On April 5, 2019, the Chemical Dependency Professional Advisory Committee met at the Department of Health, 111 Israel Road S.E., Town Center 1 - Room 163, Tumwater, WA. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the meeting agenda was emailed to members of the Chemical Dependency Professional and Chemical Dependency Professional Trainee’s professional GovDelivery and posted to the professions’ webpages.
Open Session

1. Call to Order - Kathleen Armstrong, MEd, LMHC, CDP, MHP, Chair a.m.  

1.1 Introductions  
Committees' members, DOH staff along with the AAG, and public members in attendance introduced themselves and their area of practice.

1.2 Approval of the agenda  
Prior to approving the agenda, a move was made to add an item. James Chaney updated the advisory committee that Mary Schatz had resigned immediately and Courtney Strong no longer met requirements for a position on the committee. Ms. Schatz served as vice-chair, so a motion was made to select a new vice chair. A motion was made that Kenneth Pimpleton be selected as vice chair. The motion seconded and approved unanimously. Afterwards, the agenda was then reviewed, accepted, and approved as amended.

1.3 Approval of the previous meeting's minutes  
The minutes were reviewed, accepted, and approved.

2. Manager Reports – Ted Dale, Program Support

2.1 Budget Report  
Budget report was handed out and Ted provided an overview. Legal compliance costs were up due to follow-up work being done on legal actions. Otherwise, everything looked good.

2.2 Advisory Committee Member Recruitment  
The department will advertise to fill the two positions vacated by Mary Schatz and Courtney Strong.

2.3 Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) Update  
No additional updates as this is an ongoing process.

2.4 Next meeting date  
- Friday, June 7, 2019 – Joint meeting with Licensed Counselors

3. Assistant Attorney General Reports – Christopher Gerard, AAG  
Chris informed the committee that Luke Eaton would be attendance in his place at the next meeting. There was nothing significant to report. He had given a recent Open Public Meeting training that was well received, and the committee should look at scheduling one in 2020 when new members are brought on board.

4. Current licensing statistics – Joanne Miller, Credentialing Supervisor  
Joanne was unable to attend, but James updated the committee with some statistics that she had shared with him as of 3-20-19. There are 139 Chemical Dependency Professional applicants who hold the following alternate training credentials:

- 12 hold Marriage and Family Therapist licenses
- 99 hold Mental Health Counselor licenses
- 2 hold Psychologist licenses
- 3 hold Social Worker Advanced licenses
- 23 hold Social Worker Independent Clinical licenses
Sept 2018 alternate training credentials

There are 53 Chemical Dependency Professionals who have been issued a credential with alternate training. Of those:

- 3 hold Marriage and Family Therapist licenses
- 36 hold Mental Health Counselor licenses
- 3 hold Psychologist licenses
- 1 hold Social Worker Advanced licenses
- 10 hold Social Worker Independent Clinical licenses

5. **Petition for Rulemaking to address the education requirements to only require the specific coursework rather than the full Associate's Degree – Robert Hayward, CDPT**

Mr. Hayward introduced himself and handed out a 28-page document including transcripts, certificates, and many other documents to support his petition. He began describing his history, education, and background. Since all of this was included in the packet he handed out, the committee asked that he sum up what he was requesting of the committee. The committee, AAG Chris Gerard, and James Chaney all gave additional input and discussed issues surrounding the request, including legislation and how SB5054 was moving along. After listening to all comments and remarks, a motion was made to deny the petition made. The denial was seconded and unanimously approved.

6. **Review of Upcoming Legislative Session – Martin Pittioni, Office Director, James Chaney, Executive Director, and Ted Dale, Program Support**

Ted deferred the review of proposed legislations to Martin Pittioni.

- Martin lightly touched on SB5054 looking at reciprocity for many professions, including the chemical dependency professionals.
- Martin also updated the committee on HB1768. This bill would change the titles of CDPs and CDPTs to substance use disorder professional and substance use disorder professional trainee respectively. This bill would also amend RCW 18.130.175 and prevent the Department from requesting CDPs and CDPTs to participate in a monitoring program if they can demonstrate one (1) year of recovery. Advisory Committee members were reminded that although they may consider contacting their state representatives and senators this must be done in their individual capacity and they cannot make representations “on behalf of” the Department of Health or the Advisory Committee.
- HB 1529 – 5 year recovery program reduced to 1 year for Peer Counselors. Similar to the CDP provisions in SB 1768. Passed in HB 1907 on April 25th.
- HB 1768 – co-occurring disorder specialist enhancement. Essentially a way to account for reimbursement to graduate-level counselors who treat co-occurring disorders.


Since the legislature is still in session and making changes, this item will be addressed at the September meeting.

8. **Public Comment – Kathleen Armstrong, MEd, LMHC, CDP, MHP, Chair**

Jenny Arnold and Cristina Duvall once again petitioned the committee in regards to adding Doctors of Pharmacy as eligible licenses for CDP Alternative Training Certification. Additionally, Estela Clemente addressed the committee via phone. Topics of discussion included education and training, record
keeping, standing orders, and other aspects of a pharmacist’s role as a member of the healthcare team in relation with providing substance use counseling. It was determined that the Pharmacy Commission may need to be involved in public discussions and the committee needs more education on the matter. After the presentation, a motion was made to approve the petition; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

9. Future Agenda Items – Kathleen Armstrong, Med, LMHC, CDP, MHP, Chair
   - Joint meeting in June.
   - Legislative updates.
   - Crisis response – Deb Cummins to arrange for a guest speaker
   - Rulemaking in Chapter 246-811 WAC.

10. Adjournment of the Chemical Dependency Certification Advisory Committee 12:03 P.M.

Submitted by:  
Ted Dale, Acting Program Manager  
Chemical Dependency Certification Advisory Committee

Approved by:  
Kathleen Armstrong, MEd, LMHC, MHP, Chair  
Chemical Dependency Certification Advisory Committee

Next Meeting:  
June 7, 2019 – 9 A.M.
Department of Health  
TC2 – Rm 163  
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