

**MEETING MINUTES
THE BOARDS OF EXAMINERS
FOR
ALCOHOL, DRUG AND GAMBLING COUNSELORS
LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

MEETING DATE: Friday, March 28, 2014
MEETING TIME: 1:30 PM
MEETING LOCATION: Ridge House, Inc
900 West First St
Reno, Nevada 89511

MEMBER PRESENT: Steve Burt, Jackie Wotherspoon (telephone)

STAFF PRESENT: Agata Gawronski

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Barry Lovgren

Item 1: Welcome, Call to Order.

Steve Burt called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.m.

Item 2: Public comments

Barry Lovgren commented on peer support certification. He stated that he did not feel that the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug, and Gambling Counselors should be the certifying agency. He stated that no one had addressed consumer protection. SAPTA has received \$50,000.00 to address peer support specialist. SAPTA funded programs are dependent on Medicaid Stated that no states other than Florida, certify peer support through a licensing agency. He stated it was all about Medicaid, Jackie Wotherspoon state that there has been no discussion about Medicaid. Steve Burt Samsung Brass Tack Academy wants to bring peer support specialists to recovery oriented system that care in order to improve the system for the state. He stated that he appreciated Barry input and his intensions were to hold the various boards accountable. Jackie Wotherspoon, stated that there are agencies out there using these peer support people without requirements or certification. We need to make sure that our clients are protected and that she felt peer support specialist was a very much falls under board.

Item 3: Peer Recovery Specialist Certification/Discussion recommendations and approval (for possible action).

Steve Burt read all backup documents i.e.; discussions in prior meeting and proposed changes, once approved documents will be sent to LCB.

Steve Burt stated he would not differentiate between NRS AND NAC he would leave that to LCB. He stated that it is important to remember that we need to use the word certificate.

Jackie Wotherspoon stated that even though we have the words of ethic responsibility, we should use the words ethics and confidentiality in the requirements for issuance of a certificate.

Steve Burt stated that he would correct the typo, include the words confidentiality and ethic, and clean up the sentence about violent crimes. He asked if there was anything else that needed to be included. Jackie stated that she felt that covered all the issues.

Steve Burt stated he would scan in all materials and agendas for review prior to next week are meeting.

Item 4: Public Comment

Barry Lovgren stated if you certify peer recovery specialist we need to revise ethical standards. Steve Burt stated that there are codes of ethics. Agata Gawronski reiterated for the records that Barry Lovgren wanted to include ethical standards if we move on and put into our NRS proposals. NADAC Code of Ethics refers to counselor-client ethics. Peer support specialist need to be referenced by LCB differently to address the unique relation between a peer support specialist and client. Steve will look into the matter.

Item 5: Adjournment

Steve Burt adjourned the meeting.