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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **MAY 17, 2013**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to Order by Committee Chair, Edward Reading at 9:41 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 Vice-Chair, Sylvia Lippe

Excused:

Committee Member, Norwood Allen

Also Present:

Alexis Goldberger, Deputy Attorney General
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep
Vivian Lopez, Administrative Staff
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

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 and also posted on the Committee's web page.

Announcement of Quorum

Committee Chair, Edward Reading announced the presence of a quorum at 9:42 a.m.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

A. April 19, 2013

Upon motion by Sylvia Lippe with Jamie Lugo seconding the April 19, 2013 Public minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

V. **LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

A. **Assembly Bill A-2882** ~ *requires professional boards to provide credits toward licensure for veterans with substantially equivalent training.*

Regulatory Analyst Rachel Glasgow informed the Board that this has been signed into law and the Division of Consumer Affairs is currently working on a division wide implantation plan for all the regulatory Boards/Committees. The Committee discussed concerns regarding whether the Boards/Committees will be required to take credits from non-regionally accredited institutions. Ms. Glasgow discussed that the American Council on Education (ACE) Military Programs Team has a program to evaluate course work that is substantively equivalent and will reach out to the ACE.

B. **Debra L. Wentz, Ph.D, Chief Executive Officer, The New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addition Agencies, Inc. (NJAMHAA)**

The Board reviewed Ms. Wentz's May 3, 2013 letter regarding the Custody/Parenting Time Evaluation and Termination of Parental Evaluations (**N.J.A.C 13:34-9A and 31**). NJAMHAA is requesting that specific rules about disability determinations be incorporated into these regulations.

The Committee accepted this as informational as it applies to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners and the Professional Counselors Committee, but not to the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee.

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

The Committee reviewed Glenn Duncan's regulation change petition:

- 1.) Concerning requiring all LCADC to have the Certified Clinical Supervisor (CCS) credential in order to be a supervisor, *The Committee tabled discussion of this matter for further review and discussion.*
- 2.) Concerning approving a supervisor while still in the process of obtaining their CCS, *The Committee determined that an individual is not a supervisor until the supervisory credentials have been fully obtained.*
- 3.) Concerning adding requirements for qualified supervisors to directly observe the supervisees in one of four specified activities at least once annually, *The Committee came to its decision based upon the fact that they already have the means to observe supervisees included on page 11 of the application and determined to keep it that way because as the definition of clinical supervision evolves there will be new techniques developing and the Committee does not want to limit itself but rather allow for flexibility.*

*Upon motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee voted to table Petition for Rule Making **N.J.A.C 13:34C-6.2, 6.2A, and 6.3** for further review and discussion at the July 28, 2013 meeting. Voting in favor: all.*

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Licensing Activity Report

	<u>CADC</u>	<u>LCADC</u>
Active	676	1613
Inactive	41	84
Pending*	582	297
Reinstatements Pending	4	2
Suspended	2	3
Voluntary surrender	5	2
Withdrawn	23	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. Web site posting of agendas and minutes:

As of May 13, 2013, the following have been submitted to the webmaster: minutes for March, May, June and July 2012 and agendas for October, November and December 2012 (canceled). The Committee is awaiting their posting.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Mitchell Cogan

The Committee reviewed Mr. Cogan's April 4, 2013 email regarding using his hours at Genesis Counseling and Jewish Family and Children Services towards LCADC licensure. *The Committee determined to inform Mr. Cogan that he is required to send in a plan of supervision for further Committee review.*

VIII. FILED ORDERS

A. Charles Mirarchi III

The Committee reviewed Mr. Mirarchi's filed Consent Order granting Mr. Mirarchi an unrestricted license to practice Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counseling. *The Committee accepted this as informational.*

B. Patricia DeLorenzo

The Committee reviewed Ms. DeLorenzo's filed Consent Order for voluntary license surrender to be deemed a revocation. *The Committee accepted this as informational.*

IX. APCBNJ MATTERS

Nothing to report.

X. DMHAS MATTERS

Liz Conti canceled the scheduled meeting with the Committee.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **June 28, 2013**, 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Meeting Dates for 2013

June 28, 2013	October 25, 2013
July 26, 2013	November 15, 2013
August 23, 2013	December 20, 2013
September 27, 2013	

XII. 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.

XIII. APPLICATIONS REVIEWED

CADC approved for licensure

Tiffany L. Carr
Harry Glenn, Jr.
Robert E. Hall
Richard J. Hamilton
John Pilla
Maria Schwartzman
Elisa Warren
Lauren B. Willis

LCADC approved for licensure

Mileno Alvarez

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LCADC approved for licensure

Steven Bolton
Brenda Carroll
Mary-All J. Conte
Nicholas Cerami
Shirley deKnent-Kuzik
Elana Dobrowolski
Verneida G. Nolan
Amanda G. Rodriguez
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Sabrina L. Salanitro
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XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

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