

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
January 28, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 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. The Committee functioned as a subcommittee until Committee Vice Chair Donald Weinbaum arrived at 10:35 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

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

Staff Present

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars
Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger
Deputy Attorney General, Nancy Castello-Miller
Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson
Administrative Staff, Erica Meyers
Administrative Staff, Celeste Sweeper

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion made by Donald Weinbaum and seconded by Sylvia Lippe , the minutes of December 17, 2004 public session were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Bowe, the executive director of APCBNJ, and Ray Cortese, the chairman of the APCBNJ board, commented on their preparation for the presentation of a "Training of Trainers" workshop to address the requirement that every newly licensed and certified counselor complete the six contact hours of continuing education legal standards requirement in the first biennial period. It was determined that the attendees at this workshop should be licensed alcohol and drug counselors, with a minimum of five years training experience as a clinical supervisor. Those individuals who will complete the training will receive six Continuing Education credits. It was also agreed upon that the Committee would assist with the preparation of the course and that the APCBNJ would make arrangements for the course location, schedule and fee. Several dates and locations were discussed. Mr. Bowe will provide the options to the Committee as soon as preliminary arrangements can be made.

Duty to Report - N.J.A.C. 13:34C 3-4 and 1.8 (b)xiii The Committee discussed the need for regulations based on the medical board model for impaired practitioners. In order to encourage licensees/certificate holders to self disclose relapses and other problems, the Committee recommends the promulgation of an alternative resolution program. In order to do so, it would be necessary to promulgate a regulation. The regulation should be similar to Board of Medical Examiners' regulation, N.J.A.C. 13:35-1.1 et al. Such a regulation would prohibit client contact prior to approval for return to practice by the treating therapist, would require regular reporting to a confidential body and the information would remain confidential if the applicant complied and did not relapse.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

The Committee was provided with a copy of the Proposed New Rules: N.J.A.C. 13:42A for the Certified Psychoanalysts Advisory Committee. The Committee made the following comments/ recommendations in the interest of public protection:

1. The scope of practice for a certified psychoanalyst is not clearly delineated.
2. The Committee recommends that licensure and/or certification be mandatory.
3. Prohibitions such as those that establish boundaries (i.e. disrobing, or conducting therapy in the analyst's bedroom) must be established.
4. Forty Continuing Education credits should be required for consistency with the standards established by this Committee and Board of Social Work Examiners, the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners and the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee. A definition of "directly related to the clinical and theoretical practice" is necessary.
5. ICRC affiliated boards were not included in the list of acceptable sources of continuing education (N.J.A.C. 13:42A-4.3(a)1) and should be added.

VI Legislative Referrals

The Committee reviewed a referral from Senator Shirley Turner regarding an appeal made by applicant Willa Lloyd for licensure under the grandfather provision. Following a review of the request and the application in Executive Session, the Committee voted to affirm its original determination that pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.1(c), Ms. Lloyd has not met the requirements for licensure pursuant to the grandfather provision. According to State regulation N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.1 (C), only those applicants granted certification by APCBNJ on or before January 9, 1998 are eligible for certification/licensure under the "grandfather provision." This statute does not allow the Committee to grant Ms. Lloyd an appeal. It is the responsibility of the Committee to abide by the requirements of the law. The Committee found that it is unfortunate that Ms. Lloyd did not meet the criteria for eligibility for licensure pursuant to the grandfather provision. The Committee invites her to apply for licensure through the regular application after obtaining the required educational credentials.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Application Processing Report

To date, a total of 1,471 applications have been received, 1,145 of which are for licensure and 326 are for certification.

VII CORRESPONDENCE

Peter Meyers forwarded an e-mail to the Committee requesting the Committee's appearance on March 17, 2005 for the PACADA conference to be held at Essex County Community College. The Committee has declined the invitation and will provide copies of the regulations and applications for certification and licensure for dissemination.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

2005 Meeting Dates:

February 25, 2005

August 26, 2005

April 1, 2005

September 23, 2005

May 20, 2005

October 28, 2005

June 24, 2005

November 19, 2005
July 22, 2005
December 17, 2005

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Acceptable Master's Degrees

The Committee discussed grandfathered license holders who may have Master's Degrees that are not counseling related. Committee Vice Chair Donald Weinbaum noted that the Grandfather application does not request information on educational background or degrees and suggested that some license holders may wish to submit their educational degrees for review by the Committee. A proposal to amend the regulations was made by Mr. Weinbaum. However, the Committee declined to pursue this and has determined that it is the responsibility of treatment facilities to hire alcohol and drug counselors that possess a Master's degree suitable to their needs.

