

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
May 22, 2006**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:42 a.m., in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Committee Chair Edward Reading who gave notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, Edward Reading
Committee Vice Chair, Sylvia W. Lippe

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 Committee Chair, Edward Reading , and seconded by Committee Vice Chair, Sylvia W. Lippe the minutes of the April 21, 2006 public session Committee meeting were approved as amended.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

HIPDB Bill - Adverse Licensure Action Reports

The Committee reviewed proposed federal regulations that will result in placing information currently reported to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) into the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB). The proposed regulations will implement Section 921 of the Social Security Act. The Committee determine to make no comment on the proposal. It was noted that reporting of mental health licensing board disciplinary actions is "Optional" according to HIPDB rules, however the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counselors Examiners Committee and Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee do report final disciplinary actions. HIPDB is a good mechanism for sharing disciplinary action between jurisdictions and is utilized effectively by the medical-related boards. The Board acknowledged that because the data bank is optional for mental health licensing boards, it is not as effective in making available the disciplinary records of all licensing jurisdictions when individuals seek licensure.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Continuing Education Course Approval Request - Lynne Gavan

The Committee reviewed the continuing education course information provided by Ms. Gavan and determined

that additional information is required. Ms. Gavan will be asked to provide the vitae of each presenter and documentation of attendance. The writer will also be advised that in the future, approval should be granted by one of the approved providers listed in N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.3(b)1.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Ms. DeMars reported that the "Frequently Asked Questions" have been posted on the Committee's Web page. The information is posted to provide general information regarding the licensing process.

B. A review of individuals with active APCBNJ certificates at the time that State licensure regulations became effective revealed that a number individuals have not applied for the required State licensure/certification.

VIII. APPLICATION PROCESSING

To date, 2028 applications have been processed with 1,123 LCADCs in "Active" status which includes 779 LCADCs approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.1 (the "grandfather" provision) 344 LCADCs have been approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.2 (regular application). There are 356 active CADCs which includes 24 CADCs "grandfather", 356 CADC approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3 (regular application). A total of 6 LCADC and 7 CADC applications have been denied based on delinquent child support or student loans.

IX. BIENNIAL LICENSE/CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

Confirmation of the mailing date for the biennial renewal notification and application has not yet been received. The expiration date for all certificates and licenses issued by the State is July 31, 2006. A renewal notice will be mailed to all CADCs and LCADCs in the active status and will include instructions for the option to renew on-line and on the paper (pressure-sealed) form.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Roberta Media Spa - FYI

An Order to Show Cause has been filed concerning the unlicensed practice of medicine and surgery, mental health therapy and cosmetology and hairstyling. The section of the Order that pertains to this Committee seeks to temporarily enjoin and restrain defendant Judith Page from engaging in any mental health therapy. As a result of the Order Roberta Medi Spa is closed.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSENT ORDER - Ronald Cardone filed on May 22, 2006.

A Consent Order for the voluntary surrender of licensure was executed based on the employer's report of demotion and subsequent reports of a relapse. Ronald Cardone, LCADC did not report either incident to the Committee and was therefore in violation of N.J.A.C.13:34C-3.4.

2006 Meeting Dates:

June 19, 2006 October 27, 2006

July 28, 2006 November 17, 2006

August 25, 2006 December 15, 2006

September 22, 2006

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is June 19, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe and seconded by Edward Reading, the Committee voted to move into Executive Session at 12:17 p.m. to discuss pending applications, confidential and disciplinary matters.

XIV. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

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

CADC - Regular

1. O'Connell, Albert J.

LCADC - Regular

1. Conte, Elizabeth
2. DeWitt, Griffin
3. Diaz-Murphy, Linda
4. Johnson, Thomas
5. Rundio, Albert

LCADC Grandfather

1. Hennen, Joseph H.

Approved to Sit for the Oral Examination

1. Dowling, Richard CADC regular
2. Paglio-Minni, Cynthia A. LCADC regular

Approved to Sit for the Written and Oral Examination

1. Altamirano, David CADC regular
2. Del Valle, Sonia CADC regular
3. Pinks, Stephen CADC regular
4. Polese, Matthew CADC regular
5. Smoot, Elaine CADC regular
6. Greene, Charles CADC regular

XV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by, Sylvia W. Lippe, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.