

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES  
May 20, 2005**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Vice Chair Donald Weinbaum who gave notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Committee Chair, Edward Reading (via telephone)  
Committee Vice Chair, Donald Weinbaum  
Committee Member, Sylvia Lippe

Absent:

Georgene Brazier

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 Sylvia Lippe and seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the minutes of February 25, 2005 public session were approved as amended.

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Edward Reading, the minutes of April 1, 2005 public session were approved as amended.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present.

**V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

Assembly Bill 3757

This Bill revises licensure and certification requirements for certain persons who engage in the practice of social work, amending and supplementing P.L. 1991, c.134. In discussion with Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson, the Committee determined to reverse its previous support and to oppose the Bill as written.

Senate Bill 544

This Bill revises statutory mental health coverage requirements and requires all health insurers and SHBP to cover treatment for alcoholism and other substance-use disorders under the same terms and conditions as for

other diseases or illnesses.

The Committee finds that the Bill has been thoughtfully created. Alcoholism is recognized as a physical illness and the provisions of the legislation include treatment for those in need with no lifetime cap.

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Edward Reading the Committee voted to support the Bill wholeheartedly.

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

### **Application Processing Report**

To date the Committee has received a total of 1,614 applications for certification and licensure.

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

George Lucey, Executive Director, HOPE HOUSE

Mr. Lucey submitted correspondence requesting approval of continuing education credit for the courses he provides alcohol and drug counselors. The Committee will write to Mr. Lucey to explain that the domain coursework requirement (N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3(b)4) is different than the continuing education course requirements.(N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.3(b)).

## **UNLICENSED PRACTICE NOTIFICATION**

The Committee will forward notices to agency directors to advise that individuals employed to provide alcohol and drug counseling are required to obtain State certification or licensure. Those who continue to practice without State certification/licensure are in violation of the law. Current law provides that unlicensed practice will result in discipline. The letter will include the deadline for licensure/certification application without discipline. Individuals who have filed applications but have not completed the process will also be notified.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

Continuing Education Requirement - N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.2(d)

Pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.2(d) the Committee discussed the legal standards seminar that is planned in conjunction with the Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey. The Committee has identified the educational, supervisory and clinical criteria for potential attendees to be: LCADC with an approved Master's or Doctorate degree, 5 years of training experience, and clinical supervision experience (or CCS). The seminar is intended for licensed alcohol and drug counselors who upon successful completion of the seminar will be approved to present the course. Dates for this day-long workshop are tentatively set for September 23 and November 14, 2005 at the Rutgers Law Center, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

## **CONSENT ORDERS**

The Committee has executed the following Consent Orders to date:

Ronald Cardone October 4, 2004

Mr. Cardone was reprimanded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) for his act of misrepresentation or deception in failing to disclose his 1985 conviction for establishing a gambling place.

David Woolbert October 14, 2004

Mr. Woolbert was reprimanded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(a) for his act of misrepresenting that he attended continuing education classes necessary for recertification as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor that he did not in

fact attend.

Ernest Polite January 5, 2005

Mr. Polite was reprimanded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(a) and (b) for misrepresentation or deception in failing to disclose his criminal history on an application for licensure.

Carol Jennett February 2, 2005

Ms. Jennett was reprimanded pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(a) and (b) for misrepresentation or deception in failing to disclose her full criminal history on three (3) separate license applications that she filed with the Division of Consumer Affairs, including two applications filed with the New Jersey Board of Social Work Examiners and one application filed with the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee

2005 Meeting Dates:

June 27, 2005

July 22, 2005

August 26, 2005

September 19, 2005

October 28, 2005

November 18, 2005

December 16, 2005

## **IX. CREDENTIAL REVIEW**

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

CADC - Regular

1. Abraham, Susheel G.
2. Bolignesi, Cheryl A.
3. Bond, Perry
4. Doyle, Mary L.
5. Dunn, Michael
6. Fricke, Pamela
7. Greco, Lydia
8. Hagler, Mathew J.
9. Johnson, Craig S.
10. Johnson, Trudi R.
11. Johnson-Jones, Judith
12. Kaplan, Paula L.
13. Lamorte, Ava M.
14. Lausell, Jonathan
15. Lopez, Jami B.
16. Lugo, Doris F.
17. Meglis, Vincent R.
18. Porter, Valeria
19. Rosario, Angelo L.
20. Stamatiou, Lorianne
21. Stoveken, Susan J.
22. Simon, Mary T.
23. Thomas, Aisha R.
24. Trimble, Anthony

25. Williams, Derrick A.

CADC - Grandfather

1. Moore, Geraldine J.

LCADC - Regular

1. Arnold, Joanne
2. Bosakowski, Susan E.
3. Casado, Kerlin
4. Coe, Jean
5. Cubino, Raymond
6. DeFilippo, Gregory V.
7. Downey-Miles, Delma
8. Etts, Thomas
9. Fitzgerald, Dawn
10. Fornarotto-Regenye, Alysa\*
11. Geltman, Susan
12. Kallmann, Carolee M.
13. Kaspereen, Dana
14. Katz, Frederick J. III
15. Kispert, Eric
16. Leidolf, Elizabeth
17. McKie, Andrea
18. Miceli, Frances M.\*
19. Nelson, Maryellen
20. Nereo, George
21. Rosenbluth, Gary
22. Rudder, Elizabeth
23. Swift, Jacqueline J.
24. Tarnoff, Debra L.
25. Taylor, Christina
26. Torres, Nelva
27. Zarowin, Janice R.

\*Recusal: Donald Weinbaum recused from the vote on the application of Ms. Alysa Fornarotto-Regenye and Ms. Frances M. Miceli. Recusal was based on either personal or professional knowledge of the individual noted.

LCADC - Grandfather

1. Baffige, Frank N.
2. Braun, Susan
3. Cruts, Lurline Mardee
4. Kahn, Karen
5. Madiou, Raymond A.
6. Northey-Armstrong, Valerie
7. Rivera, Edward
8. Rullo, Diane
9. Ruocco, Paula M.
10. Stevenson, Victoria
11. Williams-Gray, Sybil Y.
12. Zboski, Barbara Ann

Approved to Sit for the Oral Examination

1. Fiore, Thomas

## **X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 11:50 a.m., on a motion by Donald Weinbaum, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to move to Executive Session to discuss pending applications, confidential and disciplinary matters.

## **XI. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 27, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.