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### ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES FEBRUARY 28, 2014

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to Order by Committee Chair, Edward Reading at 9:45 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

#### II. ROLL CALL

##### Present:

Committee Chair, Edward Reading  
Committee Member, Jamie Lugo

##### Excused:

Committee Member, Norwood Allen  
Committee Vice-Chair, Sylvia Lippe

##### Also Present:

Nancy Miller, Deputy Attorney General  
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst  
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director  
Michela Ross, Government Rep  
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 Record and the Courier Post and also posted on the Committee's web page.

##### *Announcement of Quorum*

Committee Chair, Edward Reading announced the absence of a quorum at 9:45 a.m and stated that the members present will proceed to review the agenda items and recommend actions for the full Committee.

#### III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

##### A. January 24, 2014 Public Minutes

*The Committee members present recommended approval of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee January 24, 2014 Public Minutes as corrected.*

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### **A. Diane Liga, Development Director, New Jersey Prevention Network (NJPN)**

Ms. Liga was present to address the procedures for submitting names of students who have completed the 270 hours of CADC course work through NJPN.

#### **V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

##### **A. A-1545 ~ This revises law concerning certain professional and occupational licenses.**

*The Committee members present reviewed A-1545 as signed into law by the Governor and accepted as informational.*

##### **B. A-681 ~ This seeks to provide for issuance of certificate of rehabilitation to certain offenders with substance abuse disorders.**

*The Committee members present tabled this matter until its March 28, 2014 meeting pending review of "The Rehabilitation Offenders Act" and full discussion.*

#### **VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

##### **A. Appointment of a Public Member**

Committee Chair Edward Reading stated that it has been five (5) years since the Committee has had an appointed member of the public serving.

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. New Jersey Prevention Network (NJPN)**

The Committee members present reviewed the memo from NJPA regarding students who have finished the required 270 hours of CADC course work and are ready to sit for the written exam. *The Committee members present confirmed with Ms. Liga that after NJPN sends the Committee the names and address of those who have completed the 270 education hours, applicants will be informed in writing that they are authorized to take the written examination and may schedule their test date with the Addiction Professionals Certification Board.*

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report.*

#### **IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **A. John Blum, LCADC, LPC**

The Committee reviewed Mr. Blum's January 20, 2014 letter requesting approval of the continuing education course entitled, "Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome." *The Committee members present recommend approval of the course for five (5) continuing education (CE) credits; these CE's may be counted towards the fulfillment of the cultural competency CE requirement.*

**B. Jean Joseph, CADC**

The Committee reviewed Ms. Joseph's waiver request for consideration for LCADC licensure. *The Committee members present recommended to inform Ms. Joseph that Christian Life University is not a regionally accredited institution pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.2(b)1, and thus her degree would not satisfy licensure requirements.*

**X. Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey MATTERS (APCBNJ)**

*Nothing to report.*

**XI. Division of Mental Health and Addiction Service MATTERS (DMHAS)**

**A. Elizabeth Conte, LCADC, LPC - Division of Addiction Services**

The Committee reviewed Ms. Conte's February 20, 2014, email regarding the title "interventionist" and supervision over Skype.

*The Committee members present recommended to inform Ms. Conte that exemption from licensure certification are found in N.J.A.C. 13:34 2.6. The Committee members present also recommended to inform Ms. Conte that the use of Skype as a tool in performing supervision is outlined in N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.2A(j): "Clinical supervision shall include at least 25 hours of face-to-face supervision per year, averaging one hour every other week, with no more than 10 percent being real-time interactive video conferencing."*

**XIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **March 28, 2014**, 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

**Meeting Dates for 2014**

March 28, 2014	August 22, 2014
April 25, 2014	September 26, 2014
May 16, 2014	October 24, 2014
June 27, 2014	November 21, 2014
July 25, 2014	December 19, 2014

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*The Committee members present unanimously returned to public session at 11:20 a.m. to review applications, plans of supervision, consumer complaints, and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters.*

**XV. APPLICATION REVIEW**

The following applications for licensure/certification and examination were reviewed and approved as noted:

**Written and Oral exam**

Victoria L. Burroughs  
Faruk A. Curtis  
Eula E. Davis  
Moneefah D. Jackson  
Ruth N. Nguah  
Sharonda M. Roberts  
Jessica Smires

**LCADC**

Thomas G. Dwyer  
Kristin Korab-Reynolds  
Timothy D. Flick  
Paulina B. Levinzon  
Karen Johnson  
Lisa Johnson  
Cheryl McCutchen  
Carol R. Neff  
Jacqueline C. Oshiver  
Antonio L. Rivera

**CADC**

Kathryn Bucco  
Engerd Carela  
Dina K. DeFazio  
Vicky E. Golas  
Robert Green  
Gregory Hunt  
Sylvia James  
Rita Osvai  
Leonard Pikaard  
Victoria Tummillo

**Upgrade LCADC**

Paula Alexander  
Vanessa Bell  
Lisa J. Centeno  
Shaun Johnson  
Gary Kirkland  
Michelle A. Williams

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT:**

*The Committee members present unanimously adjourned the February 28, 2014 meeting at 1:34pm.*

