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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **APRIL 19, 2013**

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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 9:45 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, Edward Reading
Committee Member, Jamie Lugo
Committee Member, Norwood Allen
Committee Vice-Chair, Sylvia Lippe

Also Present:

Alexis Goldberger, Deputy Attorney General
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep
Vivian Lopez, Administrative Staff
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst
Victoria Fisher, intern (present for the Public Session only)

Announcement of Quorum

Committee Chair, Edward Reading announced the presence of a quorum at 9:46 a.m.

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. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Committee's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 22, 2013 Public Minutes

Upon motion by Norwood Allen with Jamie Lugo seconding the March 22, 2013 Public minutes were approved as corrected. Sylvia Lippe abstained.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Gnesin attended the Public Session to bring attention to his concerns about the complaint process based on his matter. The Committee thanked Mr. Gnesin and did not comment.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Petition for Rule Making N.J.A.C 13:34C-6.2, 6.2A, and 6.3

The Committee reviewed Glenn Duncan's petition for rule making filed in the New Jersey Register in April 2013. Upon motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to take an additional 90 days to review the proposal further due to the complexity of the supervision requirements in both the context of the statute and the regulations. Voting in favor: all.

B. Immigration Status regrading license renewals

The Committee reviewed an inquiry from DAG Lopez regarding checking the status of visas upon license renewal.

The Committee confirmed that at the current time, visa status is not re-verified upon licensure renewal.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Licensing Activity Report

CADC

Active - 674
Inactive - 41
Pending * - 580
Reinstatements Pending - 4
Suspended - 2
Voluntary Surrender - 5
Withdrawn - 23

LCADC

Active - 1,602
Inactive - 85
Pending * - 296
Reinstatements Pending - 3
Suspended - 3
Voluntary Surrender - 2
Withdrawn - 27

* in the pending category, aside from applications pending final Committee review/approval, are applications that are missing documentation, applications waiting on exam results, or have been abandoned.

- B. Letters to schools regarding certification** - based on the request from Rutgers for expediting the certification of graduates, with conditions set by Committee. *The Committee reviewed the draft of Executive Director, Milagros Collazo's letter.*

Letters will be sent to representatives at the following schools:

Ocean County College
Monmouth University
Essex County College
Fairleigh Dickenson University
Passaic Community College
Richard Stockton College
Camden County College
Burlington County College
Brookdale College
The College of New Jersey
Montclair State University

VII. DMHAS MATTERS

Liz Conti canceled the scheduled meeting with the Committee.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATES:

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **May 17, 2013** at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2013 Meeting Dates:

May 17, 2013	September 27, 2013
June 28, 2013	October 25, 2013
July 26, 2013	November 22, 2013
August 23, 2013	December 20, 2013

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia, the Committee entered Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. to discuss consumer complaints and other confidential matters.

X. APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

CADC approved for licensure

Ameen H. Abdullah
Scott C. Doughty
Verneida Nolan

CADC approved for upgrade to LCADC

Herbert F. Coleman
Thomas J. Finnerty
Tiffany M. Jenkins
Wendy E. Neggers
Vicki Shiflet

LCADC approved for licensure

Patricia Alagna
Pamela Karmazsin
Dana Passenti
Sofia Strauss
Doreen M. Taylor-Speller

Written and Oral Examination Approved

Angela K. Baxter
Brenda Bedward
Bridget Cowan
Marcell L. DelCorpo
Shaundra L. Gallogly
Rodney Green, Sr.
Shwantha Hargrove
Rodney E. Hill
Joan A. Johnson
Ramona E. LeClaire
Justo D. Martinez

Cheryl McCutchen
Noelle M. Sinck
Jacqueline A. Styk
Scott J. Tormey
Amanda L. Wahl
Bridget Wilson

Reinstatements Approved

Terryann M. Dechert, CADC

Plans of Supervision Approved

Leanna Berverly

Sarah Clearly

Ernestine Ford

Richelle Jones

Viktorija L. Kristberg

Fatimah Littlejohn

Hazel Martinez

Jessica L. Marton

Molette Martrovitz

Lisa S. Musarra

Meghan Zarnick

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia, the Committee adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

