



**Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2022**

Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

Committee members present: Kenneth Pimpleton, SUDP, Chair
Theresa Adkison, SUDP
Lisa Rudduck, LMHC, SUDP
Susan Cherry, SUDP
Raymond Gregson, CPC
Bergen Starke, LMHC, SUDP
Gayle Martinsen, HCA Representative

Committee members absent: David Sapienza, MD

Staff members present: Ted Dale, Program Manager
James Chaney, Executive Director
Karen Gohlsen, Program Support
Kristi Knieps, Assistant Attorney General
Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst
Ashley Broussard, Behavioral Health Programs Coord.
Tiffany Drake, Credentialing Supervisor

Guest presenters: None

On December 2, 2022, the Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee met online via Microsoft Teams. Notice of the meeting was published on the [Substance Use Disorder profession website](#) and was sent out through the GovDelivery listserv.

Open Session:

1. Opening of Public Meeting – Kenneth Pimpleton, Chair

- 1.1. Call to Order – Mr. Pimpleton called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- 1.2. Meeting Format – The governor’s proclamation that temporarily rescinded parts of the OPMA regarding in-person meetings has been rescinded. However, the committee still consider it is unsafe to meet in-person and agreed to meet virtually. *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 6-0.*
- 1.3. Agenda Approval for September 9, 2022 and December 2, 2022. *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 6-0.*
- 1.4. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2022 and June 3, 2022 - *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 6-0.*

2. Public Comment – Kenneth Pimpleton, Chair

There was no public comment.

3. Management Report – Ted Dale, Program Manager

- 3.1. Budget Report – Mr. Dale briefed the committee on the budget for the SUDP program. The current fund balance is -\$478,948 and has been steadily dropping.
- 3.2. Credentialing Report – Ms. Drake briefed the committee on the credentialing statistics as of November 2022. For the SUDP certification, there are 2,970 active licenses and 224 pending applications. For the SUDPT certification, there are 1,449 active licenses and 81 pending applications.
- 3.3. 2023 Legislative Calls – The 2023 session of the Washington State Legislature begins the second week of January. Mr. Dale called for volunteers to attend weekly legislative calls that DOH hosts for the duration of the legislative session. Ms. Adkison and Ms. Cherry volunteered to represent the committee.

4. Assistant Attorney General Report – Kristi Knieps, AAG

Ms. Knieps had no update to report to the committee.

5. Rulemaking Update – Ted Dale, Program Manager

- 5.1. Apprenticeship Program - Mr. Dale informed the committee that the implementation of the program has been completed, however the approval process and application will be revisited at a future committee meeting to finalize those items.
- 5.2. Various Rulemaking Revisions – A CR-101 was filed to update the following WAC subchapters and workshops were held in December 2023 to gather public comment:
 - [WAC 246-811-300](#) - Removing the reference to AIDS education as the statutory authority for that requirement was repealed by [HB 1551](#) in 2020.
 - [WAC 246-811-076](#) - Adding pharmacists as a profession eligible for the alternative path, which allows members of listed healthcare professions to become credentialed after completing limited SUD-specific education and experience.

- [WAC 246-811-070](#) – Removal of the requirement that the department verify the coursework of nationally certified applicants, as verifying coursework presents a significant and recurring barrier for providers coming from other states.

6. 2023 Meeting Dates

6.1. The committee selected meeting dates for 2023:

- February 17, 2023
- June 9, 2023
- September 8, 2023
- December 1, 2023

Motion to approve the 2023 meeting dates for the Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory Committee, seconded, vote 6-0.

7. HELMS Update – Marcus Bailey, HELMS Project Manager

7.1. Mr. Bailey provided an overview of the [Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Management System](#), which will be replacing the current licensing software (ILRS) in 2023.

8. Future Agenda Items - Kenneth Pimpleton, Chair

Legislative update

Rules update

Committee officer elections

Apprenticeship program process and application review

9. Adjournment

9.1. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Submitted by:

Ted Dale, Program Manager
Substance Use Disorder Certification Advisory
Committee

Approved by:

Kenneth Pimpleton, Chair
Substance Use Disorder Certification
Advisory Committee

On file
SIGNATURE

On file
SIGNATURE

DATE

DATE