

MINUTES
SUBSTANCE ABUSE/PROBLEM GAMBLING PROGRAM LICENSURE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 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. Wolnerman 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:

Michael Wolnerman
Andrew Allen
Sandra McGrath

Department Representatives:

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

Other Attendees:

Heidi Kammer-Hodge and Sara Staver,
Family Access Center

I. Agenda/Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. McGrath to approve the November 10, 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: **Family Access Center, Sioux City, Iowa**, license effective **August 10, 2021 to August 10, 2022**, and **Rise Up, LLC, Fort Dodge, Iowa** license effective **September 5, 2021 to September 5, 2022**. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Two (2) Year License:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. McGrath to approve a license for a period of two (2) years to the following program: **Avery Comprehensive Services, Des Moines, Iowa**, license effective **October 9, 2021 to October 9, 2023**. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Three (3) Year License:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. McGrath to approve a license for a period of three (3) years to the following program: **Lloyd's Counseling, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa**, license effective **September 14 2021 to September 14, 2024**. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Deemed Status:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. McGrath to approve a license through deemed status to **Area Substance Abuse Council, Inc., Cedar Rapids, Iowa**, based on the accreditation survey conducted and awarded by the Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, license effective **October 31, 2021 to February 29, 2024**. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Motion made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. McGrath to approve a license through deemed status to **Covert Action, LLC, Des Moines, Iowa**, based on the accreditation survey conducted and awarded by the Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, license effective **October 31, 2021 to October 31, 2024**. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Motion made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. McGrath to approve a license through deemed status to **Substance Abuse Services Center, Dubuque, Iowa**, based on the accreditation survey conducted and awarded by the Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, license effective **September 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022**. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Complaint Investigation Report:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. McGrath to accept the Division's recommendations regarding **Avery Comprehensive Services, BH-1126-072821**. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Denial:

- a. Motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. McGrath to deny a license to **New Sight, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa**, in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code 641—155.10(1)(a). The committee may deny an application when the application is not complete, is not timely, or otherwise does not meet the requirements of these rules. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hancock-Muck asked the committee to hold an emergency meeting to review and take action on the deemed status application for the change in ownership of **Center of Behavioral Health Iowa, Inc.** The Department determined that a delay in issuance would impact the delivery of opioid treatment program services to existing patients. Motion made by Ms. McGrath and seconded by Mr. Allen to hold the emergency meeting on December 16, 2021 at 8:00 am.

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 was available for internal and external review and comment. The packages contain the initial changes to be made in the alignment of IDPH and DHS. Stakeholders had from November 15th, 2021 – December 8, 2021 to provide feedback on the public comments on Preliminary Change Package online. Pages 44-55 contain information for behavioral health (mental health and substance abuse). These contain information on Yourlifelowa.org and the helpline, accreditation and licensure, combining block grant efforts, and other topics for mental health and substance abuse services.

Ms. Decker discussed the IBHA meeting held on December 6, 2021 where Director Garcia was in attendance to discuss the alignment. Providers had discussion around Medicaid rates, MCO issue, and the alignment process. Director Garcia emphasized the go live date for the alignment would be July, 1, 2022. Ms. Decker will continue to update on the alignment process as it progresses and as updates become available.

Ms. Decker briefly 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. She plans to continue this discussion next month.

IV. Adjournment

Next Meeting

The Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via Conference Call. This is a scheduled teleconference meeting.

Mr. Wolnerman adjourned the meeting at 10:04 am.