

MINUTES
SUBSTANCE ABUSE/PROBLEM GAMBLING PROGRAM LICENSURE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 13, 2021 – 9:00 A.M.
TELECONFERENCE

This electronic meeting of the Substance Abuse/Problem Gambling Program Licensure Committee was held in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8 entitled "Electronic Meetings." The Code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only if circumstances are such that a meeting in person is impossible or impractical and access is provided to the public. An in-person meeting of the Committee to handle this limited agenda was impractical due to the schedules of the Committee members and the resources of the Department. This electronic meeting originated in the Director's Conference Room, 6th floor, Lucas State Office Building, 321 E. 12th Street, Des Moines and public access to the meeting was provided at this location. Notices and agendas were posted in the building and posted on the Department's web site.

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Ms. McCurley conducted roll call.

ROLL CALL: (All participants were via phone due to COVID-19)

Members Present:	Department Representatives:	Other Attendees:
Vickie Lewis, chair	DeAnn Decker, IDPH	Tara Nahorny -ASAP
Jay Hansen	Lori Hancock-Muck, IDPH	Jane Riter - ASAP
Michael Wolnerman	Amanda McCurley, IDPH	Jerry Lynn Bloom - ASAP

I. Agenda/Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Wolnerman and seconded by Mr. Hansen to approve the December 9, 2020 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Substance Use Disorder/Problem Gambling Licensure

A. Licensure Recommendations

1) One (1) Year License:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Wolnerman and seconded by Mr. Hansen to approve a license for a period of one (1) year to the following programs: **Capstone Behavioral Healthcare Inc., Newton, Iowa**, license effective **October 26, 2020 to October 26, 2021**, and **Silver Lining Evaluations, Walford, Iowa**, license effective **November 8, 2020 to November 8, 2021**. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Deemed Status:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Wolnerman and seconded by Mr. Hansen to approve a license through deemed status to **Adult and Adolescent Substance Abuse Program (ASAP), Burlington, Iowa**, based on the accreditation survey conducted and accreditation awarded by the Council on Accreditation of Children and Family Services, license effective **December 17, 2020 to April 30, 2022**. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Substance Use Disorder/Problem Gambling Update – DeAnn Decker

Ms. Decker shared that Director Jeff Kerber is no longer serving in his role at the Department of Public Health, and his last day was on January 8, 2021. Robin Misel, previous Administrative Assistant, has moved to another role within the Department, and communication to the committee will be coming from Ms. McCurley going forward.

The Bureau is continuing to prepare for the 2021 legislative session. The Department has a new legislative liaison, Maddie Wilcox, and she met with Ms. Decker to discuss upcoming topics for this session that may impact the Bureau of Substance Abuse. The discussion included possible new legislation on suicide prevention, a new support line for mental health (988), problem gambling topics opioid/methamphetamine epidemic and funding for substance abuse. The Substance Abuse bureau, in collaboration with DHS, has submitted an application for the implementation of the 988 helpline to SAMHSA.

Ms. Decker provided an update on the federal block grant funding that could be distributed to the Bureau of Substance Abuse in the near future which will support and expand the work throughout the state over the next two years.

Ms. Decker discussed the RFP suspension process for the contracts and grants within the Bureau to help reduce the burden on providers.

Ms. Decker also discussed the parity rates for Telehealth practices and reimbursements as SUD Treatment programs may be impacted soon.

**IV. Adjournment
Next Meeting**

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Conference Call. This is a scheduled teleconference meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Hansen to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wolnerman. Mr. Lewis adjourned the meeting at 9:23 am.