

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
April 1, 2005

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Chairman Edward Reading who gave notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, Edward Reading
Committee Vice Chair, Donald Weinbaum
Committee Member, Sylvia Lippe

Absent: Public Member, Georgene Brazier

Staff Present:

Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger
Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars
Administrative Staff, Celeste Sweeper
Administrative Staff, Waiman Yee

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion made by Donald Weinbaum and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the minutes of February 25, 2005 public session meeting were tabled pending corrections for the credential review list.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Application Processing Report

To date, a total of 1,575 applications have been received. Six hundred ten (610) are pending and nine hundred sixty-five (965) are active. One hundred eighty-three (183) are regular LCADC, six hundred fifty-one (651) are grandfather LCADC, one hundred twenty (120) are regular CADC, eleven (11) are grandfather CADC and twenty-eight (28) applications have been approved for the examination.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Joseph Sturges

In his letter to the Committee, Mr. Sturges reports his military duty status and inquired whether there is a time limit restriction between sitting for the written and oral examinations. The Committee will respond to Mr. Sturges, informing him that his application for certification must be submitted for approval to sit for the oral examination. The Committee agreed that accommodations for active military service will be made on a case-by-case basis.

B. Robert Storey

Mr. Storey wrote to inquire whether the Examination for Master Addictions Counselor (EMAC) is acceptable as fulfillment of the requirement for the ICRC-AODA written examination as it is in his original state of licensure. He also asked if applicants for the LCADC are required to complete the 270 hours of course work.

The Committee will inform Mr. Storey that the licensure requirements for any out-of- state credential must be reviewed (upon submission of the application to New Jersey), to evaluate substantial equivalency with the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:34C. Mr. Storey will also be informed that all applicants are required to document the completion of 270 hours of alcohol and drug education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.2 and 2.3 and N.J.S.A. 45:2D-5.

C. Donald Coombs

Rev. Coombs, of the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Centers Command of the Eastern Territory and who is unlicensed by any mental health board has submitted a letter verifying supervision for several applicants. The Committee will inform Rev. Coombs of the requirements for clinical supervision set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6 and will deny approval of hours earned under his supervision.

VII. APPLICATION PROCESSING

A. Problematic Titles

The Committee discussed its concerns with facilities who have trainees listed as "primary counselors". It is the Committee's understanding that individuals working in this capacity usually possess a CDA (certified dependency associate) or are currently working toward that credential. These individuals are advised to use the title "trainee" or "intern."

B. Written/Oral Exam Approval

The Committee agreed that applicants approved to sit for the written examination are simultaneously approved to be scheduled for the oral examination upon earning a passing score on the written examination.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Legal Standards Continuing Education Requirement

The Committee discussed the "Train the Trainers" workshop planned to address the initial licensure period requirement for 6 contact hours of continuing education in legal standards. The Committee will continue to work with APCBNJ to establish attendee requirements, training dates and locations. APCBNJ will host the training sessions.

2005 Committee Meeting Dates:

May 20, 2005
September 23, 2005
June 24, 2005
October 28, 2005
July 22, 2005
November 19, 2005
August 26, 2005
December 17, 2005

IX. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

The following applications were presented to the Committee for review and were approved as noted.

On a motion by Donald Weinbaum, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the following applications were approved:

Regular CADC

1. Austin, Darryle M.
2. Babia, Mariper
3. Bradshaw, John
4. Brodsky-Greene, Mollie
5. Burton, Michelle A.
6. Burmann, Susan
7. Corson, Greg K.
8. Dease, Susan E.
9. Fox, Eriach D.
10. Grayner, Teri R.
11. Green, Luther
12. Heaton, Dawn
13. Kaufman, Meri
14. Kidd, Robert L.
15. Kirkland, Kenneth
16. Logan, Robert J.
17. Lusch, Thomas E.
18. Magruder, Jane P.
19. Mankin, Teresa A.
20. Marriott, Mary Faith
21. Mendez, Luis C.
22. Mooney, Thomas J.
23. Padin, SandraB
24. Ramos, Janet
25. Robinson, Randy J.
26. Rodriguez, Lissette
27. Romano, Dana M
28. Schoonover, William
29. Simonsen, Solveig
30. Stevens, Kelly C.
31. Topham, Mandy E.
32. Villalba-Rickert, Amanda
33. Vitaliano, Cynthia L.
34. Van De Water, Cole H.
35. Woody-Royal, Takesha M.
36. Zubrycky, Linda M.*
37. Zarqa-Ledeman, Shirin

