

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

July 19, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by 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, Donald Weinbaum
Committee Member, Sylvia Lippe

Excused

Committee Member, Georgene Brazer

Staff Present

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars
Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger
Administrative Staff, Celeste Sweeper
Administrative Staff, Tawana Thomas

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe and seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the minutes of June 25, 2004 public session were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded Donald Weinbaum, at 10:10 a.m. the Committee voted to adjourn the Public Session in order to move into Executive Session to conduct investigative inquiries, review individual applications and attend to other confidential matters.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Melanie Griffin, Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services The Committee reviewed a letter dated July 5, 2004 from Melanie Griffin, Legal Specialist.

The letter advises that P.L. 2003, ch. 214, signed by Governor James McGreevey, requires specific professionals, including alcohol and drug counselors, to report to the Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services demographic data on incidents in which individuals under 25 years old commit or attempt to commit suicide.

After reviewing the report form included in the packet, the Committee members and DAG Susan Berger agreed that the requirement for municipality information creates the potential for conflict regarding Federal patient confidentiality requirements (42 CFR Part 2). It was also noted that the provisions of the statute do not seem to consider the reporting of a single incident by multiple professionals.

The Committee agreed that the matter be deferred pending further dialogue and research before an announcement of the reporting requirement is posted on the Committee Web page.

VII. APPLICATION PROCESSING

A. Health Care Professionals (N.J.A.C. 13:34-2.4)

Executive Director Elaine DeMars informed the Committee of an application filed by a registered nurse who is seeking licensure by exemption to the examination. As a result of the review completed by a Committee member, it was determined that the course work and experience presented in the application do not satisfy the requirements. It was further determined that an exemption from the requirement for the written and oral examination would be considered for applicants with a master's degree or equivalent who had also met the requirements for experience and course work.

B. Basis for refusal/denial/suspension/revocation (N.J.S.A. 45:1-21)

This matter was moved to executive session since it included an individual's application. DAG Susan Berger emphasized the responsibility of the Committee to consider all information received regarding an individual pursuant to the provisions of the law.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Committee Presentations - 2004

It was reported that there are no scheduled presentations at this time.

The Alcohol Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey has scheduled a conference for non-college/university trainers to be held at Rutgers University on July 24, 2004.

B. 2004 Meeting Dates:

July 23, 2004

October 22, 2004

August 27, 2004

November 22, 2004

September 24, 2004

December 20, 2004

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Donald Weinbaum informed the Committee that he has been asked to attend an item-writing project being conducted by the I.C.R.C.

B. S-1623: Clarifies that municipalities may establish sterile syringe access programs. The executive director informed the Committee that the request for comment was received on July 16. A full discussion was tabled pending further review. On an initial review, the Committee discussed taking no position on the proposed legislation finding that significant clarification is needed.

X. OLD BUSINESS

DAS Outpatient Facility Regulations Draft

Vice Chair Donald Weinbaum informed the Committee that he has included the comments received from Committee members in recommendations made to the Division of Addiction Services. Those comments relate to references to CADCs and LCADCs that require clarification, the need for guidelines for volunteers, supervision and the ability of health professionals to practice based on the professional license and training.

XI. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

The following applications were presented to the Committee for final approval and were approved as noted:

LCADC - Grandfather

1. Liselle Badache
2. Melissa G. Bailey
3. Thomas Baker
4. Jeffrey Belgrave
5. David G. Bencivengo
6. Joan Marie Berk
7. Alyce L. Bolander
8. Candace Boltuch-Fagan
9. Carolyn A. Bradley
10. Patricia Ann Burke
11. John M. Burney
12. Diana James Charmoy
13. Jacqueline Clyde-Dorsey
14. Carmen Teresa Colon
15. Carol Conway-Clough
16. Brenda M. Cucchiara
17. Virginia Dehner
18. Lucene Deshler-Caropreso
19. Barbara L. Donaldson
20. Sharyn Drescher-Rodas
21. Iva May Dreyer
22. Greg Drogon
23. Sharon Einiger
24. Robert J. Ferara
25. Jeffrey S. Firsichbaum
26. Alexander Franchino
27. Patricia Freyberger
28. Marion J. Fritsch
29. Howard W. Fritz
30. Sandra V. Fritz
31. Joseph R. Gannon
32. Esther Ganz
33. Beverly M. Gibson
34. Herbert Goodfriend
35. Joanne Debiasse Goer
36. Mary M. Gormley
37. Zygmond Gray
38. Charlotte Grodzki
39. Lyudmila Gudin
40. William Hample
41. Thomas E. Hand

