



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
LANSING

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## HEALTH PROFESSIONAL RECOVERY COMMITTEE September 21, 2015 MEETING

### ***APPROVED MINUTES***

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC) met on September 21, 2015, at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 3, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Linda Taft, RN, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM.

#### **ROLL CALL**

***Members Present:*** Linda Taft, RN, Chairperson  
Michael Burke, Vice Chairperson, Public Member  
Mary Burkhardt, MS, R.Ph.  
Katherine Donahue, D.V.M.  
Charles Gehrke, MD  
Jeff Monroe, AT, ATC  
Timothy Monroe, LMSW, ACSW, DCSW  
G. Thomas Poirier, DDS  
Jay Pozner, Ph.D.  
Gordon Roberts, DC (arrived at 9:52 a.m.)  
Millie Webster, LMT

***Members Absent:*** Ann Chapleau, DHS, MS, OTR  
Thomas Doyle, OD  
Nicholaus Erber, MA, LPC, CAADC, NCC, CCMH  
William Morrone, DO  
Thomas Plamondon, PA-C, PT  
Susan Talley, PT, DPT, C/N  
Richard Zahodnic, Ph.D., RRT-NPS, RPFT, AE-C

***Staff:***

Cheryl Pezon	Board Manager
Janielle Houston	Board Secretary
Michael Siracuse	Board Analyst
Lucinda Clark	HRPC Analyst

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Burkhardt, seconded by Poirier, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION by Pozner, seconded by T. Monroe, to approve the minutes from June 15, 2015 with the following changes: under Roll Call, remove the word "Vice" as Linda Taft, RN's title; add the words "Vice Chairperson" to Michael Burke's name; remove the word "that" under the HPRP Contractor Report.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Presentation of Addiction by Dr. Christensen**

The presentation focused on how to evaluate when addiction should be suspected, how addiction affects the brain, and the steps in evaluating the type of treatment that should be considered and how it should be administered. The presentation also mentioned opposition to 12 Step programs, but provided research that would indicate 12 Step programs are effective in treatment and successful in long-term recovery.

Some Committee members expressed concern about the research indicating the effectiveness and long-term recovery results for 12 Step programs. Committee members felt that it was important that the Committee do its due diligence by reviewing concerns regarding 12 Step programs. Dr. Christensen stated that he would provide web site links and other articles to the Department that includes information on studies in opposition to 12 Step programs.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### **Education & Outreach**

Taft stated that the subcommittees have not met but the subcommittee chairs have discussed with Department staff about arranging meetings and meeting topics.

The Committee also inquired about electronic options or mailings regarding HPRP information to licensed professionals. Department staff indicated that they will look into what options are available for electronic and/or mailings to licensed professionals.

### **Clinical & Policy**

Subcommittee members will work with Department staff in organizing a conference call. Taft mentioned that the compliance checklist be updated and Burkhardt stated they would be looking at it.

### **Audit Data & Statistics**

Zahodnic is the chair and should be providing an update at the next meeting.

### **Review**

Taft stated that there have been around 6 reviews since June, which is a decrease in reviews. Taft suggested that members receive documents in a PDF format and password protected. She also suggested that the date in which the member is to respond, should be in the subject line of the email.

### **HPRP Contractor Report**

#### **Quarterly Report to HPRC 9-15-15**

A copy of the report was handed to the Committee will need to be attached with the "cost" handout. The HPRP Contractor explained the information in the report. Taft indicated that the Committee would like to see the number of providers in different geographical areas in relation to the needs of those areas. In particular, she mentioned providers in the Upper Peninsula. The HPRP Contractor stated that currently there are not many providers that meet the credential standards to be providers in the Upper Peninsula. She also mentioned that most of the research is concentrated in the central part of the state. The HPRP will have completed its Annual Report in October. The HPRP Contractor also presented a cost of participation document which showed the average cost of the program, for a person with and without insurance.

### **Department Update**

#### **Discussion on reporting obligations**

Siracuse provided the Committee with a copy of the statute with the reporting requirements.

#### **Committee approval to make policy changes**

Siracuse mentioned that the contact information for HPRC staff has been updated. Taft suggested that all changes be brought before the Committee for a vote.

### Chairperson's Reports/Comments

Taft reiterated suggestions regarding respond by dates being in the subject line of emails to members for reviews and using PDF files and password protection on those files. She also encouraged subcommittees to work on issues for reports for the December meeting and appreciates the Departments continuing efforts in keeping the Committee updated with the changes during the bureau's reorganization.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

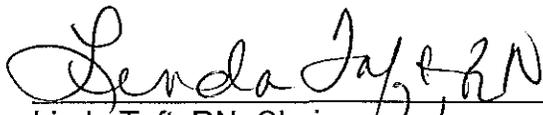
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held December 14, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

### ADJOURNMENT

Taft adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

  
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Linda Taft, RN, Chairperson

Janielle Houston, Committee Secretary

12-14-15  
Date Minutes Approved

Date Minutes Prepared: 9-23-2015