

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

October 22, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Chairman Edward Reading who gave notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Committee Chair, Edward Reading
Committee Vice Chair, Donald Weinbaum
Committee Member, Sylvia Lippe
Committee Member, Georgene Brazer

Staff Present

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars
Deputy Attorney General, Mileidy Perez
Administrative Staff, Celeste Sweeper
Administrative Staff, Erica Meyers

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion made by Donald Weinbaum and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the minutes of September 24, 2004 public session were approved with corrections.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public members present.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Senate Bill - 1930

The Committee discussed the proposed legislation which seeks to revise the current procedures for the suspension or revocation of licensure for overdue child support. The Committee recommends suspension and discourages revocation in such cases. The Committee discussed the importance of current statutory requirements to provide due process to licensees, which is not included in the proposed legislation. In addition, the Committee finds the language referring to the enforcement methods to collect child support arrearage (Section 3, line 44-46) to be vague. Clarification is sought for the criteria used to determine suspension versus revocation and a definition of references to "State IV-D agencies." The Committee also finds that since a majority of its licensees are not engaged in independent practice, the proposed legislation should require that notification of any order of suspension or revocation be provided to both the licensee and the current employer.

B. New York State's Proposed Amendment to Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (FYI) The Committee was provided with a copy of the proposed amendments. Committee chair, Edward Reading noted that many state professional boards are working to establish portability based on national standards and would encourage New York State to consider adopting those standards for minimum competency.

VI. Executive Director's Report

Application Processing Report

A. A total of 1,230 applications have been received.

B. The Committee noted that the period for certification and licensure pursuant to the "Grandfather clause" (N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.1) is March 15, 2004 through March 15, 2006.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Joanne Urbany, Applicant for CADC

Ms. Urbany wrote to the Committee regarding continuing education credits she had earned in July of 2004, prior to the August 1st effective date. The applicant requests the consideration of these credits towards her certification by the Committee. Although the Committee understands the situation presented, it was noted that the requirements for continuing education are set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.1. It was further noted that waivers can only be considered for reasons of hardship such as illness, disability, active service in the military or other good cause.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2004 Meeting Dates:

November 19, 2004

December 17, 2004

B. Proposed 2005 Meeting Dates

January 28, 2005

July 22, 2005

February 25, 2005

August 26, 2005

March 18, 2005

September 23, 2005

April 15, 2005

October 28, 2005

May 20, 2005

November 18, 2005

June 24, 2005

December 16, 2005

IX. New Business

The Committee discussed an e-mail notification of the Residential College Agency Director Agreement Form issued by Addiction Treatment Providers - Management Services Network. The forms were accepted as informational.

XI. Credential Review

The following applications were presented to the Committee for final approval and were approved as noted:

On a motion by Georgene Brazer, seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the following applications were approved as listed:

LCADC - Grandfather

1. Blee, Francis

2. Bloom, Phyllis
3. Branca, Raymond
4. Burkowsky, Ellen
5. Cardone, Ronald
6. Carlin, Mary Katherine
7. Ciurlino, Joann
8. Curtin, James
9. Dowd, Marion
10. Dunn, Timothy
11. Esquiche, Yolanda
12. Faivre, Donna
13. Lopez, Victor
14. McGrane, Ellen
15. Woolbert, David

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the following applications were approved as listed.

LCADC - Regular

1. Cosenza, Doreen
3. Crispino, Lisa
4. Crowley, Linda
5. Decoste, Patricia
6. Diaz, Paula
7. Dietrich, Harry
9. Green, Lawrence
10. Kelker, Margaret
11. King, Judith
12. Picone, Frances

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Donald Weinbaum the following applications were approved as listed.

CADC - Regular

1. Alexander, Shirley
2. Callahan, Diana
3. Grimm, John
4. Noone, Kenneth

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the following applications were approved as listed.

XII. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is November 19, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Georgene Brazer, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

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