42. Lucy Harman
43. James Hendrickson
44. Barbara Hogan
45. Jeffrey M. Hunt
46. Sue Heath Hunt
47. Bernice Y. Jones
48. Melinda Judd
49. Diane M. Katkevicius
50. Karen Kattwinkel
51. Nancy Kent
52. Eugene M. King
53. Margo W. Kramer
54. Sergio Lamboy
55. Cynthia Lange
56. Laurie Lindner
57. Susan Lohmann
58. Alexandra Lopez
59. Stephen E. Lore
60. Thomas W. Ludlow
61. Dolores Lynch
62. Rose Maire
63. Vicky Major
64. Sr. Maureen Malone
65. Leslie J. Malsbury
66. Debra Ann Martelli
67. Robert C. Martin
68. Gregory McBride
69. Carol S. McCrea
70. Cynthia McCruden
71. Josephine McCruden
72. Colleen McGrath-Baird
73. Anne C. Toronto McNamara
74. James W. Mell
75. Karen J. Mell
76. Jim T. Melvin
77. Douglas M. Mercer
78. Mary-Jo Miserendino
79. Peter Mitchell
80. Alberta Montano-DiFabio
81. Patricia O'Brien
82. Michael O'Keefe
83. Sharon B. Orosz
84. Dolores Orsino
85. John M. Osmundsen
86. Brenda A. Ott
87. Jacynth M. Pelland
88. Marilyn Pennell
89. Vivian Potolsky
90. Brian J. Rafferty
91. Frank Raiker
92. Barbara Rakoczy
93. Helen Raytek
94. Patricia Reihl
95. Liza Restifo

96. William Rinier
97. Randi Romaine
98. Vincent Romain
99. Pamela Sachs
100. Carole A. Safner
101. John M. Schibik
102. Susan M. Schou
103. Steven R. Silverstein
104. Suzanne Siverio
105. Madolyn F. Smith
106. Marianne Smith
107. Mark Sofair-Fisch
108. Edward Sohn
109. Monica Sosnowitz
110. Curtis A. Stalks
111. Chelly M. Sterman
112. Renee Stiles
113. Heidi F. Stover
114. Peter M. Strub
115. Ann Marie Swanson
116. James Tambini
117. Nicol Tillou
118. Janet L. Tuomey
119. Joanne M. Veith
120. Mary C. Wallach
121. Frank Walls
122. Patricia Anne Ward
123. John F. Warnock
124. John L. Weagley
125. Patricia Ann White
126. Lauren Wilkens
127. Lana Williams
128. George Wolos
129. Allan D. Wright
130. Linda Zator

Recusals: Ed Reading recused on the vote for approval of the application for Peter Killeen. Sylvia Lippe recused on the vote for approval of the applications for Jacqueline Bonanno and Randie O’Neil. Recusals were based on either personal or professional knowledge of the individuals listed here.

LCADC - Regular

1. Martin Grifone
2. Lori A. Hartley
3. Howard Hill
4. Carol Locurcio
5. Al-Hajj N. McDougald
6. James C. Monaghan
7. Dale Mortenson
8. Daniel P. Pitzer
9. Anthony F. Polito
10. Donna Roland-Leipold
11. Cathleen Sabo
12. Michael Scott

13. Bobbi Triolo
14. Ninette Tuerk

Recusal: Ed Reading recused on the vote for approval of the application for Tara M. King. Recusal was based on either personal or professional knowledge of the individual listed here.

CADC - Regular

1. Alim T. Bilal
2. Pamela Corrigan
3. Laurie Lee Deangelo
4. Marni Elson
5. Helenmarie Fallon
6. Henry Iwula
7. Willa Lloyd
8. David C. Mattson
9. Veronica Mullin
10. Joanne Urbany

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is July 23, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe and seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the Committee adjourned the Public Session at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars
Executive Director

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