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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES MARCH 26, 2010

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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 9:31 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

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
Vivian Lopez
Celeste Paige

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

The Committee voted on each of the February 25, 2010 agenda items that was previously discussed, ratified each of its prior decisions. On a motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the minutes of the February 25, 2010 public meeting were ratified as amended.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kendra Hayes, National Association of Social Workers- New Jersey Chapter attended without comment.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Senate Bill 1666

This Bill would require a videotaped record of interviews by psychologists and mental health experts in child custody cases. Following the review and discussion of the provisions of the Bill, the Committee determined to make no comment.

B. Assembly Bill 2400

This Bill requires applications for certain professional and occupational licenses and certain registrations for controlled dangerous distribution to include information on applicants's membership in Armed Forces. Following the review and discussion of the provisions of the Bill, the Committee determined to make no comment.

C. Assembly Bill 2456

This Bill eliminates salary for part time members of certain boards, commissions and independent authorities. On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee finds that the Bill is unfair as it targets all professional boards when unlike some boards and commissions, the members are salaried. Professional board and committee members within the Division of Consumer Affairs are compensated at a standard per diem rate and many do not qualify for pension benefits.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Center for Alcohol and Drug Studies

The Committee acknowledged receipt of the February 23, 2010 letter with a response to the Committee's questions on evaluations and summaries for the November 2009 seminars. The response was accepted as informational.

B. Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Report (1st Half)

The Committee reviewed and accepted as informational the budget report that includes the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee and Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee. The Committee expressed concern for the ongoing staffing shortages.

C. License/Certification Biennial Renewal Period

The Committee was advised that the approval process for the license/certification renewal process is underway. All certificate holders and licensees will be sent a notification with instructions for on-line renewal. Paper renewal forms will only be sent to those following the request instructions. Certificate holders and licensees are encouraged to complete the renewal process on line since the method has been proven to be the most expedient.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Provisional Order of Denial

Kevin Nally

On a motion made by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to authorize DAG Berger to draft a Final Order of Discipline suspending his certification for failing to cooperate with the Committee's investigation and produce documentation regarding the disposition of his October 27, 2007 arrest.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Lucy Harman, LCADC, LCSW

The Committee reviewed Ms. Harman's March 20, 2010 e-mail request to abolish the requirement limiting the distance learning continuing education contact hours and determined to advise Ms. Harman that the Committee is not in favor of changing the regulatory requirement at N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.4(b)4. The Committee will review related empirical evidence to document the efficacy to support the need for the change.

B. Tony Comerford, Ph.D., New Hope Foundation, Inc.

The Committee reviewed Dr. Comerford's e-mail dated March 22, 2010 regarding the Proposed Plan of Supervision (the Plan) for CADC Internship and the requirements for the supervision of credentialed interns. Dr. Comerford will be advised that the agency's clinical director should determine the point at which the Plan is to be submitted since it may vary depending on the academic training and the status of the 270-hour requirement. Treatment Associates cannot apply hours as internship unless the candidate is providing services that include the 12-core functions.

IX. DAS MATTERS

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

The Committee continued the review of the draft Frequently Asked Questions comments. Ms. DeMars informed the Committee that it was confirmed that the International Certification on Reciprocity Consortium written examination currently includes elements of the oral examination in the written examination. Applicants may only be equipped to take the written and oral examinations once all the requirements at N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3 have been documented.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for April 23, 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 10:55 a.m. to review pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

X. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

LCADC

1. Elaine Davis
2. Sondra Dublinsky
3. Stephanie Lanley
4. Brad R. Skokowski

CADC

1. Jean Joseph
2. Karen Nepsha
3. Stanley Powell
4. Ricky Smith
5. Francis Walker

Written and Oral Exam

1. Jill M. Berke
2. Michelle P. Boyce
3. Stacy Bryant
4. Marylou Caputo
5. Linda J. Carter
6. Erin Cole
7. Victoria Davis
8. Chris A. DeSilvestri
- 9.. Lisa Donhue-Olivieri
10. Alberta T. Gamble
11. Jennifer R. Gangemi
12. Kim Hart
13. Sandra A. Koryla
14. Mari LeVach
15. Kimberly D. Mason
16. Mark Melillo
17. Garcia S. Outlaw
18. Christine N. Piccoli
19. Michael J. Sette
20. John J. Straughn
21. Gloribel Vasquez
22. Michael Ventrone.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen, the meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.