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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **FEBRUARY 25, 2010**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, was conducted by way of a telephone conference due to inclement weather and was called to Order at 10:03 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey. All agenda matters will be ratified during the March 26, 2010 meeting.

II. ROLL CALL

Present (Committee members participated by phone):

Committee Chairman, Edward Reading
Committee Vice-Chair, Sylvia Lippe
Committee Member, Norwood Allen
Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger

Excused:

Committee Member, Jamie Lugo

Recused:

Committee Member, Lorenzo Puertas

Until the matter is resolved, Public Member, Lorenzo Puertas is recused from attendance based on services he provides to the profession that may be a possible violation of the statutory requirement for public board members.

Administrative Staff Present:

Elaine DeMars, Executive Director
Vivian Lopez, Administrative Staff
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

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.

Announcement of quorum was made by Committee Chair, Dr. Reading.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the minutes of the December 17, 2009 public meeting was approved as amended

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Lincoln University

The Committee reviewed the (undated) letter signed Drs. Vivian D. Price, Chair and Associate Professor and Virginia Smith, Associate Professor, Lincoln University, Master of Arts in Counseling Program. The Committee had previously reviewed the letter but noted the attached waiver. A letter acknowledging the December 29, 2009 receipt of the correspondence will be sent.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Center for Alcohol and Drug Studies

The Committee acknowledged receipt of the January 29, 2010 letter and attached seminar rosters, evaluations and summaries.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Sue Debiak Re: Grand Canyon University

The Committee reviewed the January 22, 2010 email forwarded by Sue Debiak regarding the regulations for supervision for alcohol and drug counselor certification/licensure. Ms. Debiak will be informed in order to receive credit for experience, the experience should be current and completed in person to document current standards and compliance with regulatory requirements. Credit will not be afforded for practicums and internships. The Committee will inform Ms. Debiak that the current supervision standards must be satisfied.

B. Linda Mur, Ph.D, LCADC

The Committee reviewed the e-mail forwarded by Dr. Linda Mur who asked if CADCs who work in private (supervised) practice require a Committee-approved plan of supervision. Dr. Mur will be informed that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.3(m), every CADC is required to work under a Committee-approved plan of supervision. The Committee is aware that supervision in a DAS setting also relies on the respective regulations. The Committee determined to ask that the Division of Addiction Services request that all agency heads send the plans of supervision for agency CADCs and counselor-interns in one package to expedite Committee review.

VIII. APCBNJ

Grand Canyon University Program Approval

Informational

The Committee reviewed information submitted by the Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey informing the Committee that Grand Canyon University is approved to provide alcohol and drug counselor educational course work.

IX. DAS MATTERS

A. Credentialed Interns

Elizabeth Conte, Division of Addiction Services

The Committee reviewed questions e-mailed by Elizabeth Conte, Division of Addiction Services regarding supervision provided by LPCs and LCSWs with the CCS credential and secondly who would be approved to supervise LPCs and LCSWs (credentialed interns) to meet the requirements for licensure as an LCADC. In response, Ms. Conte will be advised that the two separate issues are addressed in the regulations.. N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.2A specifies the supervision requirements for credentialed interns. N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.2(a) addresses the required supervisor qualifications for counselor-intern. N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.3 specifies the requirements for supervision of CADCs.

B. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for the LCADC/CADC Process

The Committee reviewed the Frequently Asked Questions comments forwarded by Richard Bowe, Addictions Professional Certification Board of New Jersey(APCBNJ). The Committee determined to ask Mr. Bowe if the International Certification on Reciprocity Consortium written examination will include elements of the oral examination in the written examination should the oral examination become an option.

Clarification is also needed to determine whether an applicant is considered equipped to take the oral examination if their internship is incomplete.

C. Cultural Competency Training

The Committee reviewed the February 8, 2010 e-mail forwarded by Elizabeth Conte, LPC, LCADC, of the Division of Addiction Services. Ms. Conte wrote to request approval for a Cultural Competency Course to be sponsored by Addiction Training Workforce Development Program. The Committee will ask Ms. Conte if the same course will be offered as part of the core training.

The Committee therefore determined that the course description suggests satisfaction of the requirement at N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.2(e).

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 26, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2010 Meeting Dates

April 23, 2010	September 27, 2010
May 17, 2010	October 22, 2010
June 23, 2010	November 19, 2010
July 23, 2010	December 16, 2010
August 27, 2010	

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee moved to Executive Session at 11:26 a.m. to review pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

X. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

Upgrade LCADC

1. Maryann Miranda

LCADC

1. Elaine Davis
2. Kelly Efchak
3. Krystyna T. Golebiewski
4. Michael T. Koscinski
5. Gregory M. Koufacos
6. Theresa S. Reseska
7. Joelle M. Zabotka

CADC

1. Bridget K. Beckett

2. Donna F. Berkery
3. Deborah Buck
4. Dexter Davis
5. Leslie DeBlasio
6. Lillian Mendesohn
7. Rosalyn B. Miles
8. Steve M. Morris
9. Stanley Powell
10. Holly M. Robichaux
11. Alvaro Romero
12. Ricky Smith
13. Francis S. Walker
14. Christopher White
15. Babsie Wright

Written and Oral Exam

1. Kim Borges
2. Aida M. Albino
3. Margaret Anderson
4. Beth Bronfman
5. James Burnett
6. Elise C. Collazo
7. John Dairsow
8. Richard DiCarlo
9. Suzanne C. Foster
10. John Graves
11. Lyndon S. Gunning
12. Dorothy Haskin
13. William J. Jackson
14. Charles E. Lindsay
15. Andrew T. Mulford
16. Carrie M. Norlin
17. Simone C. Patterson
18. Monica Spady
19. James A. Troisi

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.,