

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
April 20, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:40 a.m., in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Committee Chair Edward Reading who gave notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, Edward Reading
Committee Vice Chair, Sylvia W. Lippe

Recused:

Until the matter is resolved, Public Member, Lorenzo S. Puertas recused from attendance based on services he provides related to the profession that may be a possible violation of the statutory requirement for public board members.

Staff Present:

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

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion made by Committee Vice Chair, Sylvia W. Lippe , and seconded by Committee Chair, Edward Reading, the minutes of the February 23, 2007 public session Committee meeting were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

The Committee will resume review of revisions for N.J.A.C. 13:34C during the May 11, 2007 agenda meeting.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Elaine DeMars informed the Committee of communication with the NJ 2-1-1 administrators with the request to provide access to the listing of certified and licensed counselors. NJ 2-1-1 now includes links to a comprehensive list of human services agencies. The goal is to provide information on individuals licensed to provide mental health related services. The list of certificate holders and licensees is considered public information and available on the Web site of the Division of Consumer Affairs. The Web address was provided as an option for providing individual counselor information, including name, license category, number, status and address of record.

VII. APPLICATION PROCESSING

Committee Chair, Edward Reading, is working on changes to the application to attempt to clarify the language.

VIII. FILED CONSENT ORDERS

David McCoy - A Consent Order was filed on February 23, 2007 in which respondent agreed to immediately cease and desist from offering engaging in or advertising any mental health counseling and/or psychotherapy unless and until he is appropriately licensed or certified.

Ronald Martino - Signed and filed on February 23, 2007 in which he agreed to immediately cease and desist from offering, engaging in or advertising any mental health counseling unless and until he is appropriately licensed.

Hubert Edwards – A Consent Order was filed on March 29, 2007 granting a restricted certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling.

Rick Loma – A Consent Order was filed on March 30, 2007 in which respondent agreed to immediately cease and desist from using the title or designation, "certified alcohol and drug counselor or derivatives of the title unless and until appropriately licensed or certified by the Committee.

Delores Bender Melillo - A Consent Order was filed on April 12, 2007 accepting the voluntary suspension of certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fiscal Year 2007 Budget - FYI The Committee reviewed and accepted as informational the budget report for The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee and the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee. The Board and Committees operate under one account for which is reported that there is no anticipated change in the current fees.

B. The NASW New Jersey Chapter Newsletter

The February 2007 newsletter was reviewed and accepted as informational.

C. APCBNJ Newsletter

A copy of the electronic April 2007 newsletter was reviewed and accepted as informational.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is scheduled for May 11, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Sylvia W. Lippe and seconded by Edward Reading, the Committee moved into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss pending applications, confidential and disciplinary matters.

XIII. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

Applications for licensure and certification were presented to the Committee for review. On a motion made by Sylvia W. Lippe and seconded by Edward Reading, the following applications were approved:

CADC - Regular

1. Blanco, Jorge A.
2. Brown, Debra L.
3. Del Valle, Sonia

4. Green, David
5. Hurchik, Susan M.
6. Lloyd, Charlie
7. Malone, Patrick
8. Penado, Maria I.
9. Shaw, Suzanne B.

LCADC - Upgrade

1. Conway, Jodi F.
2. O'Connell, Albert J.
3. Padin, Sandra

LCADC - Regular

1. Coffey, Mark A.
2. Gianotti-Avella, Patricia
3. Golonaka, Denise C.
4. Harris, Richard K.
5. Huber, Philip
6. Mountzouris, Diane
7. Murin, Susan
8. Newman, Judith
9. Pisani, Maria C.
10. Ramos-Galarza, Lurdes
11. Reyes, Harry
12. Smith, Mary Ruth
13. Zito, Laura

Approved to Sit for the Oral Examination

1. Keegan, Staela LCADC regular
2. McDougall, Deborah LCADC regular
3. O'Hara, Joseph CADC regular

Approved to Sit for the Written and Oral Examination

1. Clark, Eleanor A. CADC regular
2. Cruz, Pablo L. CADC regular
3. Dechert, Terryann CADC regular
4. Lee, Gloria CADC regular
5. Maven, Patricia CADC regular
6. Preto, David CADC regular
7. Prinz, Bernadette LCADC regular
8. Wright-Payton, Lavonda CADC regular
9. Zumpano, Frank CADC regular

XV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sylvia W. Lippe , seconded by Edward Reading, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.