

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

July 23, 2004

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:58 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, Georgene Brazer (arrived at 12:00 p.m.)  
Committee Member, Sylvia Lippe

**Staff Present:**

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

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion made by Donald Weinbaum and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to adjourn the Public Session at 10:00 a.m. in order to move into Executive Session to review individual applications and discuss other confidential matters.

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe and seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the Committee adjourned the Executive Session at 1:40 p.m. to return to Public Session.

**V. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

On a motion made by Donald Weinbaum and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the minutes of July 19, 2004 public session were approved as presented.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present.

**VII. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

A. Senate Bill S-1623: Clarifies that municipalities may establish sterile syringe access programs. The Committee does not support the bill as currently written. The Committee feels that section 3 (N.J.S. 2C:36-6) negates the protection set forth in sections 1 and 2 for this type of program.

B. Assembly Bill A-1763: Permits person with a criminal record to obtain certain employment if disqualifying

offense was committed more than 10 years ago. The Committee strongly opposes the proposed legislation. The Committee feels that it is not protective of the public and defeats consumer protection that professional licensing boards are required to provide. It was noted that boards are required to review criminal history backgrounds for all new applicants. If there is a criminal history background, it is the board's duty to review the criminal history and determine whether the applicant has been rehabilitated and has the moral turpitude to be licensed or certified. Mere passage of time is not sufficient protection of the public. Further, the bill does not address out-of-state offenses. The statement preceding the bill does not accurately reflect the content of the bill. Moreover, there are currently other legal mechanisms to remove impediments of a prior criminal history including expungement and/or a pardon. The Rehabilitated Convicted Offenders Act (Chapter 168A) requires that persons shall not be disqualified or discriminated against by any licensing authority because of any conviction for a crime, unless it relates adversely to the occupation.

## **VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **A. Continuing Education Letter**

The Committee reviewed a letter that will be sent to continuing education approved providers for the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee and Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee. Committee Chair, Edward Reading noted that, up to December 2003, certified alcohol and drug counselors have been required to complete continuing education credits for each APCBNJ re-certification. Therefore, State continuing education requirements will serve as a continuation of that requirement.

### **B. Application Processing Report**

The Committee was informed that a total of 1,048 applications have been received to date.

### **C. Alcohol and Drug Counselor Online Directory**

The Committee was informed that effective August 1, 2004, an online directory will be available. The directory will provide information on each licensee and certificate holder including, name, license or certificate number, address of record and record of any disciplinary action taken against the license or certificate.

### **D. New Jersey City University**

Executive Director, Elaine DeMars informed the Committee that an NJCU representative has invited a Committee representative to speak to a group of approximately 90 students in the fall. Further details will be provided to the Committee as available.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

### **2004 Meeting Dates:**

August 27, 2004

November 19, 2004

September 24, 2004

December 17, 2004

October 22, 2004

## **X. CREDENTIAL REVIEW**

A. The following applications were presented to the Committee for final consideration.

On a motion made by Georgene Brazer and seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the Committee voted to approve the

following applications as noted:

**LCADC - Grandfather**

1. Vivian Andersch
2. Barbara Ann Barr
3. Jacqueline Bonanno
4. Michelle M. Bryen
5. Barbara A. Cannis
6. Judith A. Carpentier
7. Alan A. Cavaiola
8. Robert Christopher
9. Jesse K. Clancy
10. Joseph J. Coyne
11. William Daly
12. Deanna V. DeCavaignac
13. Margaret J. Diehl
14. Diane T. Dooher
15. Patricia K. Ervin
16. Roberto Flecha-Rodriguez
17. John T. Fostel
18. John W. Fulton
19. Patricia Giaquinto
20. Gerard W. Gunnels
21. Dorothy Halasz
22. Catherine D. Hines
23. Rev. Frank X. Hudson
24. Peter Killeen
25. Lee L. McHugh
26. Theresa A. McMahon
27. Linda Y. Mur
28. Randie O'Neil
29. Maryann Pasko
30. Thomas L. Pini
31. William J. Rinier
32. Yvonne J. Royal
33. Patricia A. Sattilaro
34. Patrick J. Shields
35. George M. Snider
36. Jacqueline Sokalski
37. Pam Stewart
38. Noel Talerico
39. Nancy Vecere
40. Jeffrey D. Weil
41. Herbert Whelan
42. Joni Whelan
43. John J. White
44. Joseph M. Williams
45. Willetta Wilson
46. Joan E. S. York

Recusals: Sylvia Lippe recused on the vote for approval of the application for Jacqueline Bonanno, John T. Fostel and Randie O'Neil. Edward Reading recused on the vote for Alan A. Cavaiola, Joseph J. Coyne, Frank X. Hudson and Peter Killeen. Donald Weinbaum recused on the vote for the approval of the application for John J. White. Recusals were based on either personal or professional knowledge of the individuals noted.

