**Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders**

**June 2013 Minutes**

June 11, 2013

1:10 p.m.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

* Freddie Landry
* Tom Lief
* Anthony Wick

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

* Lana Bel**l**
* Lloyd Hernandez
* Jon Lance Nickelson
* Damon Marcella
* Shelly Mockler

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ATTENDING BY CONFERENCE CALL:**

* Kathleen Leary

**OBH/ HQ STAFF ATTENDING:**

* Dr. Anthony Speier, OBH Assistant Secretary
* Kenneth Saucier, OBH Director of Regional Services
* Charlene Gradney, OBH Program Manager 4
* Carol Foret, Program Manager 1-A/DHH

**OBH/HQ STAFF ATTENDING BY CONFERENCE CALL:**

* Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, OBH Medical Director

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:**

* Holland Counce, CPC Representative
* Marolon Mangham, LASACT
* LaMiesa Bonton, LA-ARDA

**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 MAY 2013 MINUTES**

Committee members were provided a draft copy of the minutes for the May 2013 meeting of the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders. Ms. Landry called for a motion to approve the May 2013 minutes. Dr. Tom Lief made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Tony Wick seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed to approve the May 2013 meeting minutes.

**III GUEST SPEAKER: HOLLAND COUNCE– DISTRICT 20, COOPERATION WITH PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Mr. Holland Counce shared his personal background with the Commission members. On January 8, 2009 he was dying in the River Oaks Detoxification Facility. Three members from Alcoholics Anonymous spoke to the patients there and he has not had a drink or drugs since that time. He went on to say that he is 25 years old and has been sober for four-in-a-half (4½) years.

The following information was shared with the Commission members:

* Mr. Counce worked the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Program, became familiar with the AA program and is a very active member.
* He belongs to two organizations called Corporation of Professional Community (CPC) and Public Information. These two organizations in New Orleans were not very active so they were combined.
* CPC’s mission is to be engaged, put a face to recovery and bring hope to people who are sick and suffering. It also:
* is a self-sustaining group of AA members,
* is strictly about opening the doors to AA,
* AA meetings are held at homes of the different members,
* feels its responsibility is to make sure resources and tools are available to professionals who come into contact with alcoholics and drug addicts,
  + - provides the professional community in District 20, which covers New Orleans Proper, with the necessary resources on 12 Step Programs and AA in order to be able to refer their members suffering with addiction for help,
* helped Tulane University establish an AA meeting on their campus and is now working with their drug and alcohol abuse system,
* reaches out to large corporate companies and large human resource firms who have members suffering with alcohol and drug addiction as well as to probation officers and social workers who come in contact with people who have had multiple infractions involving alcohol and/or drugs in the penal system,
* works closely with jails to ensure AA meetings are brought to them and that prisoners in the jails and members of its administration have the tools needed to help the inmates,
* is very active with Hospitals and Institutions (H&I), which is a great branch, a tentacle of AA that bring meetings, hope and recovery to hospitals and institutions. CPC tries to make sure outpatient and inpatient facilities have the needed resources to give correct information to their patients,
* has a list of names and telephone numbers to supply an outpatient or an intensive inpatient facility with the resources needed so when an individual completes and/or leaves treatment the individual will have the resources to be able to call someone, to be picked up and taken to a meeting or be sponsored.
* CPC’s centralized email address is: District20CPC@GMail,
* Mr. Counce provided his personal telephone number to the Commission members should any member want to contact him: (504) 615-4483.
* CPC does not offer shelter, housing, or food. CPC strictly wants to bring the message about AA and recovery to those who want it.
* CPC has set up racks with resource material and pamphlets at several universities near its counselor’s offices so the universities can have available resources for students who may be in trouble.
* One of CPC’s big responsibilities is honoring request to provide AA meetings at conferences for different organizations. They will host a meeting in the facility the conference is being held and provide resource information. CPC takes on the responsibility of bringing an AA meeting in areas of emergencies or to areas where large gatherings are taking place and requesting its services,
* There are CPC chapters all over the United States; however, states with chapters who are not a 100 members strong do not have active chapters,
* District 20’s CPC Chapter is allocated a budget of approximately $100 a year,
* Marolon Mangham invited CPC to LASACT’s annual conference that will be held July 28 thru 31, 2013 in Bossier City. She also gave Mr. Counce one of her business cards and offered to place CPC’s fliers in each of the registration bags given to each participant of the conference. Ms. Mangham offered CPC to host an AA meeting at the LASACT conference. Mr. Counce informed her CPC would love the opportunity to facilitate an AA meeting at the LASACT conference and would also be able to provide a moderator,
* Dr. Speier asked Mr. Counce if CPC would be interested in having conversations with the Office of Behavioral Health’s Managed Care entity, Magellan of Louisiana, Inc. Dr. Speier stated he would ask Dr. Coenson to connect him with the right person at Magellan of Louisiana, Inc. Mr. Counce responded by saying CPC would like to assist in any way it can with an organization of such scope and size to make sure it has the correct resources, materials and information to give to those who it services.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. STATUS OF HOUSE BILL 156:**

House Bill 156 was amended removing the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders from the bill thereby retaining their existence on April 17, 2013. On April 23, 2013 the House gave final approval and forwarded the bill to the Senate. The bill was then approved by the Senate and signed by the President of the Senate on May 31, 2013, signed into law by the Governor on June 10, 2013, is now Act Number 184 and becomes effective August 1, 2013.

