

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
June 19, 2006**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:30 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 Vice Chair, Sylvia W. Lippe , and seconded by Committee Chair, Edward Reading the minutes of the May 22, 2006 public session Committee meeting were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Bowe, APCBNJ Executive Director and Ray Cortese. Board Chair attended the meeting and provided a brief update on training and the process for reciprocity.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

Assembly Bill -3063

This bill amends the Open Public Meetings Act to require each public body that has an established Internet site to post annual notice of regular meetings, keep comprehensive minutes and audio record meetings, identify everyone who speaks at a meeting and make the recordings and drafts of the minutes available to the public within 5 business day. Upon review, the Committee agreed that the impact on Committee/Board business would be significant. The requirement for audio recording of all sessions would affect the open exchange of concerns and perspective among board members during deliberation and before a final determination is reached. The requirement for the release of minutes before being ratified would allow for misreporting and misrepresentation of the matter and any determination.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

The License Commission Of The Americas

In a review of a memo addressed to Federal, State and Provincial Solicitors and Attorney Generals and the announcement of the licensing of aromatherapy, biofeedback, hemeopathic, hypnotist, naturopathic, neurotherapy,

nutritional and reflexology professionals, the Committee determined to refer the notice to the Director's office.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Committee was informed that of the 1770 individuals certified by APCBNJ and active on March 15, 2004, 382 have not applied for certification or licensure. Executive Director DeMars will send notices that a license/certificate is required to practice alcohol and drug counseling in New Jersey.

VIII. APPLICATION PROCESSING

To date, 2051 applications have been processed with 1,520 LCADCs in "Active" status which includes 779 LCADCs approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.1 (the "grandfather" provision) 349 LCADCs have been approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.2 (regular application). There are 392 active CADCs which includes 24 CADCs approved pursuant to the grandfather provision, 368 CADC approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3 (regular application). A total of 6 LCADC and 9 CADC applications have been denied based on delinquent child support or student loans. One license has been surrendered voluntarily and a total of 7 applications have been withdrawn.

IX. BIENNIAL LICENSE/CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

The "paper" renewal application form will be mailed to those certificate holders and licensees in "active" status on Monday June 19, 2006. Those who have or intend to renew on-line are not required to complete the paper form. As of June 16, 2006, 578 on-line renewals have been completed.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is July 28, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2006 Meeting Dates:

July 28, 2006 October 27, 2006

August 25, 2006 November 17, 2006

September 22, 2006 December 15, 2006

XI. 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.

XII. 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. Breman, Ellen
2. Brewer, John
3. Geedman, Carol
4. Goodman, Michelle
5. Hampton, Jr., William S.
6. Miriam Gonzalez
7. Valenti, Andre
8. Weber, Jerry

9. Williams, Jr., Otto

LCADC - Regular

1. Bermudez, Rafaela
2. Jones, Rene
3. Lynch, Sylvia A.
4. Marino, III, Joseph T.*
5. Mezger, Kathryn
6. Smith, Donna
7. Smith, Jamielee
8. Thompson, Barbara A.
9. Villano, Lisa
10. Waller, Peggy
11. Warner, Mark

Committee Chair Edward Reading recused from the review and vote on the application of Mr. Joseph T. Marino III. Recusal was based on either personal or professional knowledge of the individual noted.

LCADC - Upgrade

1. Simon, Mary T.

LCADC - Grandfather

1. Helm, Joyce
2. Lawler, Philip
3. Murano, Frank W.*
4. St. John, Carol

Committee Chair Edward Reading recused from the review and vote on the approval of this application. J. Barry Mascari, LPC, LCADC reviewed and voted to approve the application.

Approved to Sit for the Oral Examination

1. Anderson, Jerry CADC regular
2. Bonner, Willie CADC regular
3. Brown, Samuel CADC regular
4. Burns, Donna CADC regular
5. Pantoja, Frank CADC regular
6. Scurdy, Leonard CADC regular
7. Kurz, Christine LCADC regular
7. Rivas, Reina LCADC regular

Approved to Sit for the Written and Oral Examination

1. Adams, Vivian CADC regular
2. Brister, Kevin CADC regular
3. Bull, Fredrick CADC regular
4. Cantoni, Roger CADC regular
5. Cole, Richard CADC regular
6. Dairsow, John CADC regular
7. Drake, Nicole J. CADC regular
8. Keeley, Jr., Patrick CADC regular
9. Rodriguez, Maria CADC regular

10. Smith, Kathleen CADC regular
11. Thomas, Stephen CADC regular
12. Wallin, Albert CADC regular
13. Koempel, Stephanie LCADC regular
14. Tierney, Joseph LCADC regular

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sylvia W. Lippe, seconded by, Edward Reading, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.