B. On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe and seconded by Georgene Brazer, the Committee voted to approve the following applications as noted:

**LCADC- Grandfather**

1. Robert Budsock
2. Eddie J. Mann
3. Frank Silletti
4. John Sorace, Sr.
5. Ronald Trautz
6. Angelo Zecca

Recusals: Edward Reading recused on the vote for approval of the application for Angelo Zecca. Recusals were based on either personal or professional knowledge of the individuals noted.

C. The following applications were presented to the Committee for final consideration.

On a motion made by Georgene Brazer and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to approve the following applications as noted:

**LCADC - Grandfather**

1. Kathleen H. Brazas
2. Michael D'Ascenzo
3. Linda M. Gatier
4. Robert A. Gesregan
5. Stacey Glick-Novack
6. Carolyn Hadge
7. Susan J. Hicks
8. Beverly Arneth Hodsdon
9. Karen Kaschak
10. Betty Jane Kienzle
11. Margaret M. Mantello
12. Michael T. McHugh
13. Marion M. Robinson
14. Fernando Salazar
15. Howard M. Schulman
16. Diane N. Stehlik
17. Vicki Lee Stollsteimer
18. Patricia J. Williamson

**LCADC-Grandfather**

1. Joan Foster Alpert
2. Judith L. Blum
3. Richard T. Bowe
4. Billye J. Brown
5. Charles Brown
6. Raymond Cortese
7. Carolina D'Agostino
8. Jean Dormand
9. Francisca L. Fernandez
10. Michael Festa
11. Ruth Gautier

12. Reese Glass
13. Lawrence R. Golley

Recusals: Edward Reading, Donald Weinbaum and Sylvia Lippe recused on the vote for Richard Bowe whose application was approved by the Deputy Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs. Recusals were based on either personal or professional knowledge of the individuals noted.

#### **LCADC- Grandfather**

1. Susan Conley
2. Maureen Hart
3. Evelyn V. Keiluhn
4. Thomas Mackarevich
5. Edward McDonnell
6. Sr. Audrey R. Mologhney
7. Roberto Negron
8. Katherine Nordone
9. Elaine M. Prendergast
10. Maia M. Rahill
11. Larry Reges
12. Janet R. Schlissel
13. Lorna S. Smith
14. Barbara Wolf
15. James J. Zanzucchi

Recusals: Edward Reading recused on the vote for approval of the application for Thomas Mackarevich, Edward McDonnell and Larry Reges. Recusals were based on either personal or professional knowledge of the individuals noted.

D. The following applications were presented to the Committee for final consideration. On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe and seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the Committee voted to approve the following applications as noted:

#### **LCADC - Regular**

1. Frederick Cohen
2. Robert J. Johnson
3. Tara M. King
4. Allison Mathews
5. F. Robert Schiraldi

Recusals: Edward Reading recused on the vote for approval of the application for Tara M. King. Recusals were based on either personal or professional knowledge of the individuals noted.

E. The following applications were presented to the Committee for final consideration.

On a motion made by Georgene Brazer and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to approve the following applications as noted:

#### **LCADC - Regular**

1. James M. Head
2. Jennifer S. Vargas
3. Maria Weibtraub
4. Mark A. Zilberman

The Committee voted that the approval of James M. Head will include a letter of advice.

F. The following applications were presented to the Committee for final consideration.

On a motion made by Georgene Brazer and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to approve the following applications as noted:

**CADC - Regular**

1. Ronald Faines
2. Stephen Lazar
3. Michelle Leshner
4. Joanne Miltner

G. The following applications were presented to the Committee for final consideration.

On a motion made by Georgene Brazer and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee voted to approve the following applications as noted:

**CADC - Regular**

1. Toni-Ann Gannon
2. Joseph W. Katz
3. Joseph Vacchiano
4. Joseph J. Vale
5. Edgar Wiker

**Application - Written Examination**

1. Lucy Olivares

**XI. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is August 27, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Georgene Brazer and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee adjourned the Public Session at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars  
Executive Director

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