

MINUTES
SUBSTANCE ABUSE/PROBLEM GAMBLING PROGRAM LICENSURE COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 10, 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. Wolnerman called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Ms. McCurley conducted roll call.

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

Members Present:

Michael Wolnerman
Andrew Allen
Sandra McGrath

Department Representatives:

DeAnn Decker, IDPH
Kevin Gabbert, IDPH
Heather Adams, IDPH
Amanda McCurley, IDPH

Other Attendees:

Ruth Moore – CRC Recovery
Luke Mohr – CRC Recovery
Kim Hayes – NCIMHC - Berryhill

I. Agenda/Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Wolnerman to approve the October 13, 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 Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. McGrath to approve a license for a period of one (1) year to the following programs: **North Central Iowa Mental Health Center dba UnityPoint Health- Berryhill Center, Fort Dodge Iowa**, license effective **September 5, 2021 to September 5, 2022**, and **Children & Families of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa** license effective **September 30, 2021 to September 30, 2022**. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Deemed Status:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. McGrath to approve a license through deemed status to **Zion Integrated Behavioral Health Services, Atlantic, Iowa**, based on the accreditation survey conducted and awarded by the Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, license effective **January 31, 2021 to January 31, 2024**. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Complaint Investigation Report:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. McGrath to accept the Division's recommendations regarding **CRC Recovery, Inc. dba Cedar Rapids Treatment Center, BH-1224-05252**. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Decker gave an update on the Alignment between IDPH and DHS. DeAnn shared the website (<https://hhsalignment.iowa.gov/>) contains up to date information about the Health and Human Services alignment.

Ms. Decker shared the Preliminary Change Package will be available for internal and external review and comment in the next couple of weeks. The packages will contain the initial changes to be made in the alignment of IDPH and DHS. It will contain results from the survey that was completed by stakeholders a month ago. Stakeholders will have from November 15th, 2021 – December 3, 2021 to review and give feedback on the public comments on Preliminary Change Package online.

Ms. Decker shared there are 3 upcoming Q&A sessions for state staff, one will be held outside of core business hours to accommodate different work schedules and demands. There will be sessions held for stakeholders later in the month as well. Invitations and announcements about these sessions will be sent out shortly. Ms. Decker discussed Director Garcia will be attending the next IBHA meeting to discuss the alignment on December 6, 2021. Ms. Decker will continue to update on the alignment process as it progresses and as updates become available.

Ms. Decker discussed the substance use disorder and problem gambling treatment services providers' continued concerns with workforce issues. Ms. Decker shared she has been working closely with the provider network to assess and identify workforce issues across the state at licensed programs. Many programs, especially residential, are experiencing a workforce shortage. Due to this issue the bed capacity is limited statewide. This causes longer than usual waits for clients.

IV. Adjournment

Next Meeting

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Conference Call. This is a scheduled teleconference meeting.

Mr. Wolnerman adjourned the meeting at 9:44 am.