

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 27, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Committee Chairman 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 Lippe
Committee Member, Norwood Allen

Excused:

Committee Member, Jamie Lugo

Recused:

Committee Member , Lorenzo S. Puertas

Until the matter is resolved, Public Member, Lorenzo 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:

Susan Berger, Deputy Attorney General
Elaine L. DeMars, Committee Staff
Celeste Paige, Committee Staff

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen the minutes of the May 22, 2008 public meeting were approved as amended.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public members in attendance.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Regulation Sunset - N.J.A.C. 13:34C

Regulatory Analyst Maryann Sheehan worked with the Committee to begin the process to reviewed the regulations with Committee members, incorporating proposed changes to clarify the current language. Discussion and revisions to the regulations will continue at the next agenda meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Gail Milgram, Ph.D. - The Center for Alcohol Studies

The Committee, with Director of Consumer Affairs, Lawrence DeMarzo, completed the review of the letter dated April 21, 2008 and each course offering submitted (Institute of Alcohol and Drug Studies - July 14-17, 2008 and Continuing Professional Education - Fall 2008) for Committee approval. The review results will be sent to Drs. Milgram and Pandina.

VII. APCBNJ MATTERS

The Committee reviewed an e-mail submitted by APCBNJ Executive Director, Richard Bowe regarding license and certificate holders who are concerned about their inability to locate organizations approved to present the required legal standard course in north New Jersey. The Committee noted that while it anticipated that the certification of approximately fifty individuals would result in adequate class availability there is a need to begin to plan for an additional training to certify presenters, including educational institution instructors.

VIII. DAS MATTERS

The Committee reviewed a letter from Department of Human Services Director, Raquel Mazon Jeffers which highlighted the Division of Addiction Services quarterly provider meeting. The letter indicated that the Division's Workforce Development Initiative is seeking to enhance competence and increase the credentialing of the addiction workforce. The Committee determined to write to Ms. Mazon Jeffers to thank her for the letter and emphasize the need for more training for both the CADC and LCADC licensure levels.

IX. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

On a motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe the following applications were approved as listed:

CADC - Regular

Denker, III, Joseph
Flanagan, John
Johnson, Shaun
Wilson, Andre

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Friday, July 25, 2008

August 22, 2008 November 21, 2008
September 19, 2008 December 19, 2008
October 24, 2008

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:06 a.m., on a motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee moved to Executive Session to discuss pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.