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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **FEBRUARY 22, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to Order by Committee Chair, Edward Reading at 9:58 a.m. in the Somerset 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, Jamie Lugo
Committee Member, Norwood Allen

Also Present:

Alexis Goldberger, Deputy Attorney General
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep
Vivian Lopez, Administrative Staff
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst

Announcement of Quorum

Committee Chair, Edward Reading announced the presence of a quorum at 9:59 a.m.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Committee's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Sylvia Lippe with Norwood Allen seconding the January 25, 2013 Public minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public present.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

- A. A-3754 - bill requires firearms seizure when mental health professional determines patient poses threat of harm to self or others.**

The Committee had concerns with the Bill specifically the additional level of bureaucracy that will create delays in reporting. The Committee believes their current process of contacting local law enforcement is more efficient than having to report to the Attorney General's Office first. The Committee also had concerns that this Bill might stigmatize those with mental health problems.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

- A. Licensing Activity Report**

CADC

Active - 660
Inactive - 41
Pending - 580
Reinstatements Pending - 4
Suspended - 2
Voluntary Surrender - 5
Withdrawn - 23

LCADC

Active - 1,577
Inactive - 85
Pending - 298
Reinstatements Pending - 4
Suspended - 4
Voluntary Surrender - 2
Withdrawn - 27

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Proposed Regulation Changes**

The Committee discussed possible regulation changes including changing the minimum education requirement to an associate's degree as well as having a master's level examination.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATES:

2013 Meeting Dates:

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| March 22, 2013 | August 23, 2013 |
| April 19, 2013 | September 27, 2013 |
| May 17, 2013 | October 25, 2013 |
| June 28, 2013 | November 22, 2013 |
| July 26, 2013 | December 20, 2013 |

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee entered Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. to discuss consumer complaints and other confidential matters.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

In a motion by Jamie Lugo, seconded by Norwood Allen the Committee adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

