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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES MAY 20, 2016

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Dr. Edward Reading at 9:37 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Edward Reading, Ph.D., LCADC, Committee Chair
Norwood Allen, CADC, Committee Member
Jamie Lugo, CADC, Committee Member

Absent:

Sylvia Lippe, LCADC, Committee Vice Chair

Also Present:

Nancy Miller - Deputy Attorney General
Rachel Glasgow - Regulatory Analyst
Milagros Collazo - Executive Director
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz - Confidential Assistant

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 Record, and the Courier Post and also posted on the Committee's web page.

Announcement of Quorum

Committee Chair Dr. Reading announced the presence of a quorum at 9:37 a.m.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

A. April 22, 2016 Public Minutes

Upon motion made by Norwood Allen, and seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee voted to approve the April 22, 2016 minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane Litterer - CEO NJPN

Tony Polizzi - Trainer/ LCADC - NJPN

Elizabeth Conte - LPC, LCADC, Clinical Workforce Developmental Specialist - DMHAS

V. LEGISLATIVE REGULATORY

A. Senate Bill 2031

The Committee reviewed Senate Bill 2031 which seeks to require schools districts to employ certain number of student assistance coordinators based on district enrollment.

Upon motion made by Jaime Lugo, and seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee strongly supported the bill. Voting in favor: all.

B. Telemedicine

The Committee reviewed the telemedicine data collected by Intern Stephen Tighe.

The Committee accepted this as informational.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

No items to report.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

No items to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Diane Litterer, CEO New Jersey Prevention Network (NJPN), Tony Polizzi, LCADC/Trainer NJPN, and Elizabeth Conte, LPC, LCADC, Clinical Workforce Developmental Specialist - DMHAS sat down with the Committee to discuss the coursework being developed for “peer recovery specialist” including an ethics component as well as the use of the CCAR (CT Community Addiction Recovery) training. Ms. Litterer and Mr. Polizzi discussed the training methods used to ensure that peer recovery specialists understand that they do not have a credential or license to practice as a counselor.

The Committee asked Ms. Litterer to forward the curriculum for review.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

No items to report.

X. FILED ORDERS

No items to report.

XI. Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey MATTERS (APCBNJ)

No items to report.

XII. Division of Mental Health and Addiction Service Matters (DMHAS)

Elizabeth Conte - LPC, LCADC, Clinical Workforce Developmental Specialist - DMHAS - made additional comments to the discussion from the April 22, 2016 meeting

regarding the “peer recovery specialist.” Ms. Conte stated that DMHAS supports the creation and oversight for a peer recovery credential, however, the agency asks that the Committee consider more than one certification to ensure all stakeholders are involved in the process to provide input regarding core competencies, job tasks, alignment with

DMHAS, and other initiatives that would allow peers and family members to provide feedback regarding this process.

The Committee asked Ms. Conte to submit suggestions of other credentials, and what would they include.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **June 24, 2016** 9:30 a.m. at **124 Halsey Street, Newark**, New Jersey.

Meeting Dates for 2016

June 24, 2016

July 22, 2016

August 26, 2016

September 23, 2016

October 28, 2016

November 18, 2016

December 16, 2016

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Norwood Allen, and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to enter Executive Session at 10:41 a.m. to review applications, plans of supervision, consumer complaints, and other pending disciplinary and investigatory matters. Voting in favor: all.

XV. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

The Committee reviewed the following applications for licensure and certification for approval.

A. LCADC

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Upgrade LCADC Approved

1. Jessica Wilson

B. LCADC- Upgrade

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1. Yemsi T. Abiona
2. Kerwin Brisbane
3. Orkeem Davis
4. Donna R. Francese
5. Broderick N. Harper
6. Laura Richardson
7. Doris M. Vallejo

C. CADC

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1. Eleanor Dragonetti

D. Written and Oral Examinations

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1. Louis J. Abbatiello, Jr.
2. Kevin S. Abrams
3. Dena L. Agolio
4. Frank J. Armenio, Jr.
5. Lean Bailey
6. Chiarra G. Barone
7. Cinella Brannon
8. Syretta Bratton
9. Michael T. Cocuzza
10. Jocelyn Cooper
11. Gina Corforte
12. Kimberly Counsil Torsiello
13. Darryl Covington
14. Rosemarie De Almeida-Gajda
15. Jenny R. DeGarcia
16. Tinamarie DeGeorge
17. Jan D. DeVecchis
18. Samantha A. Dowgin
19. Robert Evers
20. Bellone Fabien
21. Juan Flores
22. Robert Harron
23. Sarah A. Harvey
24. Paul Horowitz
25. Cynthia R. Holtzman
26. Martiza A. Jolly
27. Karly King
28. Thomas King
29. Viktoria L. Kristbergs
30. Kristen M. Lamorticella
31. Anthony Leger
32. Erika E. Leon
33. Jaclyn M. Luzzo
34. Tiffani L. Malbry
35. James P. Mckenna
36. Dana L. Migliaccio
37. Eric L. Mullen
38. Susan r. Nordstorm
39. Maureen R. Papke
40. Todd Pender
41. Yesenia Perez
42. Kathy Robinson
43. Quincy Rodriguez
44. Leona Ryan
45. Hassan Sandlhu
46. Bryan D. Smith
47. John Thomas

E. Oral Examination Only
1. Veronica Sanchez

XVI. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to adjourn the March 18, 2016 public session at 3:22 p.m. Voting in favor: all.