**B. REPORT ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DAY**

Behavioral Health Day was held on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at the State Capitol and was very well attended. Mark Thomas, who chairs Louisiana Behavioral Health Advisory Council, chaired the program and did an excellent job. Magellan of Louisiana, Inc. provided lunch at the Barracks. There were a variety of speakers both from mental health and addiction and many of them talked about the integration and how important it is that they both work together. Senator Sharon Western Broome gave a brief presentation.

**C. NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS – GOVERNOR’S BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Freddie Landry reminded and/or informed members of the Commission that:

* Mr. James Leblanc, Secretary of the Department of Safety and Corrections, had recommended Dr. Susan Tucker for an appointment to the Governor’s Commission on Addictive Disorders.
* Ms. Kendal Melvin is now the contact person for the Governor’s Office Boards and Commissions.
* The Governor has approved the appointment of Dr. Susan Tucker to the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders and the Governor’s Office of Boards and Commissions is also considering Mr. Patrick Dowd for an appointment to the Commission.
* Ms. Melvin reported the vacancies within the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders are now a priority to have filled.
* Freddie Landry emailed the Governor’s Office of Boards and Commissions concerns about the inactive Commission members in Region 5 (Lake Charles) and Region 8 (Monroe).
* The Governor’s Office of Boards and Commissions is open to the Commission’s recommendations to fill its current vacancies.
* Freddie Landry requested recommendations from the Commission members to fill the identified vacancies and requested the recommendations be submitted to her by email so they could be voted on them at the next Commission meeting.
* Ms. Landry thanked Marolon Mangham for contacting Representative Clay Schneider, who wrote House Bill 156 and offered up an Amendment, for his assistance to remove the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders from the bill thereby retaining their existence.
* Dr. Lief made a recommendation Reese Middleton to fill one of the vacancies on the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders. Dr. Dunham stated that Mr. Middleton would be a very good recommendation. Ms. Landry requested one of the Commission members to contact Mr. Middleton and obtain a copy of his resume.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (OBH) – DR. ANTHONY SPEIER, OBH ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND DR. ROCHELLE DUNHAM, OBH MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

The Commission members were updated on OBH with the following information:

* House Bill 281,
* Monitoring process, which is becoming the role of OBH,
* Continued Stay Review Process for hospitals and residential addiction treatment facilities,
* OBH funding sources,
* OBH challenge on how to manage the non-Medicaid population,
* Restructuring provider’s business models - changing provider’s business strategy,
* Charlene Gradney provided the Commission members an update on the ATR Program and the Policy Academy for the Homelessness Sponsored by SAMHSA,
* Preamble of House Bill 1,
* Magellan of Louisiana, Inc.’s Contract,
* Restructuring the Commission to include an emphasis on OBH’s Regional Advisory Councils and on the Behavioral Health Advisory Council,
* Freddie Landry reported the Commission is working with the Advisory Council to use some of the remaining funds to integrate into the RACs and to develop a prevention presentation. A presentation is being developed to enlighten and educate the different RACs to other areas that could be integrated into prevention such as suicide and bullying. The goal is to educate the RACs on the different phases of prevention and how it could be integrated.

**B. ADRA/LASACT MONTHLY REPORT (OPTIONAL)**

*ARDA*

LaMiesa Bonton provided the Commission members clarification on information she provided at the May 2013 meeting. She reported Dr. Ronald Taravella (non-voting member, voted in by the Medical Society) replaced Dr. Louis Cataldie, who retired in December 2012. Ms. Bonton clarified the effective date for the appointment of Dr. Taravella is July 1, 2013.

ARDA has four re-appointments to its board:

Roy Bass, Chairman

Paul Schoen, Vice Chairman

Jean Hertzog, Prevention Secretary

JoAn Brown, Opiate Replacement Therapy

*LASACT*

Marolon Mangham informed members of the Commission that OBH, Magellan, Louisiana Association of Prevention Specialists (LAPS) and LASACT together co-hosted a workshop on Thursday, June 6, 2013. Magellan of Louisiana, Inc. paid for the guest speaker and lunch. The workshop was a great success and Ms. Mangham would like to hold it in several places across the state. There was a great combination of Addiction, Prevention and Peer Recovery Support Specialists who collaborated together and learned each other’s role on the clinical team. The subject of the workshop was Survival and Resiliency, which was mostly about trauma.

Ms. Mangham went on to report that the prevention specialist job task analysis had been taken and LASACT’s new standards and testing domains have been rearranged. LASACT will be communicating all of this information to the prevention specialists in training. Mr. Muriel Harrison conducts test trials for the prevention group. The content of the examination will be a little different. The field has broadened prevention from just alcohol tobacco and other drugs (ATOD) to a broader prevention suicide, pregnancy, and nicotine. The new test will start in December 2013. Ms. Landry indicated that Dr. Harrison will be conducting two-day training at the end of July 2013 before the LASACT Convention.

**C. COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORT**

Freddie Landry reported she continues to work with the Drug Demand Reduction Coalition. A Prevention Team meeting was held Friday, June 14, 2013 at the Hope Center and the Drug Policy Board will soon be having a meeting.

**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, July 9, 2013.

**VI**. **ADJOURNMENT**

Freddie Landry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Tony Wick made the motion to adjourn, and Dr. Tom Lief seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 p.m.