

Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors
Minutes of the Meeting
June 12, 2006

The Oklahoma Board of Licensed Alcohol And Drug Counselors met on June 12, 2006, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act. The meeting was held at 5104 North Francis Avenue, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Members present were:

Patty Gail Patten, Chair
Robert Stevens, Vice Chair
Jane Lepak
Evelyn Phyffer
Londa Johnson
Art Christie
Rhonda Cochran

Others present included:

Tricia Everest, Assistant Attorney General for the Board
Judy Brink, Administrative Staff
Lyle Kelsey, Executive Director of the Medical Board
Jan Ewing, Deputy Director of the Medical Board

Upon determining that a quorum was present, Mr. Stevens, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 1:35.

The Board reviewed a list of applicants who have passed the written and oral examinations (*Attachment 1*). Ms. Johnson moved to approve for licensure. Mr. Christie seconded the motion and the vote was recorded as follows:

Robert Stevens	Yes
Jane Lepak	Yes
Londa Johnson	Yes
Art Christie	Yes
Rhonda Cochran	Yes

Motion passed.

Ms. Phyffer arrived. Mr. Stevens asked the persons in the audience to introduce themselves. Present was Valerie Wise, RN and Leon DeSecottier, LADC.

The minutes from the May 18, 2006 meeting were reviewed and corrections noted. Ms. Phyffer moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Ms. Lepak seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Ms. Patten arrive and assumed the Chair. Ms. Brink presented a request from Betty Colclazier for acceptance of supervision obtained prior to the law being enacted. The Board

requested additional information as to who the supervisor was and how long she was supervised.

Juanita Garza submitted a request for acceptance of past supervision by Susan Myrick. Prior to the law, Ms. Garza was going for CAADC and it was not required for the supervisor to be a CCS. After reviewing her application and noting that the Letter of Intent was signed on 9-1-2004, Ms. Lepak moved to accept the past supervision. Mr. Christie seconded the motion and the vote is recorded as follows:

Patty Gail Patten	Yes
Robert Stevens	Yes
Jane Lepak	Yes
Evelyn Phyffer	Yes
Londa Johnson	Yes
Art Christie	Yes
Rhonda Cochran	Yes

Motion passed.

The Board discussed the need to set a time limit on accepting supervision obtained prior to the law becoming effective. The Board previously decided on a cut off date of December 31, 2006 for CADCs moving to LADCs without testing.

The Board reviewed a request from Eric Hardin on whether his degree would count for licensure. He has a graduate degree in Human Services plus three courses in drug counseling from East Central in Ada. The Board discussed that no degrees presently meet the standards set forth in Section 1876, which goes into effect in 2010, and guidelines need to be set on how to approve programs until that time. After discussion, the Board decided that if a candidate for a graduate degree gets 50% of the 39 hours in the courses listed in Section 1876, the degree would be acceptable for licensure. Mr. Hardin's degree met this standard and was accepted.

Leon DeSecottier addressed the Board regarding a program that Northwestern Oklahoma State University is setting up. Upon completion of this program, graduates would be eligible for dual licensure (LADC and LPC). The degree would be a masters in counseling/psychology with addiction track. Ms. Johnson moved to accept this degree for licensure and to have Ms. Patten write a letter stating the Board's decision. Ms. Lepak seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Irma Ponce sent in the translation for her degree, original of which is in Spanish. Upon review the Board noted that last name was different. The Board agreed to accept the degree upon proof of name change, i.e. marriage certificate.

Staff had a question on the degree of Roberta Bell. Upon review, the Board accepted the degree for licensure as a CADC.

The Board reviewed the transcript of Sandra Hatcher for acceptance of co-occurring classes. The Board accepted the transcript for CADC licensure.

The Board reviewed the application of Sherilyn Davis for licensure by reciprocity. Ms. Davis is licensed in Tennessee and was previously certified in Oklahoma. The Board approved her application.

The Board reviewed letters sent to the Board regarding Jackie McKenzie who was unable to be grandfathered in. Ms. McKenzie will need to apply for licensure.

The following requests for CEU were approved by the Board:

Parkside Hospital – Bipolar Disorder Across the Lifespan
St. John Medical Center – Stuck in Abusive Relationships
Support People Inc. – Ethics and Supervision (offered through ODAPCA)

The Board discussed renewals and continuing education requirements for active military counselors. Rule 38:10-13-2(c) exempts the continuing education requirement for licensees who have been called to active duty in the armed forces for a period of time exceeding 120 days in a calendar year.

The purchase of office furniture was presented to the Board by Judy Brink and Lyle Kelsey. Mr. Christie moved to buy the desk and two chairs as recommended by Ms. Brink. Ms. Phyffer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

The Board heard a report from Lyle Kelsey on administrative issues and reviewed the financial report (*Attachment 2*). On the issues of hiring additional personnel and negotiating a new contract with the Medical Board, Mr. Kelsey suggested a sub-committee be formed to meet with him on the budget and payroll then present a proposal to the full Board. Ms. Patten, Mr. Stevens and Ms. Lepak will meet with Mr. Kelsey on June 19, 2006, 1:30 p.m. at the Medical Board offices.

The Board discussed the need for a meeting in July and called a special meeting for July 17, 2006, 1:30 p.m. to be held in the Medical Board Conference Room.

Ms. Patten asked about the process of the Complaint Review Committee. Mr. Kelsey and Ms. Everest stated that any letter sent from the Committee would first go to the Board and that the Committee would submit a report to the Board at their meetings.

Ms. Patten reported that no Board member from OCARTA has been appointed at this time.

Under New Business, the Board reviewed information from Ann Allen, which was requested at the last meeting. Her masters degree is in reading and the Ph.D. was from the University of Oklahoma. The Board reviewed her transcript and noted that she had 35 hours of behavioral science courses, which meets the Board's requirements. The Board accepted her degree for licensure.

The Board thanked Mr. Christie for his time on the Board and stated he had been very valuable and was very much appreciated.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.