



LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE 1600 Maple Street, Longview, WA 98632

## Chemical Dependency Studies ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, May 8, 2019 LCC Main Building, Room 148

### **I. Meeting called to order at 5:28 p.m.**

### **II. ATTENDEES**

Debra Casserd-Johnson, A New Safe Haven  
Ann Mette-Smeenk, Child and Adolescent Clinic  
Julia Spalding, Cowlitz Family Health Center  
Nonnie Weaver, LCC  
Lynell Amundson, LCC

### **III. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **a) Program Updates**

##### **a. Enrollment**

Board members were provided with enrollment data for the past three quarters. Nonnie Weaver shared that enrollment is down a bit due to more people going to work. Numbers in AAS degree down from Fall Quarter but data shows an increase in the AA-DTA Spring Quarter; brief discussion about students choosing to continue education, the need for more Chemical Dependency counselors; two students are scheduled to graduate this year with AAS; four students in internships: 2 Spring Quarter, 2 Summer Quarter; many students that start in CDS transfer into other fields once they learn they can be successful in college; many are intimidated by the required 2500 hours required to get CDP certification.

##### **b. Online course options**

Nonnie shared that CDS 101 Introduction to Addictions and Chemical Dependency is now available online; several students are taking the course including students in other programs; plans underway to get another course online next year.

#### **b) Member news**

Julia Spalding shared that she has completed training and passed the state exam.



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#### **IV. UPCOMING PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY EVENTS**

##### **a. Discussion**

Board discussion about Washington Legislative Bill 1729, intended to establish alternative standard for becoming certified as a CDP for psychologists, independent clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors. Board members expressed concern about the difference between mental health counseling and chemical dependency counseling, the line between the two is very difficult, skills in both that are separate skill sets; CDPs need to specialize in alcohol and drug counseling, understand the addiction vs. other mental health disorders; there is a disconnect between state regulations and the reality of addictions vs. mental health.

Nonnie told board members Shannon Kerr is retiring from teaching. LCC is looking for a second instructor who is certified CDP.

Plans are underway to retire some courses from the CDS program that have become antiquated and plans for revamping and/or expanding courses (case management, communication) and developing new courses (mental health, process addictions) are being discussed.

##### **b. NEXT MEETING (DATE/TIME/PLACE): 5:30 p.m. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.**

#### **V. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.**