

**Compulsive Gambling Counselor Certification Advisory Board**

April 13, 2012 - 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Nebraska State Office Building – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – 1Z  
301 Centennial Mall -South, Lincoln, NE 68509

Meeting Minutes

**I. Welcome and Roll Call** **Maya Chilese**

Board Members Attending: Michelle Burger, TJ Gorman, Stephaine Morse and Deb Hammond

Committee Members Absent: Marlene Kalasky

DHHS-Division of Behavioral Health Staff Attending: Maya Chilese, Iliana Martin and Ruth See

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was determined.

**II. Review and Approval of Today's Meeting Agenda** **Maya Chilese**

The Agenda for April 13, 2012, was approved by general consent.

**III. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** **Maya Chilese**

The Meeting Minutes for October 7, 2011 (Attachment A) were approved by general consent.

**IV. Licensure Project Update** **Maya Chilese**

Mike Sullivan, the contractor for the Licensure Project, attended and provided presentation to the LADC Board earlier this year. As Ms. Chilese reported, the LADC Board questioned if that was the appropriate place or the LMHP Board. The general conversation was positive and the Board was receptive to establishing a smaller workgroup to review considerations about joint licensure. Ms. Chilese shall prepare some information for consideration and Mr. Sullivan will establish the meeting in coordination with the LADC Board Chair. During these conversations, consideration must also include the future of healthcare reform and insurance reimbursement requirements, grandfather clauses for existing workforce, etc.

**V. Credential Violation Update** **Maya Chilese**

The Board voted unanimously to move into Close Session to discuss an update to a credential violation to ensure the confidentiality of the individual. – *Closed Session* – This update noted that the individual was offered the opportunity to follow thru on maintain the credential via inactive status. However, this individual opted to relinquish credential entirely and is no longer allowed to reference self as having this credential and is prohibited from providing services under this scope.

The Board moved to reopen the meeting into open session. – *Open Session* – The current credential violation review process is similar the Licensure Unit in the Division of Public Health processes for similar credentials, although the CCGC is not regulated under the Uniform Credentialing Act. The current Code of Ethics (Attachment C) is applicable, although the process for sanctioning disciplinary actions needs further review considering licensure initiative, etc. Other considerations should include relapse during recovery and ethical challenges during service provision – if a credential individual relapses while treating, unsafe or questionable behavior could suggest that person should not be practicing. The Code of Ethics and violation process should be clear to identify the violation and sanction review process.

Maya proposed the Board adopt processes similarly used in the Division of Public Health process; reviewing the guidelines make changes as appropriate and recommended creating a “cheat sheet” to walk through future cases. All agreed and stated that it would be good. Maya will update the forms and will take feedback and suggestions via e-mail, then will post and have available.

**VI. Problem Gambling Workforce Development** **Maya Chilese**

Maya provided update on some workforce initiatives. A provider with previous national certification and clinical experience has been added to the South Sioux City area. Another provider, in the Omaha area, who had an inactive CCGC has been reinstated and renewed.

- a) Contract Update: LMEP met deliverables and hosted two complete cycles of the core courses. A handful of individuals are moving thru credentialing training coursework now and may be seeking credential awards in the future.
- b) Midwest Conference on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse: The conference will take place in June for two and a half days. The State contributes funds towards this event in support of field development and workforce training. However, considerations could be had regarding how to best utilize these funds directly towards the conference or potentially in support of attendance scholarships.
- c) Strategic Plan Initiatives: The Board discussed the strategic plan intent to support workforce development and consider some creative and different ways. Perhaps a stipend that could go toward continuing education of choice like conferences or workshops, or even towards core course work. Related, the Division Strategic Plan and Co-Occurring Roadmap seek to continue to build and support all licensed behavioral health professionals ability to respond to co-occurring conditions; and we'll want to recognize opportunities for problem gambling training to extend, possibly even with incentives. In addition, consideration for clinical supervision training must be addressed to support this requirement for credential with integrity. Further considerations shall be made on these. Deb also noted the cost of supervision, suggesting costs should be clarified. She mentioned her own fee but would need also to consider mileage and hotel if needed. Paying a stipend to supervisors would also help secure qualifying supervision. A course on clinical supervision should also be considered. The Board discussed some potential supervisors that have provided this in the past and could be "grandfathered" but further discussion should be had about training requirements. It was agreed that further work should be taken on this issue. Maya will bring back information and viable options.

**VII. CCGC Testing Entity** **Maya Chilese**

Castle is the current testing entity – customer service issues are a continuing problem, plus they will not use the newer test that is a stronger testing version. However, the other test version has limitations such as access – it's only available in Omaha and at \$100 more than the current test. This presents significant challenges therefore there are no inclination for change at this time.

**VIII. Document Review and Updates** **Maya Chilese**

Maya Chilese reviewed the credentialing application packet (Attachment D) which will be transitioning to align with new regulations. Board reviewed and provided some feedback; the DHHS will make appropriate revisions and provide for review.

**IX. Public Comment**

There was no public in attendance so none was given.

**X. Meeting Calendar** **Maya Chilese**

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2012.

**XI. Else and Adjournment** **Maya Chilese**

Deb Hammond's term has expired although she's eligible for one more term. She asked for an application to be sent to her to forward to other potential candidates also.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.