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|  | ***MINUTES***  ***January 2011*** |  |
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| **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** | Freddie Landry  Kathleen Leary | Tom Lief  George McHugh |

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| **COMMISSION MEMBERS PARTICIPATING VIA**  **CONFERENCE CALL:** | Damon Marsala | Shelley Mockler |

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| **COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** | Lana Bel  Kathy Hayward | Lloyd Hernandez  Jon Lance Nickelson  Tony Wick |

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| **OAD / HQ STAFF ATTENDING:** | Kathy Kliebert  Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham | Daryl Koerth  Galen Schum  Charlene Gradney |

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| **GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** | Marolon Mangham | Lisa Schuster |

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| **I. Serenity Prayer & Roll Call** |

Freddie Landry called the meeting to order. Tom Lief led the Commission members and guests in the Serenity Prayer. Daryl Koerth conducted roll call.

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| **II. Approval of December Minutes** |

The members of the Commission reviewed the December 2010 meeting minutes of the Louisiana Commission on Addictive Disorders. Ms. Landry called for a motion to approve the minutes. Tom Lief made a motion to approve the minutes. Kathleen Leary seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion to approve the December 2010 meeting minutes passed.

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| **III. High Priority Departmental Initiatives** |

***Privatization***. Galen Schum, Director of Regional Operations for the Office of Behavioral Health, gave the Commission a brief update on the status of the Office’s ongoing privatization efforts. Last year, the Office made the decision to privatize six inpatient treatment facilities. Following a long and cautious Request for Proposals (RFP) process, four of the final contracts have been approved, and the other two are expected to receive final approval in the coming week.

***Coordinated System of Care***. Charlene Gradney, OBH Director of Special Initiatives, gave the Commission an update on the Office’s efforts to develop a Coordinated System of Care, in partnership with other departments. According to Ms. Gradney, OBH and Medicaid are working together to facilitate the process of amending the state plan and develop waivers to support the new service delivery structure. Applications for “wrap-around agencies” to participate in the pilot stages of the new coordinated system are due on March 1, and the system pilot is expected to be launched in October. Kathy Kliebert, OBH Assistant Secretary, added that the biggest barrier OBH currently faces with regard to this process is the inability to issue Requests for Proposals (RFPs) until the necessary state plan amendments have been published and released.

George McHugh asked if clinic names around the state would change from “addictive disorders” and “mental health” to “behavioral health.” Ms. Kliebert responded that the names of the clinics will change to “behavioral health clinics” where it makes sense to do so. She offered that more details concerning the changes associated with the new system of care should be available during the next month’s Commission meeting. Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham, OBH Medical Director, stated that consolidation and integration plans are proceeding according to what best serves the needs of consumers, communities, and the agency. She also reminded the Commission that these changes must be a patient and cautious process to prove successful.

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| **IV. Change in OBH Leadership** |

Kathy Kliebert announced to the Commission that she has been selected as the Department’s new Deputy Secretary, and will therefore be leaving her position at the Office of Behavioral Health. She discussed the selection process for seeking new leadership for the Office with the Commission, and stated that Peter Calamari, III, currently serving as the OBH Deputy Assistant Secretary for the System of Care, will temporarily take on the responsibilities of her position of leadership. Although she will be leaving OBH to serve at the Department level, she stated she would still like to receive invitations to the Commission’s monthly meetings, and will attend when her new schedule permits.

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| **V. ADRA and LASACT Monthly Reports** |

***ADRA***. Lisa Schuster, Executive Director of the Addictive Disorders Regulatory Authority, delivered a brief report to the Commission. She reminded the Commission that the Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature is about to start. She also stated that at this time, the operations and initiatives of ADRA are *status quo*.

***LASACT***. Marolon Mangham, Executive Director of the Louisiana Association of Substance Abuse Counselors and Trainers (LASACT), Inc., also gave the Commission a brief report. According to Ms. Mangham, planning for LASACT’s Annual Conference is underway. She stated that discussion has arisen about the possibility for a new certification: the Peer Recovery Support Technician. Dr. Dunham added that this would be especially critical for adolescent services, where a large peer support gap exists. Galen Schum helped clarify the difference between peer support and recovery coaching, and began a short discussion on peer support and credentialing issues.

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| **VI. 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, February 15, 2011.

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| **VII. Adjournment** |

Freddie Landry called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Lief made the motion to adjourn, and Kathleen Leary seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.