**Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders**

**July 2013 Minutes**

July 9, 2013

1:05 p.m.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:**

* Lloyd Hernandez
* Freddie Landry
* Tom Lief
* Anthony Wick

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

* Lana Bel**l**
* 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
* Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, OBH Medical Director
* Jody Levison-Johnson, OBH Deputy Assistant Secretary, Child and Family Operations
* Kenneth Saucier, OBH Director of Regional Services
* Karen Stubbs, OBH Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Plan Management
* Katherine Prejean, OBH Director of LA SAT-ED
* Kelly Francis, OBH Psychologist 4 – Evaluation and Research
* Carol Foret, Program Manager 1-A/DHH

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:**

* Marolon Mangham, LASACT

**GUEST ATTENDING BY CONFERENCE CALL:**

* LaMiesa Bonton, LA-ARDA

**I. SERENITY PRAYER & ROLL CALL**

Freddie Landry called the meeting to order and Lloyd Hernandez 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 June 2013 meeting of the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders. Ms. Landry called for a motion to approve the June 2013 minutes. Dr. Tony Wick made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Tom Lief seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed to approve the June 2013 meeting minutes.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Freddie Landry informed the Commission that:

* Commission members were provided a copy of the Governor’s June 28, 2013 Press Release announcing appointments to the Commission on Addictive Disorders.
* Dr. Susan Tucker was contacted to obtain contact information and to invite her to the next Commission on Addictive Disorders meeting.
* Dr. Tucker is from Region VII, Caddo Parish, Shreveport
* Obtained contact information for Michael Slocum, who is a retired commander of the Narcotics Section of the Rapides Parish Sheriff’s Department.
* Mr. Slocum is from Region VI, Rapides Parish, Alexandria.
* Mr. Reese Middleton provided Freddie Landry with a copy of his resume.
* Carol Foret will distribute an electronic copy of Mr. Middleton’s resume to the members of the Commission.
* Dr. Dunham conferred with DHH’s Legal Department to verify if Mr. Middleton could be considered for a seat on the Commission due to him being a contractor with the Department of Health and Hospitals. DHH’s Legal Department wants to speak directly with Mr. Middleton to clarify the nature of his contractual relationship and his role in the language of the contract in order for them to formulate an opinion.
* Receipt of DHH’s Legal Department’s opinion must be obtained before Mr. Middleton can be considered for a vacant seat on the Commission of Addictive Disorders.
* Asked Commission members to start thinking about who would be the best candidate for the vacant Vice-Chair position.
* In the next several months, the Commission will need to select a candidate for the vacant vice-chair position and then vote to fill the position.

**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**

Dr. Anthony Speier asked several members of the OBH staff to update the Commission on their sections. The Commission members were provided updates from the following OBH staff:

Jody Levison-Johnson- OBH Deputy Assistant Secretary, Child and Family Operations

Karen Stubbs- OBH Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Plan Management

Katherine Prejean- OBH Program Director of the Louisiana State Adolescent Treatment, Education and Dissemination (LA SAT-ED)

Kelly Francis- Psychologist 4 in Health Plan Management-Evaluation and Research Section

* Dr. Speier reported it’s he and Dr. Rochelle Dunham aspirations in their current roles to:
* develop the use of Evidence Based Practices for addiction treatment in Louisiana,
* create a process in which the workforce can gain additional skills, and
* create a sustainable measure to monitor how well people are performing and their use of learned Evidence Based Practice skill sets.
* Katherine Prejean was asked to share her role in OBH. Ms. Prejean reported on the following information:
* Received a SAMHSA Grant to implement Evidence Based Practices for the adolescent substance abuse population,
* Piloting the program in two sites Capitol Area Human Service District (CAHSD) and Cenikor Foundation. These agencies are currently receiving training, technical support and providing services using Evidence Based Practices,
* Plans to engage in Workforce Development to further disseminate and implement Evidence Based Practices throughout the State,
* These programs are utilizing the Global Appraisal of Individual Needs (GAIN) Assessment and Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (A-CRA) and the Assertive Continuing Care (ACC) for the treatment/therapy models,
* Learning the collaborative portion of the project and
* Peer Support.
* Jody Levison-Johnson- gave the Commission an update on the Child and Family Operations Section:
* Magellan of Louisiana, Inc. operates the Coordinated Systems of Care (CSoC) with a team in OBH State Office and other state agencies who work together to support its implementation.
* CSoC has been implemented in five (5) regions of the state with an additional four (4) regions left to implement statewide.
* OBH’s goal for CSoC is to start implementation activities to expand into the remaining four regions, build infrastructure and to start enrolling children statewide by the end of 2014 State Fiscal Year.
* The state team is also working on a process to assess the community’s readiness for implementation so they can customize the training and technical assistance to be provided.
* Jody Levinson-Johnson was hired into the OBH Deputy Assistant Secretary Position leaving the CSoC Director position vacant. Connie Goodson was hired to fill the vacant director position. Ms. Goodson directed a program comparable to the CSoC program along with Ms. Levinson-Johnson in New York for eight years.
* The Behavioral Health Summit was held in June 2013. The Summit’s focus was on prevention and promotion of mental health. There were 300 people who attended the Summit.
* New forms of residential care were developed for young people as a result of the new CSoC partnership such as Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities and Therapeutic Group Homes. There are now 75 additional beds available to serve young people in Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities.
* A federal site visit was conducted on OBH’s Prevention Section. As a result of the site visit, the OBH Prevention Section received positive feedback, given reminders for the need to provide Prevention Services, to ensure contractors are offering Prevention Services with their prevention funds, and to think how Prevention Services could be offered outside of the school setting, which is OBH’s primary area of focus.
* Karen Stubbs provided the Commission members an overview of Health Plan Management that included:
* Business Intelligent
* Evaluation, Research and Policy
* Quality Management

