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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES JUNE 27, 2014

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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 9:35 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, Edward Reading
Committee Vice-Chair, Sylvia Lippe
Committee Member, Norwood Allen
Committee Member, Jamie Lugo

Also Present:

Nancy Miller, Deputy Attorney General
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director
Michela Ross, Government Rep
Vivian Lopez, Administrative Staff
Celeste Paige, Administrative Staff

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 Edward Reading announced the presence of a quorum at 9:36 a.m

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

A. May 16, 2014 Public Minutes

Upon motion by Jamie Lugo, seconded by Norwood Allen, the May 16, 2014 public minutes were approved as amended. Voting in favor: Norwood Allen, Jamie Lugo, Edward Reading. Sylvia Lippe abstained.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present

V. LEGISLATIVE REGULATORY

A. Rules of Evidence - Rule 534

The Committee reviewed the Superior Court of New Jersey's draft of Rule 534. *The Committee had previously commented on this at its April 25, 2014 meeting and reaffirm its comments from that meeting.*

B. Rule Proposal Comment

The Committee reviewed the May 29, 2014 letter from Mr. Michael D'Archangelo, LCADC, Coordinator, Human Services Program of the Passaic County Community College. *The Committee determined to inform Mr. D'Archangelo that it previously voted to allow applicants to take the test after completing the 270 hours. The Board also determined to inform Mr. D'Archangelo that if he has concerns regarding the location of testing sites, he should discuss that with the Certification Board because that is a function of the testing administrator not of this Committee.*

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Licensing Activity Report

	LCADC	CADC
Active	1767	748
Pending	362	633

* in the pending category, aside from applications pending final Committee review/approval, are applications that are missing documentation, applications waiting on exam results, or have been abandoned.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee voted to grant Executive Director Collazo the authority to approve reinstatement applications with the exception of reinstatements through Consent Order or other disciplinary action. Any reinstatements that are more complicated will continue to be presented to the Committee at its monthly meeting and placed on the agenda for review. Voting in favor: all.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

None to report.

X. FILED ORDERS

None to report.

XI. Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey MATTERS (APCBNJ)
Mr. Richard Bowe was present to discuss the computerized examination process. Mr. Bowe informed the Committee that the Certification Office currently has two computer testing stations and will be able to administer the computerized version of the test two-three days a week. Applicants will be able to pay for the test through PayPal. Mr. Bowe reported that the results of the test are available to the Certification Board within 24 hours and that he will be sending the results to the Committee on a weekly basis. Mr. Bowe also informed the Committee that the paper and pencil version of the test will be phased out by May 1, 2017. *The Committee accepted this as informational.*

XII. Division of Mental Health and Addiction Service MATTERS (DMHAS)
Nothing to report.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **September 26, 2014** 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Meeting Dates for 2014

September 26, 2014

October 24, 2014

November 21, 2014

December 19, 2014

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Board moved to Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. to review applications, plans of supervision, consumer complaints, and other pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee adjourned the April 25, 2014 public session at 4:05 p.m.

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