

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. in the Sussex 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, Georgene Brazer
Committee Member, Sylvia Lippe

Staff Present:

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

III. APPROVAL OF MARCH 26, 2004 PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion made by Donald Weinbaum and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the minutes were approved as amended.

IV. LEGISLATIVE /REGULATORY

The Committee members received a copy of the final published version of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Act (N.J.A.C. 13:34C).

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Peter Myers

The Committee reviewed an e-mail from Dr. Peter Myers, Executive Director of the Alcohol and Drug Certification Program at Essex County College. Dr. Myers' e-mail included questions regarding the method that applicants should use in reporting their hour-by-hour breakdown in Schedule B of the regular application.

The Committee agreed to send letters to colleges inviting them to come to a special meeting, tentatively scheduled for July 8, 2004, in order to discuss certification/licensure issues (i.e. transcripts and the method for documenting course work and experiential hours).

VI. APPLICATION PROCESSING

A. Executive Director Elaine DeMars reported that a total of 552 grandfather applications and 155 non-grandfather applications have been received to date.

B. The Committee agreed that the non-grandfather application in its current form must be modified. A category needs to be added for applicants who need to apply to take the written exam.

C. The Committee agreed that (State certified) CADCs who upgrade to LCADC must answer the criminal history

question, submit an official copy of their transcript and proof of the eighteen (18) additional credit hours.

D. The Committee also agreed that New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware CADC certificate holders, who were certified before January 9, 1998, should complete a non-grandfather, out-of-state application. They should also provide information regarding that state's certification/licensure requirements and whether the national exam and/or oral exam was required. An official verification form or letter from that state should also be submitted.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Presentations: N.J.A.C. 13:34C and the Application Requirements Executive Director DeMars reported that the following presentations dates have been confirmed:

- 1 - Associated Treatment Providers - April 28, 2004
- 2 - Jersey City Alliance for Drug and Alcohol Abuse - May 5, 2004
- 3 - PAC - July 16, 2004

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Confidentiality Resolution

The Committee members were given Confidentiality Resolutions which were attested to and signed. Copies of these resolutions will be sent to the Director's Office and kept on file.

B. The Committee reviewed the newspaper clip: "Ex-drug counselor among 3 arrested" and accepted the article as informational.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were five (5) Rutgers Nursing School students present. They made no public comments.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is June 4, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

XI. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe and seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the Committee voted to approve the following applicants for licensure:

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (Grandfather)

Gary Abraham	Daniel Kenny
Lori Barnhard	Patricia Klebs
Maxine Berry	Barbara Knox
Anita Billemeier	George Koren
Susan Boggia	Jeffrey Lange
Christine Botti	Victoria Lipinski
Rocco Briscese	Judith Livant
James Brittain	Jan Lysaght
James Brown	Robert Mackey
Keith Colbert	David Manning
Gail Connors	Susan Matches

Suzanne Conte	Gregory Mayer
Richard Contini	Lucretia McDermott
William Coombs	Laura McLaughlin
Carole Cotter	Juanita Nazario
Bernadette Crowley	Eliza Paine
Janet Currie	Ramji Patel
Edna Dahlquist	Jill Preis
Carole DeFino	Susan Raia
Connie DeGennaro	Carlos Ramirez
Dianne DeValve	Donna Richardson
Ward Dunnican	Wayne Robertson
Barbara Feeney	Christine Ruth
Rita Fongen	Frank Santo
Donna Frandsen	Darleen Schafer-Striker
Vanessa Garrett	James Seng
John Geedman	Gregory Tardiff
Janet Gemenden	Joe Truland
Karen Glick	Marijane VanOst
David Griffith	Rhonda Vanderhoff
Kenneth Harding	Diane Wallace
Patricia Healy	Anne Winkleman

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (Grandfather) - continued
Nicholas Youpa

Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (Regular)

Donna Branca
Lucille Leslie
J. Barry Mascari

Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (Grandfather)

William Merritt

Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (Regular)

Irene Dawydiak

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:20 p.m., a motion was made by Sylvia Lippe and seconded by Donald Weinbaum with the Committee voting unanimously to close the Public Session in order to review individual applications and to discuss pending confidential matters.

On a motion by Georgene Brazer and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars
Executive Director

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