

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
May 15, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting was called to order at 9:43 a.m., in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chairman, Edward Reading
Committee Member, Sylvia Lippe
Committee Member, Norwood Allen
Committee Member, Jamie Lugo

Recused:

Committee Member, Lorenzo Puertas

Until the matter is resolved, Public Member, Lorenzo 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. Announcement of quorum was made by Committee Chair, Dr. Reading.

Administrative Staff: Elaine L. DeMars
Celeste Paige
Vivian Lopez

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Jamie Lugo, seconded by Norwood Allen, the minutes of the April 24, 2009 public session meeting were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

In attendance:

Rhonda S. Berliner-Gold, Esq., Administrative Office of the Courts
Carol Venditto, Administrative Office of the Courts
Jayne Cavanaugh, Administrative Office of the Courts
Daniel Zeith, Esq. Fox and Fox, LLP

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

Notice of Rule Proposal: N.J.A.C. 13:34C-1 et seq.
The public comment period ends on June 19, 2009.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Substance Abuse Evaluator; Title and Function

A. Rhonda S. Berliner-Gold, Esq., Labor and Employee Relations Unit, Administrative Office of the Courts
Carol Venditto, Manager, Drug Court Manager, Administrative Office of the Courts
Jayne Cavanaugh,

TASC Coordinator, Administrative Office of the Courts Daniel Zeith, Esq. Fox and Fox, LLP for PANJ

Rhonda Berliner-Gold, Esq., Carol Venditto and Jayne Cavanaugh addressed the Committee regarding Ms. Berliner- Gold's letter dated March 25, 2009. They described the role, functions and supervision of individuals working in the Substance Abuse Evaluator (SAE) title in the courts. The Committee also reviewed the letters dated December 15, 2008 and March 12, 2009 as well as information provided by Lynsey Johnson, Esq., Fox and Fox, LLP for PANJ and related parties during the February 26, 2009 public agenda meeting. Based on the information that the Committee reviewed it appears that the functions performed by the individuals in the Substance Abuse Evaluator title are consistent with the 12-core functions set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:34C-3.1 (b)1 and (c)1.

VII. FILED CONSENT ORDERS

A. Philip H. Harrison

May 4, 2009 Filed Consent Order: Suspension of license for five years for engaging in professional misconduct.

B. Laura N. Harrison -

May 15, 2009 Filed Consent Order: Suspension of license for five years for engaging in professional misconduct.

C. Allen Bradley

May 15, 2009 Filed Consent Order: Cease and Desist the unlicensed practice of alcohol and drug counseling.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 19, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

June 19, 2009 October 23, 2009
July 24, 2009 November 19, 2009
August 28, 2009 December 17, 2009
September 25, 2009

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee will move to Executive Session to conduct investigative inquiries, review criminal history background reports, pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

X. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

Applications for licensure and certification will be reviewed and moved for approval.

A. LCADC - Regular

1. Diana Allen
2. Melissa Pino

B. LCADC - Upgrade

1. Michael Rivera
2. Judith Rosenbaum

C. CADC - Regular

1. Rajonta Hodges
2. Bruce Schenck

D. Written and Oral Examinations

1. Khayyam Bey
2. Nancy Bober
3. Tara M. Bongiorni
4. Andre Brooks
5. Susan Burnett
6. Brenna Cash
7. Paola L. Castano
8. Michael Chambers
9. Leslie DeBlasio
10. Winifred Cunningham
11. Christine Gunsett
12. Harry L. Henley
13. Brian Horton
14. Raffaella McAllister
15. Jennifer O'Brien
16. Michele Reid
17. Adrenee L. Robinson
18. Teloid V. Scott
19. Laurence Stom
20. Stanley Watts
21. Michael Williams
22. Tania J. Zurita

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars