

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
February 26, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m., in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chairman, Edward Reading
Committee Member, Sylvia Lippe
Committee Member, Norwood Allen
Committee Member, Jamie Lugo

Recused:

Committee Member, Lorenzo Puertas

Until the matter is resolved, Public Member, Lorenzo Puertas recused from attendance based on services he provides related to the profession that may be a possible violation of the statutory requirement for public board members. Announcement of quorum was made by Committee Chair, Dr. Reading. Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger Administrative Staff: Elaine L. DeMars Celeste Paige Vivian Lopez

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the minutes of the January 22, 2009 public session meeting were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Probation Association of America:

Lynsey A. Johnson, Esq.
Dwight Covaleski, PANJ 1st Vice President
Daniel Bergin, , PANJ Vice President, Sr. Probation Officer, Passaic Vicinage
Jacqueline Guarini-Sheehan, PANJ Vice President Local 115, Senior Probation Officer
Jennifer Gangemi, TASC Evaluator, Hudson Vicinage
Edward Nunno, TASC Evaluator, Passaic Vicinage

Administrative Office of the Courts:
Carol Venditto, Drug Court Manager
Jayne Cavanaugh, TASC Coordinator

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. The Committee was advised that the draft regulations, addressing the sunset requirement for N.J.A.C. 13:34C-1 et seq. have been forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General for publication approval. B. The Committee was advised of a poll being conducted by the Office of the Director (Consumer Affairs) to ascertain whether the current requirement for continuing education is excessive. The Committee agreed that the 40 credits required for LCACDs and the 60 credits required for CADCs is not excessive but is one assurance that certificate holders and licensees maintain clinical competency.

VI. DAS MATTERS

A. The Committee reviewed a DAS notification sent to residential providers announcing an informal meeting and the initial opportunity for verbal comment on the DAS draft licensure residential regulations. The Committee noted the need for the revision of the language at N.J.A.C. 10: 161A-1.9(a)ii to clarify that a CADC is prohibited from making diagnoses. The Committee will continue to review the draft.

B. The Committee reviewed a copy of training that will be made available through the New Jersey Prevention Network. In response to an e-mailed request for approval clarification, the Committee referred to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5 and the requirements for approval and approved providers.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Center for Alcohol and Drug Studies

1. Rutgers SADS - Summer 2009

Upon review of the catalog for the Summer 2009 School of Alcohol and Drug Studies (July 19-24, 2009) the Committee discussed the problems associated with the publication of 2008 Committee approvals in the 2009 catalog. The 2009 catalog does not include the required disclosure statement (notification to students) as follows:

Approval by the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee does not ensure that course work will be accepted for initial certification or licensure in other jurisdictions or by the Certification Board. The Committee approval is for initial New Jersey state certification and licensure purposes only.

2. Class Rosters and Certificates of Completion -February 2, 2009 The following was reviewed as informational. - "Why Adolescents Programs Do/Do Not Work" - "Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Substance Abuse/Dependence " - "Surviving Compassion Fatigue" - "Working with the Unconscious in Relapse Prevention"

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Substance Abuse Evaluator; Title and Function Lynsey A. Johnson, Esq., Fox and Fox LLP 1:30 p.m. Representing the Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) On behalf of PANJ, Ms. Johnson attended the meeting to discuss the function of the Drug Court Substance Abuse Evaluator (SAE) to support the contention that the licensure requirements do not apply to the work performed by the SAE. Ms. Johnson was asked to submit any additional information to support the position.

XIV. FILED CONSENT ORDERS

1. William Gibson, CADC (voluntary surrender)

The January 26, 2009 filed Consent Order Of Voluntary Suspension of Certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling based upon receipt of information that he had relapsed in the use of alcohol and drugs. Pursuant to the Consent order Mr. Gibson surrendered his license and is required to engage in psychotherapy with a licensed healthcare professional pre-approved by the Committee. Mr. Gibson proposed Dennis Boyer, LCSW, LCADC for Committee review. The Committee will review whether Mr. Boyer has sufficient licensure experience to appropriately treat Mr. Gibson.

2. Ronald Teed, LCADC

In response to Mr. Teed's request for an unrestricted license to practice alcohol and drug counseling, the Committee determined to schedule his appearance.

XV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for March 23, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

March 23, 2009 August 28, 2009
April 24, 2009 September 25, 2009
May 29, 2009 October 23, 2009
June 19, 2009 November 19, 2009
July 24, 2009 December 17, 2009

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee voted to move into Executive Session at 9:32 a.m. to discuss scheduled Investigative Inquires and consumer complaints.

XVII. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

The following application were reviewed and approved as noted:

A. LCADC

1. Patricia Haines
2. Darren Henson
3. Kathleen Hennrich
4. Janeen K. Kinney
5. Toni Manzione
6. Laura Shuzman
7. Christina Sluberski

B. CADC

1. Christopher Asmann
2. Dawn K. Davis
3. Lori DeVirgilio
4. Muhammad Hatim
5. Roderick Murphy
6. Griffin B. Rambough
7. Susan Silverstein

C. Written and Oral Examinations

1. Sara Accordino
2. Gayle S. Alston
3. Donna F. Berkery
4. Elisabeth G. DeVany
5. Andres S. Esobar
6. Jamie Grazzianj
7. Gail Hochfelder
8. Michael S. Jackson
9. Cheneisha A. Lewis
10. Dolores Longo
11. Rosalyn B. Miles
12. Angel Pena
13. Raymond L. Polk

14. Carrie A. Prince
15. Judith A. Richardson
16. Caridad Segura
17. Rashidah M. Stewart
18. Justyna L. Wasewicz
19. Gwendolyn Wilson

D. Oral Examination Only

1. Gary Morten

XV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.