

MINUTES
SUBSTANCE ABUSE/PROBLEM GAMBLING PROGRAM LICENSURE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 12, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.
DIRECTOR’S CONFERENCE ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, LUCAS STATE OFFICE BUILDING
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:

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

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Michael Wolnerman
Andrew Allen
Sandra McGrath

Department Representatives:

Heather Adams, AG
Lori Hancock-Muck, IDPH
Amanda McCurley, IDPH

Other Attendees:

Brittany Palmer, Crossroads
Behavioral Health Services
Cheryl Garland, Integrative
Counseling Solutions
Katie Rosscito,
Heartland Counseling
Services

I. Agenda/Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. McGrath to approve the December 8, 2021 and December 16, 2021 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Substance Use Disorder/Problem Gambling Licensure

A. Licensure Recommendations

1) 270 Day License:

- a. Motion made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Ms. McGrath to approve a license for a period of 270 days to the following program: **Heartland Counseling Services, Storm Lake, Iowa**, license effective **January 12, 2022 to October 9, 2022**. Motion carried unanimously.

2) 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: **Crossroads Behavioral Health Services, Creston, Iowa**, license effective **October 7, 2021 to October 7, 2022**, and **Integrative Counseling Solutions, Inc., West Des Moines, Iowa**, license effective **November 7, 2021 to November 7, 2022**. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Substance Use Disorder/Problem Gambling Update – Lori Hancock-Muck

Ms. Decker was unable to attend today's meeting as she and Leadership at DHS are taking part in a 3 day virtual conference titled "Establishing a Comprehensive and Integrated Crisis System of Care". Ms. Hancock-Muck will provide Bureau updates in her absence.

Ms. Hancock-Muck gave an update on the Alignment between IDPH and DHS. The alignment process continues to move forward. Director Garcia and Faith Sandberg took part in a Presentation to House Human Resources Committee on January 11, 2022. The Presentation was titled "Health and Human Services Alignment". The slides are available on the alignment website. Ms. Hancock-Muck shared a reminder that the Preliminary Change Package is available on the website as well. Ms. Hancock-Muck stated that most recently the Executive Teams have been working on a Function Organizational Chart.

Ms. Hancock-Muck gave an update on the Opioid Epidemic and the death toll surpasses one million. Ms. Hancock-Muck shared that deaths due to drug overdose have topped a million for the first time since the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) began collecting data on the problem more than two decades ago. A study released by the National Center for Health Statistics found that 932,364 people died in the U.S. from fatal overdoses between 1999 and 2020. Separate data from the CDC estimates an additional 100,000 fatal overdoses in 2021. Unlike the COVID-19 pandemic which has hit elderly Americans hardest, overdose deaths have occurred in largely young and middle-adult populations.

IV. Adjournment
Next Meeting

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

Motion made by Mr. Allen to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McGrath. Mr. Wolnerman adjourned the meeting at 9:27 am.