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Division of Consumer Affairs
State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners
Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee
124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

JUNE 29, 2012



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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to Order at a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, Edward Reading
Committee Member, Norwood Allen
Committee Member, Jamie Lugo

Excused:

Committee Vice-Chair, Sylvia Lippe

Also Present:

Alexis Goldberger, Deputy Attorney General
Terri Goldberg, Acting Executive Director
Vivian Lopez, Administrative Staff
Tiffany Campbell, Summer Intern

Announcement of Quorum

Committee Chair, Edward Reading announced the presence of a quorum.

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 Bergen Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Committee's web page.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the minutes of the May 18, 2012, 2012 meeting were approved as amended.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public were not present.

V. LEGISLATIVE REGULATORY

Assembly Bill 2882

The Committee reviewed Assembly Bill 2882 which seeks to require professional boards to provide waivers or exemptions from requirements for licensure for veterans with substantially equivalent training. The Committee determined to support the Bill as written.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Waiver Law

The Committee was introduced to the Waiver Rule, N.J.A.C. 13:45C-2, which authorizes the Division of Consumer Affairs to waive compliance with, or relax, a specific regulatory requirement upon the request of a licensee or applicant, or on its own initiative, when strict compliance with that requirement would lead to an unfair, burdensome or incongruous results, would result in undue hardship, economic or otherwise, or would conflict with the rules of another agency. No waiver of a statutory requirement is permitted. A waiver shall not excuse a licensee's or applicant's failure to obtain a license, permit or other authorization required by ordinance, statute, or rule to be obtained from a unit within the Division or from other governmental agency.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Susan Nobelman, LCADC, LPC

The Committee reviewed the April 30, 2012 letter regarding her supervision of an intern during semester breaks. The Committee determined that as long as the supervisee has an approved Proposed Plan of Supervision from the Division of Consumer Affairs, Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee, her work during the semester breaks will continue to receive credit.

VIII. APCBNJ MATTERS

Acting Executive Director Terri Goldberg informed the Committee that she will contact the Certification Board to schedule a meeting with Executive Director, Richard Bowe and Committee staff members to discuss examination processing, examination scheduling and other administrative matters.

IX. FILED ORDERS

Jimmie Williams, CADC

The April 18, 2012 filed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Certification for his admitted alcohol and drug relapse and four drug related arrests in 2011. DAG Goldberger reported that Mr. Williams has not returned his renewal and wall certificates as requested in the filed Order. DAG Goldberger will send a letter requesting the immediate return of the certificates.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for June 29, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

2012 Meeting Dates

June 29, 2012	October 19, 2012
July 27, 2012	November 16, 2012
August 24, 2012	December 21, 2012
September 28, 2012	

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee moved to Executive Session at 11:13 a.m. to conduct two (2) investigative inquiries, consumer complaints that appear to have confidential information regarding potential alcohol and drug issues and pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

XII. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

The following applications were approved for licensure/certification:

LCADC

1. Diana M. Barnes
2. Vincent G. Dentoris
3. Stephen Z. Friedman
4. Coralee McCalla
5. Jamie Walsh

CADC

1. Christine M. Mullen-Veronelli
2. Brooke A. Kolacki

Written and Oral Examination

1. Joseph J. Accardi III
2. Maggie L. Branch
3. Engerd Carela
4. Frances L. Davis-Harris
5. Michael H. Ellis
6. Lauren C. Farquhar
7. Catherine A. Grant
8. Dawn Hale
9. Heather L. Haln
10. Kasseemah H. Manns
11. Bonnie J. Mathews
13. Bryan E. Neis
14. Susan O'Brien
15. Lawrence J. Ruscitti
16. Yusuf N. Shaheed
17. Gianya W. Turner
18. Kathy E. White
19. Clifford E. York

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.