\* Works with the Behavioral Health Council, Regional Advisory Council and through these councils the Commission on Addictive Disorders

\* Ms. Stubbs will help the Commission on Addictive Disorders integrate their presence into the Regional Advisory Council and obtain a stronger focus there.

* Kelly Francis, Physiologist 4 and Clinician, introduced herself to the Commission members. Ms. Francis was newly hired by OBH Health Plan Management, Evaluation and Research Section.
* Dr. Speier reported as of July 1, 2013 OBH no longer operates any programs or clinics in the communities. OBH marginally manages the Substance Abuse Block Grant and the Prevention and Mental Health Contracts. In one (1) year all of these contracts will be completely under the management of the local governing entities. OBH has completely merged into a managed care system that is provider and consumer driven and is no longer managed by OBH.

OBH’s new mission is to provide technical assistance, health plan management, be experts on a variety of child, adult and disability related co-occurring issues, tri-co-occurring issues and to help assist the Local Governing Entities (LGE) in their development and the development of the workforce anywhere in the state.

Dr. Dunham informed the Commission that OBH has evolved into monitoring management. Its primary responsibility is surveillance and oversight for what is happening across the state. OBH is no longer directly involved in service delivery because it has been regionally disbursed. LGEs have direct authority over the care services they provide but have accountability to the State due to their funding source. Dr. Speier added the Commission’s role is now to identify what the Commission will need to bring to OBH regarding what they and the people they represent are experiencing in the field.

Dr. Speier and Dr. Dunham also discussed the following information with the members of the Commission:

* The makeup, role, function and responsibility of LGEs and the remaining districts,
* Four remaining districts are in the last phase of shadowing and then these districts will become an LGE effective June 30, 2014,
* District to LGE Readiness Reviews,
* Parish Authorities choose the board members and three of the board members are chosen by the governor. There is equal representation from each parish,
* Marolon Mangham asked for a list of the board members in each of the ten (10) districts who represent addiction along with their contact information. Dr. Speier agreed to provide this information and will request Rusty Semon provide this information to the Commission,
* Need for Commission members to develop a relationship with the LGEs/Districts’ Boards,
* Behavioral Health Regional Advisory Council (RAC) is the future vehicle for advocacy in the local communities,
* Commission members serving on RACs,
* The need for Commission members to serve on the RACs,
* The Commission members’ roll in a RAC to be an effective advocate.

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

*ARDA*

LaMiesa Bonton reported to the Commission that the CIT rule change has passed the comment period and the rule change is moving forward to be included in the Louisiana Register. Ms. Bonton updated the quarterly ARDA Credentialing Report and will forward the report to Carol Foret to have disseminated to the Commission members.

*LASACT*

Marolon Mangham reported the LASACT Conference is scheduled to be held July 28 through July 31, 2013 in Bossier City. The conference will be held before the next Commission meeting.

**C. COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORT**

Kathleen Leary reported on her participation in the Houma RAC located in the SCLHSA area. Ms. Leary also informed the Commission that Carol Bennett, a renowned lady, is going to be coming to Houma, Louisiana on September 12, 2013. Ms. Bennett has written a book and she is the voice of the family. The name of her book is “Reclaim Your Life.” Ms Bennett’s book is about what families can do to keep life sane and balanced dealing with or having addictions. She also has a monthly blog for the Huffington Post. At the current time, Ms. Leary only knew that Ms. Bennett would be in Louisiana on September 12, 2013, but offered to provide more information on the event as it’s made known to her. She urged Commission members in their particular areas to make an effort to attend this event.

Freddie Landry reported she continues to work with the Greater New Orleans Drug Demand Reduction Coalition and its Prevention Subgroup. The Prevention Subgroup is developing a survey for parents to obtain their input on the direction parents think the Prevention Subgroup should go. The survey will be administered in Orleans Parish Schools, the RSD, the Algiers Charter School Association, the East Bank Collaborative of Charter Schools and hopefully the Archdiocese. Ms. Landry also reported she continues to work with the Behavioral Health Advisory Council and that next week the Quarterly Drug Policy Board Meeting will be held at which she represents the Commission.

**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 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 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 2:40 p.m.