Examination Exemptions

The Committee discussed the need for further clarification of N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.4(a), which permits licensed health care providers with equivalent education to be issued a license as an alcohol and drug counselor without taking both the oral and written examinations. The Committee recommended that the regulation be amended to clarify that licensure without examination is limited to health care providers whose other license allows them to provide independent clinical services.

Credential Review

The following applications were presented to the Committee for review and were approved as noted.

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the following applications were approved:

LCADC - Grandfather

1. Atkins, Leslie
6. Baxter, Ellen
7. Bellias, Ellen
8. Brennan, Lorraine
9. Brosky, Mark
10. Buccilli, Joseph
11. Caines, Claire
12. Chenkin, Michael
13. Conn, Kathleen
14. Corcoran, Lynn
10. Dennehy, Christopher
15. DeSantis, Dena
16. Edenfield, Carol
17. Fallon, Robert
18. Faxon, Joy
19. Feeney, Donald
20. Gaffney, Terence
21. Garibaldi-George, Kathryn
22. Gordon, Richard
23. Gregg, Audrey
24. Henkel, Kathleen
25. Hoffer, Paul
26. Howley, Joseph
27. Ireland, Norma

28. Kahn, Arlene
29. Kjems, Colleen
30. Letson, Thomas
31. Ludwig, Jo-anne
32. Mc Cauley, Christine
33. Mc Gurr, Susan
34. McMahan, Carolann
35. Michelman, Gerd
36. Moss, Robert
37. Nistad, Alison
38. Olwell, Edward
39. Pecoraro, Kenneth
40. Penner, Deborah
41. Plaza, Gloria
42. Richmond, Lynn
43. Ritter, Dennis
44. Rodan, Eileen
45. Rottkamp, Diane
46. Rowe, Sarah
47. Staneruck, Janet
48. Stucky, Charles
49. Thompson, George
50. Vandegrift, Jill
51. Violette, Nancy
52. White, Ann (Bonnie)
53. Williams, Jane
54. Winstanley, Kathleen
55. Yaged, Sharon

LCADC - Regular

1. Blum, John
2. Bornstein-Bedoya, Rose
3. Brown-Mitchell, Fostyne
4. Burkart, Christina
5. Cargill, Joan
6. D-Souza, Peter
7. David Errickson
8. Gramuglia, John
9. Guantez, Manuel
10. Guerra, Ana
11. Gutierrez, Josefina
12. Hutton-Harris, Shawn
13. Koblin, Clifford
14. Laughinghouse, Tanya
15. Lammers-Oppermann, Monika
16. Makavowski, Dennis
17. Mejia, Ramon
18. Pittala, Donna
19. Ratte, Christopher
20. Ritzler, Constance
21. Sarabia, Stephanie
22. Schecter, Donna
23. Splaver, Ellen

24. Sterling-Odom, Grace
25. Thomas-Rea, Beth
26. Thompson, Malcolm
27. Tulli, Jennifer

CADC - Regular 1. Arthur, Carol

2. Brower, Mary
3. Brown, Mark
4. Centeno, Migdalia
5. Cundiff, Alice
6. Davila, Juan
7. Doughty, Edward
8. Firger, Linda
9. Fisher, Kathy
10. Flintall, Annmarie
11. Forte, Dominick
12. Harrington, Anne
13. Kane, Dennis
14. Kosek, Lesvy
15. Kornacki, Robert
16. Maksymowicz, Susan
17. McLaughlin, Thomas
18. Ramos, Angel
19. Ramos, Orlando
20. Rijos-Hughes, Elizabeth
21. Rogers, Robert
22. Smith, Rose
23. Taylor, David
24. Tyburski, Deborah
25. Ulikowski, Deborah
26. Whelan, Janet

CADC Grandfather

1. Cardarelli, Vincent
2. Valenta, Dona Marie

Approved to Sit for the Written Examination

1. Castro, Clarita
2. Glassman, Jodi
3. Villalva-Muniz, Graciela

Approved to Sit for the Oral Examination

1. Carpio, Marysella
2. Johnson, Steven

IX. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is scheduled for February 25, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

X. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.