

MEETING MINUTES
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
July 14, 2016

These minutes were
approved by the Board on
October 13, 2016

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Christine Chasek, Chair, at 9:02 a.m., in Lower Level Room A, State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were mailed to the Board members and other interested parties in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present:	Christine Chasek	-	Chair
	Lori Cleveland	-	Secretary
	Jody Gilfillan	-	Member
	Tomeka Johnson	-	Member
	Alfredo Ramirez	-	Member
	Natasha Robinson	-	Member
	Marlene Schneider	-	Vice-Chair
Members Absent:	Ian Lemmer	-	Member
Staff Present:	Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General		
	Kris Chiles, Licensure Unit		
	Nancy Herdman, Licensure Unit		
	Russ Fosler, Program Manager, Investigations		
	Jeff Newman, Investigator		
	Carla Cue, Investigator		

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Schneider moved, seconded by Robinson, to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Gilfillan, Johnson, Ramirez, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Lemmer (1). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (4-14-16)

MOTION: Robinson moved, seconded by Ramirez, to approve the minutes of 4-14-16. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Gilfillan, Johnson, Ramirez, Robinson (6). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: Schneider (1). Absent: Lemmer (1). Motion carried.

4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS/COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND APPLICANT CONVICTION/SENSITIVE INFORMATION – CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Cleveland moved, seconded by Robinson, to enter into closed session at 9:05 a.m. to hear discussions of investigative reports, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of the individuals. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Gilfillan, Johnson, Ramirez, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Absent: Lemmer (1). Motion carried.

- 9:54 a.m. - Fosler, Cue, and Newman departed meeting
- 10:09 a.m. - Cleveland departed meeting (conflict)
- 10:20 a.m. - Cleveland entered meeting, Lester departed meeting
- Break
- 10:37 a.m. - Meeting resumed
- Teresa Hampton, Department attorney, entered meeting

10:40 a.m. - Gilfillan returned after break

MOTION: Schneider moved, seconded by Cleveland, to return to open session at 10:53 a.m. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Gilfillan, Johnson, Ramirez, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: (0). Absent: Lemmer (1). Motion carried.

10:53 a.m. - Lester entered meeting

5. APPLICATION REVIEWS: PLADC AND LADC – OPEN SESSION

a. APPLICATIONS/REINSTATEMENTS

Kim Rech – LADC Reinstatement following Discipline (Voluntary Surrender)

MOTION: Ramirez moved, seconded by Schneider, to defer and request additional information. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Gilfillan, Johnson, Ramirez, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Lemmer (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

Jody Allison - PLADC

MOTION: Gilfillan moved, seconded by Robinson, to recommend issuance of the PLADC with no terms and conditions. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Gilfillan, Johnson, Ramirez, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Lemmer (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

Brandon Pedersen - PLADC

MOTION: Robinson moved, seconded by Schneider, to defer and request a pre-licensure investigation. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Gilfillan, Johnson, Ramirez, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Lemmer (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

Brandylee Cox - PLADC

MOTION: Robinson moved, seconded by Schneider, to recommend issuance of the PLADC with no terms and conditions. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Gilfillan, Johnson, Ramirez, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Lemmer (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

Jacqueline Vasser - PLADC

MOTION: Robinson moved, seconded by Schneider, to recommend issuance of the PLADC with no terms and conditions. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Gilfillan, Johnson, Ramirez, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Lemmer (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

• 2017 Legislative Proposals

Chile reported she had done outreach with customers who were concerned about mobility for alcohol and drug counselors in terms of reciprocity when they come from a non-IC&RC state. Chiles stated she put together a legislative proposal regarding reciprocity but the Department receives many proposals so there is no guarantee that it will be selected to be supported by the Department. Chiles discussed that some IC&RC states have a separate level for those who have not met IC&RC requirements. In some states, there is a licensing board but there is also a certification board that is the IC&RC member. Chiles indicated if the Department determines to support the proposal, she would be coming back to the Board to discuss how reciprocity from non-IC&RC states might look.

Chasek asked where the regulations were in the process. Chiles responded there were in a holding pattern due to the discrimination section and that the mental health and psychology regulations also had not moved forward for the same reason. It was discussed that the Board might want to re-look at the draft regulations and possibly remove the discrimination section if they felt it was important to move the regulations forward. It was agreed the draft regulations would be added to the October agenda and Chiles would send out a paper

copy of the draft to the members.

7. UPDATES/REPORTS

- **Justice Behavioral Health Committee**

Chasek reported she attended the June meeting via teleconference. Topics of discussion included:

1. Working on mental health evaluations and registered providers;
2. Working on sex offender evaluations;
3. Changes in probation and parole in terms of re-structuring; and
4. Problem solving courts for mental health and veterans.

Gilfillan discussed that there were many barriers to providing sex offender evaluations.

The Board discussed the provider list refers to the list of providers who have met certain requirements to qualify to provide substance use evaluations for those in the correctional system. This is what the Justice Behavioral Health Committee is working towards also for mental health evaluations. Herdman commented that she has received telephone calls where individuals are confused about what being on the approved provider list for the correctional system means and think it has some relationship to their license requirements. Chiles suggested that perhaps there should be a link on the licensure website to the Corrections approved provider list.

Chiles stated the website is being revised to make it simpler and the re-design is scheduled to be up and running after 8-15-16. She asked the Board members to let her know if they cannot find something on the revised website that they believe should be there.

- **Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Action Report, License Statistics, Examination Statistics & Administrative Fees**

Chiles distributed the Compliance Listing Report from 4-14-16 to 7-14-16 and reminded the members they received this information via e-mail.

Chiles reported the following:

- 9 passed, 1 failed the examination from 4-14-16 to 7-14-16.
- the following current licensees:

PLADC	372
LADC	736

Chiles reminded the Board that license renewal is September 1. She said renewal post cards would be sent out at the same time as mental health practitioner renewal post cards as both must renew by September 1.

Chiles reported that on Tuesday of this week there was a meeting with the Licensee Assistance Program staff and they provided their annual report from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. Chiles provided some demographics from the report:

- Nursing utilized the program the most (30).
- No alcohol and drug counselors utilized the system but 3 did last year.
- In terms of education level achieved, most were 13-16 years of education.
- As far as gender, there were 35 females and 22 males.
- As far as age, the 36-40 years had the highest number.

Ramirez apologized for missing meetings in the past. He stated he had been having health issues and retired in September 2015 due to health. The Board members expressed their concern and wished him well.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Gilfillan moved, seconded by Cleveland, to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Gilfillan, Johnson, Ramirez, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Lemmer (1). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Cleveland, Secretary
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling

Next Meeting: October 13, 2016
Recorded by: Nancy Herdman
Health Licensing Coordinator - Licensure Unit