

MINUTES
SUBSTANCE ABUSE/PROBLEM GAMBLING PROGRAM LICENSURE COMMITTEE
April 14, 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 temporarily suspended pursuant to the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency signed by Governor Kimberly Reynolds on April 13, 2021. The Department's website included a telephone conference number to permit the public to participate in the meeting. Notice of the meeting and agenda were also posted on the Department's website.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Hansen called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Ms. McCurley conducted roll call.

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

Members Present:

Vickie Lewis
Jay Hansen

Department Representatives:

DeAnn Decker, IDPH
Lori Hancock-Muck, IDPH
Heather Adams, IDPH
Amanda McCurley, IDPH

Other Attendees:

Jamie Allen – Infinity Assessments
Trenisha Marie – Infinity Assessments
Rick Pliszka – St. Gregory
William Toomey, legal counsel for A
New Leaf
Jennine Seede, A New Leaf

I. Agenda/Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Ms. Lewis to approve the March 10, 2021 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Ms. Lewis to approve moving the agenda item Substance Use Disorder/Problem Gambling Update by DeAnn Decker before the closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Substance Use Disorder/Problem Gambling Licensure

A. Licensure Recommendations

1) 270 Day License:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Ms. Lewis to approve a license for a period of 270 days to the following program: **Trivium Life Services, Council Bluffs, Iowa**, license effective **April 14, 2021 to January 9, 2022**. Motion carried unanimously.

2) One (1) Year License:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Ms. Lewis to approve a license for a period of one (1) year to the following program: **Alternative Interventions, LLC, Des Moines, Iowa**, license effective **March 25, 2021 to March 25, 2022**. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Deemed Status:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Ms. Lewis to approve a license through deemed status to **YSS, Ames, Iowa**, based on the accreditation survey conducted and accreditation awarded by the Commission on Accreditation of

Rehabilitation Facilities, license effective **April 30, 2021 to December 31, 2021**. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Motion made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Ms. Lewis to approve a license through deemed status to **Prelude Behavioral Services, Iowa City, Iowa**, based on the accreditation survey conducted and accreditation awarded by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, license effective **June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2023**. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Complaint Investigation Report:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Ms. Lewis to accept the Division's recommendations regarding **St. Gregory Recovery Center, BH – 1222-100820**. Motion carried unanimously.

Program representative (Rick Pliszka) had an opportunity to provide his objections to the allegations in the complaint.

5) Denial

- a. Motion made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Ms. Lewis to deny the license application to **Infinity Assessment & Therapy Services, LLC, Des Moines, Iowa**, in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code 641—155.10(1)(d) and 641—155.11(3). The committee may deny an application for a license for failure to comply with a corrective action plan issued pursuant to 641—155.9(125,135) or 641—155.16(125,135). Motion carried unanimously.

Program representatives (Trenisha Marie and Jamie Allen) from Infinity Assessments & Therapy Services, LLC, had an opportunity to provide objections and further clarification to the findings in the denial report.

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

Ms. Decker gave an update on the standing agenda item of the IDPH/DHS alignment project. Ms. Decker had a 30 minute interview with the consultant from the Public Consulting Group. They discussed an overview of the Substance Abuse Bureau, challenges and barriers, duplication of efforts of IDPH and DHS, how Ms. Decker is feeling about the alignment, and readiness for the staff and providers for this alignment. There will be another meet and greet meeting with all the bureau chiefs as the project is now just starting. Ms. Decker stated she would continue to update on the alignment project as it continues.

Ms. Decker shared the federal COVID-19 relief that will be coming in from two different federal bills. The Bureau is now working on Corona Virus Response Relief Supplemental Appropriations that was signed at the end of 2020. The proposal from the Bureau of Substance Abuse will be prioritizing residential treatment programs at this time. The outpatient programs were included in the proposal also. DeAnn met with the Directors for 3 weeks to determine needs/gaps and a plan for addressing these. This is a one time two year funding project and will end March 15, 2023. The focus is on Treatment, Prevention, Intervention, Infrastructure, and Recovery. The collaborative plan has been submitted, and the funds cannot be used until the plan is approved.

Ms. Decker and Ms. Lewis discussed the Committee Member changes that will take place in June, as Ms. Lewis and Mr. Hansen are resigning. Ms. Decker shared that recommendations for future members could be made as members of the Board of Health.

IV. A New Leaf – Mental Health & Wellness - closed session

Motion made by Mr. Hansen and seconded by Ms. Lewis to deny the license application to **A New Leaf – Mental Health & Wellness Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa**, in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code 641— 155.10(1)"b", 641—155.10(1)"d"(1, 2, 3, 9, 11, 16, and 17) and 641—155.11(125,135). The committee may deny an application for a license when the applicant fails to achieve the minimum licensure weighting report rating required for a 270-day initial license or a one-, two- or three-year license and the committee may suspend or revoke a license for any of the grounds for discipline pursuant to paragraph 155.10(1)"d". Motion carried unanimously.

V. Adjournment

Next Meeting

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Conference Call. This is a scheduled teleconference meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Hansen to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Lewis. Ms. Lewis adjourned the meeting at 10:37 am.