

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE**  
**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**  
**April 21, 2006**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

This scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:31 a.m., in the Hudson 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

Absent:

Committee Member, Robert Mackey

Staff Present:

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

**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 March 31, 2006 public session Committee meeting were approved as amended.

**IV. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

A. Interpretation of N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3(b)4 The Committee discussed a request for clarification regarding any restriction on the time frame in which the 270 hours of education must be earned. The Committee determined not to place any restrictions on the time period to complete the educational requirements. The Committee also determined to accept courses approved under the old domain requirements. The education topics need to have been approved and must be equivalent to the current domains and topics. All applicants must complete the current required courses in order to satisfy the New Jersey State requirements to practice.

The Committee also discussed the qualifications for "trainers". Concern was expressed that instructors of the 270 basic course work requirement be credentialed in the specialty area. Specifically, all trainers must be an LCADC or other licensed mental health professional with an addiction certification (e.g., LPC with a Master Addictions Counselor certification, a physician with the ASAM certification).

B. Senate Bill 1761 "Violence Prevention in Health Care Facilities Act" This bill would require that certain health care entities establish violence prevention programs to protect health care workers. The intent is to protect health care workers from violence that occurs in health care settings by requiring the establishment of violence prevention programs in each facility. The Committee noted that most agencies have a policy addressing the issue in place and determined not to make comment on the proposal.

C. Assembly Bill 2930 This bill would restrict gifts from drug companies to health care professionals and prohibits health care professionals with financial ties to drug companies from serving on health care facility formulary committees. This bill's intent is to prohibit health care professionals from accepting gifts worth more than \$100.00 in value from pharmaceutical companies. The Committee suggests that the bill should be amended to include restrictions on the advertising of drugs to the general public as that provides the same level, if not more influence. The Committee determined, however, not to take a position on the proposed.

## **V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **A. Application Processing**

To date, 2001 applications have been processed with 1,101 LCADCs in "Active" status which includes 771 LCADCs approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.1 (the "grandfather" provision) 330 LCADCs have been approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.2 ( regular application). There are 349 active CADCs which includes 23 CADCs "grandfather", 326 CADC approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3 ( regular application). A total of 6 LCADC and 7 CADC applications have been denied based on delinquent child support or student loans.

### **B. Committee Member Resignation**

The resignation of Robert Mackey, Ph.D., LCADC was announced.

## **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Biennial Renewal**

Elaine DeMars informed the Committee that a notification is scheduled to be sent to all active certificate holders and licensees with instructions for the renewal of licenses and certifications online. The mailing will also provide information for those who prefer to renew through the paper renewal form process. It is anticipated that the renewal notification will be mailed in early May.

### **B. Continuing Education**

The Committee discussed concern over licensees and certificate holders who have requested approval to carryover to the 2006-2008 biennial licensure period those credits earned in excess of the respective (CADC or LCADC) requirements. Pursuant to the continuing education requirements at N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5, the Committee has determined that a carryover of continuing education credits from one period to another is not permissible.

### **2006 Meeting Dates:**

May 22, 2006

June 19, 2006 October 27, 2006

July 28, 2006 November 17, 2006

August 25, 2006 December 15, 2006

September 22, 2006

## **VIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is May 22, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

## **IX. 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. Aldridge, Megan J.
2. Aidala, Thomas
3. Edwards, Hubert
4. Febres, Ruben
5. Gorman, Kathleen A.
6. Gonzalez, Lisa M.
7. Grier-Hughes, Linda
8. Harris, James D. Jr.
9. Lewis, Helena
10. Lynch, Silvia A.
11. Miller, Michele L.
12. Passadore, Barbara
13. Rutter, John J.
14. Sussman, Scott
15. Walker, Rhonda M.

LCADC - Regular

1. Abreu, Joselyn
2. Edgar, Cynthia M.
3. Edwards, John R.
4. Fiore, Thomas F.
5. Fischer, Suzanne
6. Kennedy-Cashion, Brooke A.
7. Kim, Hank W.
8. Savarese, Wendy
9. Schaffer, Patricia A.
10. Schneier, Stephanie
11. Wesley, Judith F.

LCADC - Grandfather

1. Dorchy, James
2. Linscott, Judith Y.
3. Steffens, Paul G.
4. Smith, Robert A.

Approved to Sit for the Oral Examination

1. Aaron, Emanuel CADC regular
2. Arthur, Robinette CADC regular
3. Blauth, Stacey A. LCADC regular
4. Raymond, Kristina CADC regular
5. Schreier, Deloris J. CADC regular
6. Snyder, Cindy A. CADC regular

Approved to Sit for the Written and Oral Examination

1. Ananson, Heather LCADC regular
2. Cole, Richard M. CADC regular

3. Cortez, Ruben CADC regular
4. Frank, Robin CADC regular
5. Gaither, Roger E. CADC regular
6. Hinton, Michele L. CADC regular
7. Holloman, Erika S. CADC regular
8. Jackson-Brown, Sybil CADC regular
9. Johnson, Shaun K. CADC regular
10. Lambert-Bonds, Audrey E. CADC regular
11. Makowski, Jennifer LCADC regular
12. Ogunkola, Victoria O. CADC regular
13. Wright, Paul A. CADC regular
14. Zimmermann, Jennifer CADC regular
15. Zito, Laura A. LCADC regular

## **X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe and seconded by Edward Reading, the Committee voted to move into Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. to discuss pending applications, confidential and disciplinary matters.

## **XI. CONSENT ORDERS**

Evelyn Wilson, LMFT, LCSW The Committee reviewed a copy of the Consent Order jointly filed on April 13, 2006, by the Board of Social Work Examiners and the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners. Pursuant to the Order, Ms. Wilson has agreed to the voluntary surrender of her license to practice as a clinical social worker and marriage and family therapist. While not certified in New Jersey, Ms. Wilson included the "CADC" credential in professional documents.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Edward Reading, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.