

MEETING MINUTES
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
October 8, 2015

These minutes were
approved by the Board on
1/14/2016

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Natasha Robinson, Chair, at 9:01 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	-	Vice-Chair
	Lori Cleveland	-	Member
	Jason Conrad	-	Secretary
	Tomeka Johnson	-	Member
	William Mulligan	-	Member
	Natasha Robinson	-	Chair
	Marlene Schneider	-	Member
Members Absent:	Jody Gilfillan	-	Member
	Alfredo Ramirez	-	Member
Staff Present:	Julie Agena, Assistant Attorney General		
	Kris Chiles, Licensure Unit		
	Nancy Herdman, Licensure Unit		
	Russ Fosler, Investigator		
	Jeff Newman, Investigator		
	Peggy Persell, Program Manager, Investigations		

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Mulligan moved, seconded by Conrad, to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Conrad, Johnson, Mulligan, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gilfillan, Ramirez (2). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (7-9-15)

MOTION: Mulligan moved, seconded by Cleveland, to approve the minutes of 7-9-15. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Conrad, Johnson, Mulligan, Robinson (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gilfillan, Ramirez (2). Abstain: Schneider (1). Motion carried.

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

MOTION: Conrad moved, seconded by Cleveland, 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, Conrad, Johnson, Mulligan, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Absent: Gilfillan, Schneider (2). Motion carried.

9:54 a.m. - Fosler and Newman departed meeting
10:19 a.m. - Agena departed meeting
10:20 a.m. - Persell departed meeting

MOTION: Conrad moved, seconded by Schneider, to return to open session at 10:21 a.m. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Conrad, Johnson, Mulligan, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: (0). Absent: Gilfillan, Ramirez (2). Motion carried.

5. APPLICATION REVIEWS: PLADC AND LADC – OPEN SESSION

a. APPLICATIONS/REINSTATEMENTS

Christine Nielsen – PLADC applicant

Application Summary: Conviction review.

MOTION: Chasek moved, seconded by Conrad, to recommend issuance of the PLADC license with no terms or conditions. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Conrad, Johnson, Mulligan, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gilfillan, Ramirez (2). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

Crystal Browning-Prince submitted a letter requesting that work experience she acquired as a PLADC when she did not have a supervisor registered with the Department be accepted for LADC.

MOTION: Schneider moved, seconded by Cleveland, to not accept Crystal Browning-Prince's work experience when a supervisor was not registered per 172 NAC 15-003.09. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Conrad, Johnson, Mulligan, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gilfillan, Schneider (2). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

15-003.09 Clinical Supervision: A provisional licensee may not render services without clinical supervision as set out in this section.

Work experience where a qualified supervisor has not been registered with the Department, in accordance with this section, will not be accepted towards a license as an alcohol and drug counselor.

15-003.09B Change of Supervisor: A provisional licensee who changes his/her supervisor must submit an application within 15 days following the change.

6. UPDATES/REPORTS

- **Justice Behavioral Health Committee**

Chasek commented she was not able to attend the September meeting because the video conferencing was not working.

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

Chiles distributed the list of disciplinary actions since January 1, 2015. She also distributed the list of supervisors and who they currently supervise or have supervised.

Chiles reported the following:

- 37 passed, 3 failed the examination since January 1, 2015.
- the following current licensees:

PLADC	379
LADC	702
- the following dual licenses

LADC/PLADC and LIMHP	317
LADC/PLADC and LMHP	481
LADC/PLADC and PLMHP	135
LADC and Psychologist	4

Conrad asked if information could be obtained on the number of individuals licensed each year. Chiles responded that the Board minutes could be reviewed to see how many were licensed in January of each year for the past 5 years.

Conrad asked if Board had more disciplinary actions than other boards. Chiles responded that she did not believe that there was a significant difference from other boards. She noted some professions have more licensed individuals and thus may have more disciplinary actions.

