Testing of Mental Health Professionals taking SA Positions
* OBH Certification/ Credential Unit
* Re-Entry Commission
* Accomplishments of the Task Force
* ACT 389 – (House Bill 442- [**Joseph Lopinto**](http://house.louisiana.gov/H_Reps/members.asp?ID=80)) Provides relative to sentencing and treatment of certain offenders convicted of certain violations of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law
* Drug Court Treatment Programs and LGE’s
* Roll out of Act 389
* DOC’s Plans for Expanding the Program
* Commonalities between LACD and LSCTF
* Collaboration (between LSCTF and LCAD) Next Steps
* An Acadiana Recovery Center Treatment Programs Brochures was distributed to meeting attendees
* Lafayette Parish Sheriff’s Office now owns and operates Acadiana Recovery Center Treatment effective March 6, 2014
* Reviewed programs offered

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

* **REPORT FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS ON RAC ACTIVITIES/ TRAINING**

Members of the Commission were asked to share their experiences with any Regional Advisory Council (RAC) activities and/or trainings since the last meeting by Freddie Landry. Kathleen Leary reported South Central Louisiana Human Services Authority (SCLHSA) Regional Advisory Council (RAC) held its scheduled book review on the “Beautiful Boy.” The book was written about a family with a son who had a methamphetamine addiction. There were approximately 55 counselors in attendance who received educational credit and one family who received help with an addiction issue. A vast majority of the 55 counselors in attendance were from a profession other than addiction.

A clarification was provided to the Commission members by Kenneth Saucier regarding the wait period at the Pathways Red River Treatment Center Co-Occurring Unit. During the April 2014 Commission meeting, a comment was made there is a six week wait period before a person could be admitted for treatment at the Pathways Red River Treatment Center Co-occurring Unit. Mr. Saucier verified with Vicki Canella, Facility Administrator, the wait time for their Co-occurring Unit is three weeks if they are really backed-up but normally no more than two weeks.

Ms. Marolon Mangham reported Pathways won the bids to take over Cenla Chemical Dependency Council in Pineville and Centikor Joseph R. Briscoe Treatment Center in Lake Charles.

* **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Freddie Landry shared the tentatively scheduled eight (8) hour meeting to review LCAD’s current strategic plan that was to occur in place of the June 2014 monthly meeting will have to be postponed for several months. Ms. Landry is awaiting approval from Dr. Rochelle Dunham on the proposal submitted to her requesting reimbursement of certain expenditures and the logistics on how the Commission proposes to accomplish the task.

* **REPORT ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DAY**

Freddie Landry reported about 300 people participated in the Behavioral Health Day activities held on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at the State Capital. Ms. Landry spoke on Prevention at the event held on the steps of the State Capital.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

* **REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (OBH) - Dr. ROCHELLE DUNHAM, OBH INTERIM ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

Dr. Rochelle Dunham provided participants of the Commission meeting with a chart containing the current status on legislative bills. Dr. Dunham then introduced Jennifer Katzman and asked her to review the legislation chart with everyone and answer any questions that may arise.

The following topics were talked about by Dr. Dunham and other OBH members present at the meeting:

1. OBH plans to pursue Good Samaritan Law changes during the 2015 Legislative Session.
2. SAT-ED Grant
3. For Adolescents and Young Children
4. SAMSHA Grant
5. SAT-ED Project Office Grant Review Occurred
6. Dr. Lief recommended the SAT-ED Grant be included on the agenda for LCAD’s June 2014 meeting.
7. SAMHSA noticed that there is still not enough of an addiction voice in the LBHAC. It requires the members of the LCAD to think through what level of commitment they want to make to the LBHAC and that each member join a separate LBHAC’ sub-committee so that addiction has more of a voice on that level in terms of what is happening.
8. Dr. Dunham offered to have Dr. Williams join the July 2014 meeting to provide information on how one can be appointed to a LBHAC sub-committee.
9. Freddie Landry stated that she and Kathleen Leary were the only two LCAD members that are on a council that represent addiction. The procedure for how a LCAD member could become a member of the LBHAC is a question she has. It appears that one has to be invited and voted to be on LBHAC whether it to be a RAC representative, representative from a state agency or an advocacy agency.
10. Dr. Dunham asked Carol Foret to get in contact with Dr. Kashunda Williams, Psychologist; Melanie Roberts, NAMI Liaison and Karen Stubbs HPM, Deputy Assistant Secretary to think through how OBH can have more addiction voice on the council and what’s happening with the council (LBHAC). Put on the June 2014 agenda to have others present and to have a healthy dialog of how LCAD members can be invited to be a member of the LBHAC and/or one of their sub-committees.
11. House Bill 714,
12. House Bill 493 (defeated),
13. House Bill 720
14. How the Good Samaritan Law correlates with Representative Joseph P. Lopinto’s House Bill 332

