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Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee
124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **JANUARY 27, 2012**



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I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to Order at 9:41 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, Edward Reading
Committee Vice-Chair, Sylvia Lippe
Committee Member, Norwood Allen
Committee Member, Jamie Lugo

Also Present:

Alexis Goldberger, Deputy Attorney General
Elaine L. DeMars, Executive Director
Vivian Lopez, Administrative Staff
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

Announcement of Quorum

Chair Edward Reading announced the presence of a quorum.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen, the minutes of the December 16, 2011 public minutes were approved as amended.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were not members of the public present.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Director Elaine DeMars announced her retirement, effective January 31, 2012. The Committee extended a hearty "thank you" to Ms. DeMars for the hard work, dedication and commitment she has displayed as she served as the Executive Director for the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. A-4384

The Committee reviewed this Bill which seeks to revise laws concerning professional and occupational licenses. On a motion by Jamie Lugo, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee determined to support the Bill with concern. The Committee feels that the Bill will be laborious for the Committee staff and felt it was a bit discriminatory towards in-state applicants/licensees as it relates to reciprocity.

B. S-3121

The Committee reviewed this Bill which seeks to clarify the effect of an abstention by a member of a public body. The Committee determined to accept the Bill as written without comment.

C. A-4400

The Committee reviewed this Bill which seeks to exempt individuals with certain types of military service from certain fees and continuing education or professional competency requirements. The Committee determined to support the Bill as written.

D. N.J.A.C. 13:34-11.2 and 11.5

The Committee reviewed the adopted regulation which revises the educational requirement for professional and associate counselor licensure and accepted it as informational.

E. Chapter Laws (2010-2012)

The Committee reviewed a copy of the 2010-2012 Chapter Laws that have not received Gubernatorial action. The Committee reviewed the Chapter Laws without comment.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Chair Edward Reading reported that the application for National Accreditation is not available to substance abuse counselors. Individuals who complete this application and receive approval will not have to have their educational requirements extensively reviewed.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Edward Reading reported that the meeting with Division of Consumer Affairs Director Thomas Calcagni has postponed their meeting.

XIV. Addiction Professional Certification Board of New Jersey (APCBNJ)

A. Executive Director Elaine DeMars reported that the contract to implement computer based testing has been approved. Applicants who wish to take the written examination via computer now have the option to do so.

B. The Committee reviewed APCBNJ Executive Director Richard Bowe's January 5, 2012 letter, in response to the November 10, 2011 letter from Joseph J. Barraco, Assistant Director of Administrative Office of the Courts. Mr. Bowe clarified the criteria and procedure that must be met for case presentations. Case presentation must be submitted and approved prior to approval for the oral examination.

X. FILED ORDERS

Crispulo Tanglao

The Committee reviewed the December 16, 2011 Filed Consent Order for Crispulo Tanglao.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for February 24, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2012 Meeting Dates

February 24, 2012	August 24, 2012
March 23, 2012	September 28, 2012
April 27, 2012	October 19, 2012
May 18, 2012	November 16, 2012
June 22, 2012	December 21, 2012
July 27, 2012	

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Jamie Lugo, seconded by Norwood Allen the Committee moved to Executive Session at 10:49 a.m. to discuss conduct four (4) Investigative Inquiries, review four (4) criminal history reports, pending disciplinary and other confidential matters.

XIII. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

Upgrade LCADC

1. Gayle S. Alston
2. Regina E. Nelson
3. Linda A. Norton

LCADC

1. Margareth E. Alwart
2. Charisse I. Aveletta
3. Donovan Bedward
4. Donald J. Callahan
5. Janet A. Castellini
6. William R. Clark
7. Rachel A. Colonna
8. Rosanne Connolly
9. Christopher M. Dorian
10. Mary K. Efremdis
11. Sara L. Pasquino

CADC

1. Latisha Bradley
2. Andre Brook
3. Jill Eckland
4. Deborah Kuney
5. Maureen A. McGee
6. Johann Ochoa

Written and Oral Exam

1. Peter J. Campos
2. Lashelle W. Corley
3. Scott C. Doughty
4. Jacqueline L. Faison
5. Tim Gear
6. Christin M. Jones
7. Thomas Lopez
8. Veronica M. Migliore
9. Charity E. Pehlert
10. Nicole S. Perry
11. Vernon T. Tatem
12. Larena M. Wilde

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Jamie Lugo, seconded by Norwood Allen, the meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

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