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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES MARCH 27, 2015

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to Order by Committee Chair, Edward Reading at 9:40 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Edward Reading, Ph.D., LCADC, Committee Chair
Sylvia Lippe, LCADC, Committee Vice Chair
Norwood Allen, CADC, Committee Member

Absent:

Jamie Lugo, CADC, Committee Member

Also Present:

Nancy Miller, Deputy Attorney General
Milagros B. Collazo, Executive Director
Celeste Paige, Administrative Assistant
Alan Vallee, Intern

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 that a quorum was present at 9:45 a.m.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

A. January 23, 2015 Public Minutes

Upon motion made by Norwood Allen, and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee members present voted to approve the January 23, 2015 public minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

V. LEGISLATIVE / REGULATORY

A. Senate Bill 2729

This bill authorizes health care practitioners to provide health care services through telemedicine. *Upon motion made by Norwood Allen, and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to support this bill if amended. The Committee had concerns regarding screening, intake, and initial assessments. The Committee also recommended that delivery of mental health services be addressed in a separate law.*

B. STATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 155

This resolution seeks to establish Joint Legislative Task Force on Addiction Prevention and Treatment. *The Committee supports this initiative and its members would be available to meet with the Task Force to provide information on substance abuse counseling and to enhance quality of treatment in accordance with current national trends and clinical definitions.*

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Executive Director Collazo informed the Committee that there has been an increase in the number of applicants who are submitting plans of supervision as part of their application. The Committee's response to the petition for rule making related to supervision remains under internal review.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

No items to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No items to report.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Steven Liga, LCADC, Executive Director, National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD)

The Committee reviewed the January 6, 2015 letter submitted by Steven Liga, LCADC, regarding completing continuing education and the 270 educational hours online. *The Committee will forward the letter to the rules and regulations sub-committee meeting, scheduled May 14, 2015.*

X. FILED ORDERS

A. Liza Schjetman- Bach

January 28, 2015, order granting unrestricted license

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

No report provided.

XII. Division of Mental Health and Addiction Service Matters (DMHAS)

No report provided.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **May 29, 2015** 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Meeting Dates for 2015

April 24, 2015	
May 29, 2015	September 25, 2015
June 26, 2015	October 23, 2015
July 24, 2015	November 20, 2015
August - meeting canceled	December 18, 2015

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee members voted to enter Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. to review applications, plans of supervision, consumer complaints, and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters. Voting in favor: all.

XV. APPLICATION REVIEW

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

Oral and Written Examinations:

Lauren J. Barrett

Jason Berenberg

Jaymes B. Browne

Karen Cabezas

Christie L. Calamito

Latricia L. Callwood

Veronica Campos

Jessica M. DeGraw

Deborah L. Flanagan

Christine F. Gallagher

Lisa M. Gaskins

Sharon B. Harrigan

Shawn N. Harvey

Siobhan Matias

Brooke S. Mizrachi

Michelle A. Palombo

Cortia R. Reaves

Casandra A. Record

Jasmin Rivera

Marisol Rivera

Anthony Salter

Payton M. Shivers

Gina M. Sparacio

Juan C. Sierra

Lawrence P. Stern

Gary E. Tunstall

LeeAnn Wagner

Susan K Woomer

XVI. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee members present voted to adjourn the January 23, 2015 public session at 3:45 p.m. Voting in favor: all.

