

MINUTES
SUBSTANCE ABUSE/PROBLEM GAMBLING PROGRAM LICENSURE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 8, 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. Allen 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:

Andrew Allen
Sandra McGrath

Department Representatives:

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

Other Attendees:

Michele Tilotta – IDPH

I. Agenda/Minutes

Motion made by Ms. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the June 9, 2021 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 Ms. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve a license for a period of one (1) year to the following programs: **Building Bridges Counseling and Associates, Inc., Sioux City, Iowa**, license effective **July 11, 2021 to July 11, 2022** and **Integrated Treatment Services, LLC, Newton, Iowa** license effective **August 9, 2021 to August 9, 2022**. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Deemed Status:

- a. Motion made by Ms. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve a license through deemed status to **Substance Abuse Treatment Unit of Central Iowa, Marshalltown, Iowa**, based on the accreditation survey conducted and awarded by the Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, license effective **December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2023**. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Motion made by Ms. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve a license through deemed status to **Hillcrest Community Mental Health, Dubuque, Iowa**, based on the accreditation survey conducted and awarded by The Joint Commission, license effective **August 26, 2020 to August 26, 2023**. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Motion made by Ms. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve a license through deemed status to **Community and Family Resources, Inc., Fort Dodge, Iowa**, based on the accreditation survey conducted and awarded by the Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, license effective **February 28, 2021 to February 28, 2024**. Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Motion made by Ms. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Allen to approve a license through deemed status to **CRC Recovery Inc., dba: Cedar Rapids Treatment Center, Cedar Rapids, Iowa**, based on the accreditation survey conducted and awarded by the Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, license effective **December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2023**. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Denial:

- a. Motion made by Ms. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Allen to deny a license through deemed status to **Palo Alto County Health System** in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code 641—155.10(1)(b). The committee may deny an application for a license when an 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. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Public Comment for SUD Block Grants – Michele Tilotta

Michele Tilotta, SABG and SYNAR Manager, provided an orientation of the Substance Abuse Block Grant Application and Report process to new committee members. Ms. Tilotta reviewed the reporting periods of the SABG Application, Report, and SYNAR report. Ms. Tilotta reviewed the role of the committee members as the advisory body for the SABG applications and reports and provided links to the SABG Applications and Reports; found at: <https://idph.iowa.gov/substance-abuse/block-grant-reports>. Ms. Tilotta requested the subcommittee review the application when posted and provide any additional comment or input.

Ms. Tilotta reviewed alignment efforts as directed by leadership for alignment of the SABG application and the Department of Human Services Community Mental Health Block Grant. Ms. Tilotta reported IDPH and DHS are collaborating on providing education regarding the two block grants and have engaged various stakeholder groups as part of these efforts. IDPH and DHS, though submitting distinct applications for the next two year cycle, are collaborating on development of shared block grant goals. Ms. Tilotta reported that Laura Larkin will join the Board of Health Subcommittee in October 2021 as part of this education process. The DHS Community Block Grant has been submitted and can be found at: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/mhds-providers/providers-regions/block-grant>

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

Ms. Decker gave an update on the standing agenda item of the IDPH/DHS alignment project. There is an HHS alignment website: <https://hhsalignment.iowa.gov/>, which serves as a hub for

information and updates for the IDPH/DHS alignment effort. Resources, information, and updates will be added as they become available throughout the alignment process. The Substance Abuse Bureau has a representative, Katie Bee, who has been highly involved in the alignment process as a member of the Project Alignment Team. Ms. Decker shared that the alignment process is moving along quickly. Ms. Decker asked the committee members for their feedback or if there was anything she could take back to the Project Alignment Team. Both Ms. McGrath and Mr. Allen shared that the county public health/ other stakeholders throughout the state have felt left out of the process. Ms. Decker mentioned there are plans to hold town halls this fall.

Ms. Decker discussed the COVID-19 funding the Department has received from the CARES Act (\$12.3million) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)(\$10.1 million). The funding from the CARES Act started last March and will last over 2 years and the second round of funding will start on September 1 of this year and will last for 4 years. The Substance Abuse Bureau received feedback from the IPN providers on their funding needs including reimbursement, workforce recruiting and retention, facility repairs and updates, and providers moving to a CCBHC model. The Bureau is currently working on an application with SAMHSA on how to best use the funds going forward. Ms. Decker stated she would continue to update on the funding going forward.

Ms. Decker also asked the committee members if there were any topics they would like to have updates on in the future.

V. Adjournment

Next Meeting

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Conference Call. This is a scheduled teleconference meeting.

Mr. Allen adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.