

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
January 26, 2007**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:40 a.m., in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Committee Chair Edward Reading who gave notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, Edward Reading
Committee Vice Chair, Sylvia W. Lippe
Public Member, Leonard S. Puertas

Staff Present:

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars
Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger
Administrative Staff, Celeste Paige
Administrative Staff, Ray Yee

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion made by Committee Vice Chair, Sylvia W. Lippe , and seconded by Committee Chair, Edward Reading the minutes of the November 17, 2006 public session Committee meeting were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Notice of Conversion to Electronic Distribution of Rule Proposals Under N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 The Committee accepted as informational the January 2, 2007 New Jersey Register rule proposal and will suggested that during the regulation revision process, boards and committees consider adding their Web-page address to the board/committee contact information.

B. Senate Bill - 2473

Authorizes the court to waive license revocation process for certain child support obligors. The Committee voted to support the bill with the following recommendations:

1. That the language is amended to require that the "obligor" is making current and reasonable payments.
2. That the Court track these licensees and notify the boards/committees if the licensee is in default on support payments.
3. The current system seems to address initial license application screening and for those who provide the information that arrearage exist. Are individuals who are already licensed and are, or will be in the 6-month arrearage category subject to the same licensure action (denial/suspension)? Will the obligation be addressed in

the renewal process?

C. The N.J.A.C. 13:34C Draft Revisions discussion was tabled and will be referred to a regulations sub-committee.

D. Legislation Report - 4th Quarter Report The Committee accepted the report of legislation reviewed as informational.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Newly appointed Public Member, Lorenzo Puertas was introduced. B. The Committee was informed that the Division of Addiction Services has scheduled a meeting of college and university addiction studies educators. The Committee determined that rather than schedule a separate meeting in the Spring, the invitation to participate in the February 28th meeting will be accepted. C. The APCBNJ- January 2007 newsletter was reviewed. Note was made of the Women's Treatment Specialist Certificate.

VII. APPLICATION PROCESSING

To date, 2,215 applications have been processed with 1,191 LCADCs in the "Active" status. There are 440 active CADCs. A total of 6 LCADC and 9 CADC applications have been denied certification/licensure based on delinquent child support or student loans. Two individuals have voluntarily surrendered their license and a total of 9 applications have been withdrawn which includes 5 LCADCs and 4 CADCs. A total of 53 LCADCs or CADCs are in the Expired status. The Expired status includes 33 LCADCs and 20 CADCs who failed to renew their CADC/LCADC credential. A total of 3 reinstatement applications are pending. A total of 14 LCADCs and 5 CADCs have requested an inactive license. The Committee was informed that there are 479 applications currently pending. The pending applications are comprised of applicants approved for the examinations who are awaiting results, and a total of 65 applicants who have not responded to requests for further information concerning their criminal history. Notifications have been mailed to applicants who have not responded within the last 12 months. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3 (c)1, the applications are considered abandoned.

VIII. FILED CONSENT ORDERS

A. Lusch, Thomas - CADC Voluntary Surrender of Certification, was filed on December 14, 2006.

B. Duncan, Wayne - LCADC Consent Order granting a restricted license to practice alcohol and drug counseling was filed on December 14, 2006.

C. Zipes, Suzanne - LCADC

An Order granting an unrestricted license to practice as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor was filed on December 21, 2006.

D. Carol Jennett - LCADC

An Order granting an unrestricted license to practice as a clinical alcohol and drug counselor was filed on October 36, 2006

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is scheduled for February 23, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Sylvia W. Lippe and seconded by Edward Reading, the Committee moved into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss pending applications, confidential and disciplinary matters.

XI. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

Applications for licensure and certification were presented to the Committee for review. On a motion made by Sylvia W. Lippe and seconded by Edward Reading, the following applications were approved:

CADC - Regular

1. Aguilar, Jose
2. Bowen, Christopher C.
3. Blacker, Robert
4. Busek, Kristi
5. Cox, Daphne
6. D'Aleo, Allison
7. Dowling, Richard
8. Elliott-Smith, Tiffany
9. Hastings, Sara
10. Horton, Diane
11. Howell, Travis T.
12. Murphy, Kerri L.
13. Schaber Jr., Fred N.

Approved to Sit for the Oral Examination

1. *Adamo, Christine M. LCADC regular Edward Reading Recused
2. Kirchmeier, Donna CADC regular
3. Loetell, Carleton G. CADC regular
4. Prentiss, Kenneth CADC regular
5. Smith, Ricky CADC regular

Approved to Sit for the Written and Oral Examination

1. Adams, Gordon CADC regular
2. Andrews, April Lynn CADC regular
3. Amendolia, Maria A. CADC regular
4. Brown, Beverly CADC regular
5. Campos, Klidy M. CADC regular
6. Collington, Michael CADC regular
7. Cossean, Scott M. CADC regular
8. Dairsow, John CADC regular
9. Dixon, Randolph CADC regular
10. Douglas-John, Roberta CADC regular
11. Drake, Nicole CADC regular
12. Falato, Francine J. CADC regular
13. Geeston, Toya CADC regular
14. Giarratana, Thomas LCADC regular
15. Goodrich, Kimberly D. CADC regular
16. Kerley, Charles CADC regular
17. Kunish, Jordan M. CADC regular
18. Metz, Deborah CADC regular
19. Montero, Dorthy J. CADC regular
20. Moore, Bruce CADC regular
21. Pope, Tracy CADC regular
22. Rodriguez, Osvaldo CADC regular

23. Santoro, John J. CADC regular
24. Seigerman, Drue CADC regular
25. Shipman, Philadelphia L. CADC regular
26. Theys, Margaret A. CADC regular
27. Valenzuela, Francine J. CADC regular
28. Williams, Jimmie N. CADC regular
29. Wilson, Andre' H. CADC regular
30. Worrell, Thomas CADC regular

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Leonard S. Puertas, seconded by Sylvia W. Lippe, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.