

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
June 22, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:39 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

Recused:

Until the matter is resolved, Public Member, Lorenzo S. Puertas recused from attendance based on services he provides related to the profession that may be a possible violation of the statutory requirement for public board members.

Staff Present:

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars
Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger
Administrative Staff, Celeste Paige
Administrative Staff, Ray Yee

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 11, 2007 public session Committee meeting were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Stephanie Furness-Kearns, Community Relations Representative for Summit Oaks Hospital introduced herself to the Committee and briefly discussed her role with the hospital.
2. Michael Chenkin, MSW, LCSW, LCADC, addressed his concerns to Committee with: 1) getting information and responses from the Committee and the Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey; 2) the delay in the appointment of Committee members, 3) the disparity in the cost for training charged by various entities; 4) the requirement that licensed clinical social workers also possess the the APCBNJ CCS credential; 5) the Professional

Counselor Examiners Committee concern whether addiction focused counseling does not satisfies the supervised experience requirement for licensure; and 6) the gap between substance abuse research which indicates the need for an evidence- based treatment approach and current clinical practice.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. N.J.A.C. 13:34C

Regulatory Analyst Maryann Sheehan reviewed the draft revision for N.J.A.C. 13:34C and suggested minor changes. The Committee approved the suggested changes and will present the draft revisions to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners for approval.

VI. APPLICATION PROCESSING

A. Educational Programs

1. Passaic County Community College - Michael D'Arcangelo, Assistant Professor, Human Services Program
The Committee reviewed and accepted the Domain Matrix submitted by Mr. D'Arcangelo and will utilize the course work assignments to determine satisfaction of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.2(b)4 for applicants presenting the program's official transcript.

2. Essex County College - Peter Myers, Ph.D., Coordinator, Addiction Counselor Track
The Committee reviewed and accepted the Domain Matrix submitted by Dr. Myers and will utilize the course work assignments to determine satisfaction of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.2(b)4 for applicants presenting the program's official transcript.

B. Application Review

1. Gilbert, James LCADC regular

The Committee reviewed the criminal history explanation submitted by Mr. Gilbert and determined that there was nothing in his criminal history to preclude licensure. **MOVED TO APPROVE FOR REGULAR LCADC.**

2. Keeling-Anderson, Cynthia CADC regular

The Committee reviewed the criminal history explanation submitted by Mrs. Keeling-Anderson and determined that there was nothing in her criminal history to preclude certification. **MOVED TO APPROVE FOR REGULAR CADC.**

3. Nicholls-Wise, Donna CADC regular

The Committee reviewed the criminal history explanation submitted by Mrs. Nicholls-Wise and determined that there was nothing in her criminal history to preclude certification. **MOVED TO APPROVE FOR REGULAR CADC.**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Center for Alcohol Studies - Rutgers University

Review of course work submission for Fall 2007 and Spring 2008. The Committee completed its review of details for the 25 proposed course offerings submitted by Gail Milgram, EdD., Program Director pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3(b)4. On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe and seconded by Edward Reading, the Committee voted to send official notice of the result of the review for each course to Dr. Milgram.

B. Proposed Application Revisions

Executive Director DeMars presented a draft of the suggested revisions to the application for certification/licensure. The Committee determined to continue the review to ensure that application requirements and instructions are clarified. The intention is to guide applicants through the process with more detail and avoid the submission of incomplete and/or inaccurate applications.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Filed Consent Orders:

1. Vincent B. Cardarelli

A Consent Order was filed on June 13, 2007 in which he agreed to immediately cease and desist from offering or engaging in any mental health counseling. A civil penalty of \$1000.00 was assessed.

2. Phillip H. Harrison, II

Based on information submitted in Mr. Harrison's application for licensure as an alcohol and drug counselor, it was determined that he engaged in independent practice without a license. He was assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$500. Upon compliance with the terms of the Consent Order filed on June 13, 2007, licensure will be granted.

3. Andrew Joseph Long

A Consent Order granting restricted certification to practice alcohol and drug counseling was filed on June 12, 2007.

B. NJ BIZ Article: Blockbuster Merger of Firms that Help Prisoners

The Committee accepted as informational the article that focused on Community Education Centers, Inc. and the in-prison facilities and post-prison treatment and rehabilitative services.

IX. APCBNJ MATTERS

Newsletter - June 2007

The Committee accepted the copy of the electronic publication as informational.

X. NJPN MATTERS

The Committee reviewed a faxed copy of the NJPN notice entitled, "New CADC Course Names and Numbers Beginning July 1, 2007" and expressed concern with the misinformation included in the notice. The Committee will send a letter to the NJPN director advising of the need to correct the information. NJPN will also be advised to clear any announcements regarding State certification/licensure requirements before publication.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is scheduled for July 27, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Sylvia W. Lippe and seconded by Edward Reading, the Committee moved into Executive Session at 9:42 a.m. to discuss pending applications, confidential and disciplinary matters.

XIII. 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. Bailey, Pamela
2. Bell, Vanessa
3. Burns, Donna

4. Cook, Ruth
5. Keeling-Anderson, Cynthia R.
6. Mallien, Kathleen
7. Nichols-Wise, Dona M.
8. Pantoja, Frank
9. Riscica, Debra
10. Smith, Michele

LCADC - Upgrade

1. Badache, Liselle
2. Rodriguez, Dario

LCADC - Grandfather

1. Harrison II, Philip H. Edward Reading Recused

LCADC - Regular

1. Beschen, Patricia C.
2. Gilbert, James
3. Rivas, Reina
4. Senior, Marsha
5. Vint, Dianne
6. Wurgaft, Marc

Approved to Sit for the Written and Oral Examination

1. Anderson, Philip N. CADC regular
2. Cooper, Marilyn F. CADC regular
3. Davis, Dexter J. CADC regular
4. Feaster, LaVera CADC regular
5. Glenn Jr., Harry CADC regular
6. Gonzalez, Nereida CADC regular
7. Harrison, Rosalind R. CADC regular
8. Kerr, Karen CADC regular
9. Lane, Megan CADC regular
10. Purvis, Jason E. CADC regular
11. Reiff, Daniel LCADC regular
12. Rogers, Tara CADC regular
13. Ruiz, Victor LCADC regular
14. Schenck, Dorma CADC regular
15. Schenck, Bruce CADC regular
16. Shaw, Stephanie CADC regular
17. Veech, Barbara A. CADC regular

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sylvia W. Lippe, seconded by Edward Reading, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.