- **Conviction Review Guidelines**

Chiles stated she wanted to talk to Conrad and Gilfillan, Conviction Review Guidelines Committee members, and that this agenda item would be revisited during the January meeting. Chasek stated she was confused about the marijuana section on the Guidelines. Chiles responded that marijuana offenses (1oz or less) are usually infractions rather than misdemeanors and thus not reportable pursuant to the Uniform Credentialing Act, however, Boards might want to consider them along with other alcohol/drug use misdemeanor offenses.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC) Letter

NASAC is an organization that accredits university and college addiction studies programs. They are looking at establishing education standards for the addiction discipline. In their letter of 9-915 they invited the Board members to attend NAADAC's annual conference on 10/9-13/15 where they indicated there were some sessions that would be of interest to licensing boards.

Chasek asked if IC&RC had a position on establishing education standards. Robinson responded she would find that out at the IC&RC meeting she would be attending later in the month. Schneider asked Chasek, as an educator, what she thought a university would feel about this. Chasek responded that accreditation, such as CACREP, was expensive but she felt there would be support for the idea.

Chasek asked about the draft alcohol and drug regulations. Chiles responded that given the Director's position for the Division of Public Health is vacant, regulations were not likely to move forward until one was in place to provide direction. She stated Courtney Phillips, Chief Executive Officer, is aware of the issues.

b. LR 185

Purpose: To examine issues faced by Nebraska's behavioral health workforce, particularly licensed mental health practitioners, doctoral-level graduate students, nurses and psychiatrists. The study includes, but is not limited to, an examination of the following:

- 1) What changes, if any, are needed to increase the number of licensed behavioral health providers in Nebraska;
- 2) Ways to assist provisionally licensed behavioral health providers in obtaining their credentials;
- 3) The barriers, if any, for obtaining approval from Medicaid and Magellan Health Services for the billing for behavioral health services; and
- 4) A review of policies in other states.

Robinson stated she was concerned because the resolution did not refer to alcohol and drug counselors. She commented she had had no recent correspondence from Amy Holmes. Chasek comment she had spoken to Amy Homes and that while many professions were not specifically mentioned in LR 185, that it covers all behavioral health providers. Chasek stated they were trying to find out what the barriers were for the workforce and they want input from the Board. There is a hearing in November. The Board discussed that it was important to participate. It was agreed that an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Chasek and Conrad would draft a letter by the end of October which would then be forwarded by mail ballot to the Board members for approval prior to mailing.

11:10 a.m. - Robinson departed meeting
11:12 a.m. - Robinson entered meeting

c. Correspondence

There was no other correspondence.

d. Meeting Dates for 2016 (Suggested: 1-14, 4-14, 7-14, 10-13)

The members agreed to the 2016 meeting dates of 1-14, 4-14, 7-14 and 10-13.

e. Other

Robinson stated she would be going to a SAMHSA leadership conference and would be individually sending e-mails to Board members for feedback.

Robinson asked for input on IC&RC proposed policies that will be discussed at the IC&RC meeting regarding rescinding licenses and standards for grandparenting. The proposed policy discusses rescinding licenses for cause and no cause and Robinson will ask what would be the basis to rescind for no cause. As far as a standard for grandparenting, she will ask for more details.

Robinson presented Conrad and Mulligan with a plaque and certificate in appreciation of their outstanding performance and lasting contributions rendered to the State of Nebraska for 11 years as members of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling; their terms on the Board ends November 30, 2015. Board members and Chiles thanked them for their contributions to the Board.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Chasek moved, seconded by Cleveland, to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Conrad, Johnson, Mulligan, Robinson, Schneider (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Gilfillan, Schneider (2). Abstain: None (0). Motion carried.

The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natasha Robinson, Chairperson
(Secretary position vacant due to end of term
on the Board)
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling

Next Meeting: January 14, 2016
Recorded by: Nancy Herdman
Health Licensing Coordinator - Licensure Unit