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|  | ***MINUTES***  ***July 2010*** |  |
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| **COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** | Freddie Landry  Kathy Hayward | George McHugh  Tony Wick |

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| **COMMISSION MEMBERS PARTICIPATING VIA**  **CONFERENCE CALL:** | None |  |

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| **COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** | Damon Marsala  Tom Lief  Lana Bel  Denise Brister | Kathleen Leary  Shelley Mockler  Jon Lance Nickelson  Lloyd Hernandez |

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| **OAD / HQ STAFF ATTENDING:** | Kathy Kliebert  Dr. Rochelle Head-Dunham |  |

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| **GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:** |  |  |

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

Kathy Hayward called the meeting to order and led the Commission members and guests in the Serenity Prayer. Roll was taken via sign-in sheet.

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| **II. Approval of June Minutes** |

The minutes of the June meeting were distributed to Commission members. Due the lack of a quorum, approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

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| **III. New OBH Assistant Secretary** |

Ms. Hayward introduced Kathy Kliebert, the newly appointed Assistant Secretary for the Office of Behavioral Health. Ms. Kliebert shared that she has been busy formulating a behavioral health plan to address the issues caused by the Gulf Oil Spill. She announced that Dr. Dunham is the newly appointed Medical Director for OBH. She stressed the importance of feedback from Commission members and our constituents. Mr. Kliebert is currently completing her transition out of the Office of Developmental Disabilities.

Ms. Kliebert is working with the national model of behavioral health and is assembling an Executive Team consisting of leaders for Administrative Support, Budgeting, Operations, Programs, and Personnel Policies. The team will also be addressing Quality Assurance in monitoring for direct services and the importance of meeting established outcomes by the providers of services.

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| **IV. High Priority Departmental Initiatives** |

*Privatization*. George McHugh shared his concerns regarding the privatization of addiction treatment. He stated that a letter was sent from the Commission to Governor Jindal, Tony Keck, and all Legislators and Senators indicating that government agencies had proven that they were better at providing addiction services in Louisiana. It was felt that the private sector was interested primarily in making money and that the government agencies had far out-performed the private sector.

It was stated that the RFP’s for privatization were still available for public comment. Freddie Landry commented that there is a significant difference between private for-profit and private non-profit organizations who usually have a mission to serve those in need. Dr. Dunham assured the Commission that the contracts would not end up in the wrong hands. Kathy Kliebert shared her personal values regarding the need for excellent addiction treatment.

Dr. Dunham stated that the Request for Application will be sent out next week, with an expected award date sometime in November.

Kathy Hayward welcomed Kathy Kliebert to her new position and assured her that she would have the support of the Commission.

Dr. Dunham discussed the licensing and funding of the eight (8) methadone programs in Louisiana, assuring the Commission that they would be monitored by the state office.

*Budget Update*. Dr. Dunham then distributed the 2009-10 and 2010-11 budgets for discussion. She stated that OAD had applied for ATR-III and should receive notification of award by September 30, 2010. If awarded, the provider agencies will have to reapply to provide services. ATR-II is ending, and the State budgeted $2.5 million to serve 1,300 people during the transition. Providers who maintained an 80% GRPA rate will benefit from these funds. ATR-I has been reduced by another $4 million. OBH-AD is also working to collaborate with juvenile diversion programs through the Office of Juvenile Justice. Kathy Hayward stated that a partnership should be developed with the Department of Corrections.

George McHugh stated that the liquor and pharmaceutical industries need to step up to the plate in funding substance abuse treatment and prevention. Kathy reminded the Commission members that two current members of the Commission represent the industry: Shelley Mockler and Damon Marsala.

*Coordinated System of Care Update*. It was reported that the Coordinated System of Care initiative is moving quickly, with six work groups in place. The OBH will act as the state purchaser of services, aiming for a start date of January 1, 2011. The target population of this initiative is institutionalized children.

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| **V. Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill** |

The DHH requested $10 million from BP to meet the behavioral health needs of the people affected by the Gulf Oil Spill. LA Spirit has been reactivated, and there are six teams distributed in six of the nine affected areas. This funding ends in September. SAMHSA has been asked to coordinate the efforts for requesting funding and submit one format for all the Gulf states.

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| **VI. Next Commission Meeting** |

The next Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., at DHH Headquarters in Baton Rouge.

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| **VII. Adjournment** |

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.