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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES JUNE 26, 2015

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Edward Reading at 9:42 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
Milagros Collazo - Executive Director
Celeste Paige - Administrative Staff
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz - Government Rep
Elizabeth Anderson - Law Intern

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 Ed Reading announced the presence of a quorum at 9:42 a.m.

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

A. March 27, 2015 & May 29, 2015 Public Minutes

Upon motion made by Jamie Lugo, and seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee voted to approve the March 27, 2015 & May 29, 2015 minutes as amended. Voting in favor: all.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

V. LEGISLATIVE REGULATORY

A. Senate Bill 2898

The Committee reviewed Senate bill 2898, which authorizes medical marijuana for qualifying patients with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Upon motion made by Norwood Allen, and seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee voted to support the bill. The Committee also commented that as discussed in recent articles in peer reviewed journals, opportunities to determine the efficacy of medical marijuana have been restricted by Federal law. The Committee members offer their assistance to the task force studying these issues. Voting in favor: all.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Committee review. There are currently 2,556 active licenses for Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CADC/ LCADC), 1,097 applications pending and 19 reinstatements.

*Pending applications include: Applications pending final Committee review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting for exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Reading updated the Committee on The National and Frontier Rural- Addiction Technology Transfer Center (NAFR-ATTC), for a Technology-Based Clinical Supervision Workgroup meeting. There will be a follow up meeting in August, which Dr. Reading will attend, and provide the Committee updates on proposed guidelines.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No items to report.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

No items to report.

X. FILED ORDERS

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| A. | Rodney Herring | May 8, 2015 |
| B. | Dana Passenti, LCADC | June 4, 2015 |
| C. | Gegory C. Potter | May 29, 2015 |
| D. | Denise Dahl | Order to be finalized at close of business day |

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

No items to report.

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

No items to report.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **July 24, 2015** 9:30 a.m. at

124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Meeting Dates for 2015

August - no meeting

September 25, 2015

October 23, 2015

November 20, 2015

December 18, 2015

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Norwood Allen, and seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee voted to enter Executive Session at 10:16 a.m. to review applications, plans of supervision, consumer complaints, and other pending disciplinary and investigatory matters. Voting in favor: all.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee voted to adjourn the June 26, 2015 public session at 2:30 p.m. Voting in favor: all.