* **REPORT FROM QUARTERLY LOUISIANA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (LBHAC)**

Freddie Landry reported the quarterly meeting for the LBHAC was held on Monday, May 5, 2014. Ms. Landry shared information on two of the topics that were discussed: State Adolescent Treatment Enhancement and Dissemination (SAT-ED) Grant and the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Grant.

On Tuesday, May 6, 2014 the SAT-ED Grant Monitoring Visit occurred with Kathleen Prejean giving a presentation on this grant. It would be great if Ms. Prejean would share what OBH will do or has done since the monitoring visit and reveal some of the grant monitor’s serious suggestions and requirements. Ms. Landry went on to talk about the PSH Grant and reported Magellan is now helping with the PSH Grant. There are available beds and apartments around the state. Anyone can apply through the Magellan of Louisiana website or by calling the Magellan of Louisiana PSH toll-free line at 1-800-424-4461 or call the Magellan of Louisiana Member Help/Services Line at 1-800-424-4399.

* **ARDA/LASACT MONTHLY REPORT (OPTIONAL)**

Freddie Landry asked LaMiesa Bonton if she had a report from ADRA to share. Ms. Bonton reported the following:

1. Participants of the LCAD meeting were provided with copies of the May 2014 Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority Licensing Status Quarterly Report and the Renewal Trends Report. The Licensing Status Quarterly Report now contains more accurate numbers that tell a better story regarding the number of current counselors statewide.   A percentage category was added so that you are better able to see the renewal trend. Dr. Lief recommended that ARDA add dually licensed professionals to the Licensing Status Quarterly Report.  A recommendation was also made to include the license number of each professional into the ADRA data base.
2. The Registered Addiction Counselors (RAC)/Certified Addiction Counselors (CAC) Scope of practice rule change was submitted and no public comments were received.  The final rule should be effective May 20, 2014.
3. There are currently substantial changes being proposed to the rule regarding prevention, which has gone out to all of the counselors for their comments with a deadline by April 25, 2014.  Only a few counselor comments were received.  ADRA will present the comments received to the ARDA Board on Friday, May 16, 2014.

Marolon Mangham provided the Commission members with an update from LASACT. They were updated with the following information:

1. A hearing on the Licensing Standards was previously held. At the last Commission meeting, Dr. Dunham asked everyone to review the new licensing standards and submit any comments. LASACT submitted its comments but has not received any feedback. LASACT believes that the proposed rule change would cut out some of the small providers. Jennifer Katzman verified that OBH is currently developing responses to all of the received comments.
2. LASACT will hold a year-long addiction counselor training in Baton Rouge for people who don’t have addiction specific training. The training is called the LACT.
3. The LASACT Conference is scheduled for August 3 through 6, 2014 in New Orleans.
4. LASACT has a meeting scheduled with Magellan of Louisiana regarding Peer Support reimbursements on Wednesday, May 11, 2014.
5. **COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORTS**

Freddie Landry provided Commission members with a copy of an email she received from DHH Office of Public Health and recommended that the Commission members go to the website and review the new Behavioral Health Service Providers Licensing Standards that were published March 20, 2014. Ms. Landry informed members of the Commission that it’s important for each member to review the proposed document and submit any comments they deem appropriate.

**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, June 10, 2014.

**VI. Adjournment**

Freddie Landry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Slocum made the motion to adjourn, and Dr. Tony Wick seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 p.m.