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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to Order at 9:44 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

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

Also Present:

Alexis Goldberger, Deputy Attorney General
Howard Pine, Legal Specialist
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff
Vivian Lopez, Administrative Staff

Announcement of Quorum

Committee Chair, Edward Reading announced the presence of a quorum.

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

The minutes of the March 23, 2012 meeting were tabled for review at the May 18, 2012 agenda meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public were not present.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Waiver Law

Howard Pine informed the Committee of the "Waiver Law" which seeks to allow applicants and licensees to request a waiver for certain regulation requirements to alleviate undue difficulties in obtaining licensure/certification. Deputy Attorney General Alexis Goldberger will provide the Committee with a copy of the Waiver Law for review at the May 18, 2012 meeting.

B. New Division of Consumer Affairs Director

Howard Pine announced that Eric T. Kanefsky has been assigned as the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs. Mr. Kanefsky replaced Director Thomas Calcagni.

VI. FILED ORDERS

A. Amy Bruen, CADC

The April 18, 2012 filed Order of Summary Suspension for failure to appear before the Committee to discuss her possible unlicensed practice prior to receiving her certification.

B. Jimmie Williams, CADC

The April 18, 2012 filed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Certification for his admitted alcohol and drug relapse and four drug related arrests in 2011.

C. Michael A. DeMassi, LCADC, LSW

The March 23, 2012 filed Administrative Action Complaint and Notice of Hearing and Notice to File Answer for the complaint which alleges that he engaged in professional misconduct.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for May 18, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2012 Meeting Dates

May 18, 2012	September 28, 2012
June 29, 2012	October 19, 2012
July 27, 2012	November 16, 2012
August 24, 2012	December 21, 2012

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Jamie Lugo, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee moved to Executive Session at 9:58 a.m. to conduct two (2) investigative inquiries, to review six (6) criminal history reports, consumer complaints that appear to have confidential information regarding potential alcohol and drug issues and pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

IX. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

The following applications were approved for licensure/certification:

LCADC

1. Joel Aronowitz
2. Laurel DeLuca
3. Peter E. Dougherty
4. Christopher T. Freeman
5. Arthur Karwowski
6. Kristen Levey
7. Paul Pound
8. Jennifer L. Pullaro
9. Anthony Riccobono
10. Deborah A. Tomaszewski
11. Phyllis Weinstein

CADC

1. Andrea N. Altans
2. Francis Armstrong
3. Tracie Dzindzio
4. John Gross
5. Tammy S. Jamison
6. Mari LeVach
7. Emmanuella Prochet
8. Anthony Sciarappa
9. John J. Straughn
10. Ralph V. Sturdivant
11. Willie Wise

Written and Oral Examination

1. Dominic Barone
2. Thea M. Berk
3. Kevin M. Boykin
4. Sandra Boykin
5. Mary-Ann J. Conte
6. Kathryn I. Cooney
7. George Dannenhauer
8. Stephanie A. Davis
9. Cynthia Green
10. Robert Hall
11. Gaudi M. Jiminian
12. Cathleen E. Lawless
13. Margarita L. Leary
14. Daniel J. Massey, Jr.
13. Mustamirr S. Muslim
14. Jaclyn S. Papa
15. Reginald Person, Jr.
16. Victoria L. Peters
17. Helen L. Raiani
18. Mary L. Ruiz
19. Liza A. Schejman-Bach
20. Rafael Seijo, Jr.
21. Heather S. Sette
22. Thomas J. Viola

X. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.