* Committee Chair Edward Reading recused from the vote on the application of Ms. Linda M. Zubrycky. Recusal was based on either personal or professional knowledge of the individual noted.

Grandfather CADC

1. Dahlquist, Ellen R.
2. Getzfeld, Andrew
3. Ruane, Mary Anne
4. Tanner, Faith M.

Regular LCADC

1. Benjamin, Valerie
2. Csillag, Cynthia F.
3. D'Agostino, Judith A.
4. Dobrydno, Patricia
5. Douglas-Kruk, Jennifer
6. Dugan, Janice S.
7. Dunn, Karen J.
8. Flood, Rebecca
9. Giampapa, Susan
10. Hallberg, Julia
11. King, Wilson J.
12. Klein, Barbara
13. Kunze, Marianne*
14. Lysiak, Christine

* Committee Chair Edward Reading recused from the vote on the application of Ms. Marianne Kunze. Recusal was based on either personal or professional knowledge of the individual noted.

15. Mack, Susan M.
16. Milides-Hennon, Jean
17. Nauta, Stephanie L.
18. Puckett, Mary S.
19. Reid, Robert J.
20. Rogers, Frances
21. Schaad-Hopkins, Suanne
22. Scimeca-Diaz, Deborah
23. Stanley, Diane
24. Toner, Audra
25. Vella, Joseph
26. Williams, Veronika
27. Wolfarth, Marlene L.

Grandfather LCADC

1. Anderson, Carl L.
2. Baxter, Ellen
3. Bayles, Leslie Elaine*
4. Cary-Pickett, Margaret
5. Elwood, Mary
6. Gaspich, Jon
7. Hartnett, Richard
8. Hartnett, Kathleen
11. Hawkins, Janet
12. Henry, John H.
13. Krier, Joan
14. Krolack, Janice B.
15. Lowinger, Carol
16. Olwell, Edward J.
17. Piro, James A.
18. Piserchia, Lauren L.
19. Potter, Nancy
20. Primost, Joyce

21. Range, Cindy L.
22. Riviere, Deborah A.
23. Ruiz, Mary Ann
24. Saltzman, Penny S.
25. Sargiotto, Pasquale
26. Smith, Deborah
27. Szefinski, Colleen
28. Timmeny, Ellen M.

* Committee member Sylvia Lippe recused from the vote on the application of Ms. Leslie Bayles. Recusal was based on either personal or professional knowledge of the individual noted.

Oral exam

1. Awa, Emmanuel CADC
2. Brown, Sahib H. Sr. CADC
3. Chaconas, Patricia L. CADC
4. Coleman, Veronica A. CADC
5. Conner, Kristen A. LCADC
6. DeLane, Lynette F. CADC
7. Hinrichs, William CADC
8. Neel, Michael CADC
9. Noel, Forrestel CADC
10. Oldis, Geraldine CADC
11. Readlinger, Michelle A. CADC
12. Roccisano, Karen C. LCADC
13. Smyth, Denise H. LCADC
14. Thompson, Barbara A. LCADC
15. Zellars, John Jr., CADC

Written and Oral exam

1. Aldridge, Megan J. CADC
2. Canki-Sauner, Claudette CADC
3. Ferdinand, Christopher D. CADC
4. Gonzalez, Lisa M. CADC
5. Horton, Diane CADC
6. Rodriguez, Maritza CADC

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:03 p.m., on a motion by Donald Weinbaum, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session to discuss pending confidential and disciplinary matters.

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is scheduled for May 20, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.