



**Washington State
Department of Health
Chemical Dependency Certification Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

April 8, 2016

Location:

Department of Health
Town Center Building Two
111 Israel Road S.E., Conference Room 158
Tumwater, WA 98501

Committee members present:

Mark Loes, MBA, CDP, Chair
Kathleen Armstrong, MEd, LMHC, CDP, MHP –
Vice Chair
Mary Schatz, Ph.C., CDP, CRC, LMHCA
Dan Labuda, CDP, Treatment Director

Committee members absent:

Judy Holman, LICSW, LMHC, CDPDSHS-
DSHS-DBHR Representative

AAG present:

Chris Wright, AAG

Staff members present:

Nancy Tyson, Executive Director
Linda Kuntz, Program Support
Hyon Yi, Specialized Intake Supervisor
Tim Farrell, Policy Director
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst

Others present:

Lucy Homans
Diana Cockrey
Joan Miller, Washington Council
for Behavioral Health

Others who present via phone:

Jany's Murphy, PhD, LMHC, CMHS
Lander Mitchel

The Chemical Dependency Professional Advisory Committee (committee) met on April 8, 2016, at the Department of Health, TC2, Room 158, Tumwater, WA 98501. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the meeting agenda was mailed to members of the Chemical Dependency Professional Listserv and posted to the program's website.

1. Call To Order – Mark Loes, MBA, CDP - Chair

9:28 a.m.

- 1.1 Committee members, staff members and public members introduced themselves.
- 1.2 The meeting agenda was approved as written.
- 1.3 The December 4, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as written.

2. Manager Reports – Debra Mendoza, Program Manager

- 2.1 **Budget report** - Ms. Debra Mendoza went over the budget report. The current budget is negative \$214,446.
- 2.2 **Recruitment for vacant advisory committee positions** – Ms. Debra Mendoza reported that 10 applications have been received and are being reviewed.

3. Assistant Attorney General Report – Chris Wright, AAG

Mr. Chris Wright had nothing to report at this time.

4. Current licensing statistics – Hyon Yi, Specialized Intake Supervisor - gave an update on credentialing office statistics. As of the middle of February for the Chemical Dependency Professional in Training (CDPT):

- Active – 1,482
- Closed – 1,571
- Expired – 2,355

The following statistics are for Chemical Dependency Professionals (CPD):

- Active – 2,713
- Closed – 158
- Expired – 2,419

5. Dually-credentialed Providers Working Outside of Agencies – Gina Dick, MA, LMHC, CDP, Mental Health Program Administrator, DBHR, DSHS Ms. Gina Dick gave an explanation of the new requirements allowing dually-credentialed providers to work outside agencies and reviewed the requirements in chapters 388-877, 388-877A, and 388-877B WAC. The main question raised was how the rules will apply to the dually-credentialed providers working outside agencies. It was suggested the rules be included on the credential itself. Mr. Chris Wright, AAG was asked to look into this idea and report back on any conflicts it may raise. The committee members voted and approved (Vote 4-1) to request that the Department of Health look into applying rules to dual-credentialed providers practicing outside of agencies.

6. Online Licensing Project – Dan Renfroe, Project Manager Mr. Renfroe presented information about the Online Licensing and Information Collection (OLIC) project. He explained how online licensing will save time and money. The information collected will be available to the public through data portals. The current committee did not have the opportunity to question or comment on this project. The question was raised as to how people are getting their credentials. Dan will question other provider licensing groups and provide answers to the committee.

7. Legislative Session Review – Nancy Tyson, Executive Director, Health Professions and Facilities Ms. Nancy Tyson reported on these bills that passed during the recent legislative session:

- HB 2439 - Increasing access to adequate and appropriate mental health services for children and youth. This bill also establishes a work group that Department of Health is on but currently not the lead.
- HB 2793 - Providing for suicide awareness and prevention education for safer homes. This bill establishes a task force with a report due December 1, 2019.
- SB 6445 - Clarifying the role of physician assistants in the delivery of mental health services.
- SB 6519 - Expanding patient access to health services through telemedicine and establishing a collaborative for the advancement of telemedicine with reports due December 1, 2016 and December 1, 2017.
- HB 1713 - Integrating the treatment systems for mental health and chemical dependency.

8. Update on Rulemaking for Alternative Training of Specified Health Care Practitioners, chapter 246-811 WAC – Nancy Tyson, Executive Director, Health Professions and Facilities Ms. Nancy Tyson reported that there is a public hearing April 28, 2016, Department of Health, TC2, 111 Israel Road S.E, Room 158, Tumwater, WA. The rules have been through the code advisor. A question was raised regarding the huge number of graduate students who could be disqualified, if the rule stays as it currently reads. It was suggested that the concern was emailed to Mr. Burnham for consideration. It was also clarified that the rule applies to credential holders not specifically student or clinicians.

9. Public Comment –
None

10. Consent Agenda – Mark Loes, MBA, CDP – Chair

The items listed under the consent agenda (informational items) are considered routine agency matters and were approved without any additional discussion.

The consent agenda was approved.

12. Future agenda items

- Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Behavioral Health Recovery (DBHR) regulations.
- Development of guidelines for the CDP application process.
- Report from the Credentialing Office about reasons why applications are denied.

13. Adjournment

10:45 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Signature on file

Signature on file

Brad Burnham, MPA, Program Manager
Chemical Dependency Certification
Advisory Committee

Mark Loes, MBA, CDP, Chair
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