

**Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee
Open Session Minutes**

July 25, 2003

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. In the Sussex Conference Room, 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Chairman E. Reading who read the notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chairman Edward Reading
Committee Vice Chair Donald Weinbaum
Committee Member Sylvia Lippe
Committee Member Frederick Reihl
Committee Member Georgene Brazer

Staff Present:

Executive Director Dennis E. Gonzalez
Deputy Attorney General Susan Berger
Regulatory Analyst Danielle Swenson
Jane Cofone Administrative Staff

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 30, 2003 PUBLIC MEETING

On a motion by S. Lippe, seconded by D. Weinbaum, minutes were approved with corrections.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. Regulation Update

Regulatory Analyst, Daniel Swenson reported that the regulations will be published in the New Jersey Register on August 4, 2003 and the comment period will expire on October 6, 2003.

2. CADC Credentials

DAG Susan Berger informed Committee that it might be necessary to have a rule that will establish, as procedure, that a current CADC will be allowed to continue using their CADC for 12 months following promulgation of rules, or until their CADC expires, whichever comes first. She indicated that this new rule can be added to the regulations as part of the adoption process.

E. OLD BUSINESS

Grandfather Application

Committee reviewed the grandfather application as prepared by Print Production. Some changes were made that Executive Director, Gonzalez will submit to the Print Production Unit. It was decided that Schedule B and Schedule C will not be part of the grandfather application, but will only be a part of the regular LCADC application.

Executive Director informed the Committee that applications have to be mailed in mid November because of the new law which requires all new licensees to undergo a criminal background check.

F. CORRESPONDENCE

Committee received a letter from Francis J. Deisler, President of the National Board of Addictions Examiners regarding the credentials offered by the National Forensic Counselors and the American College of Certified Forensic Counselors. Committee asked the Executive Director to write to Mr. Deisler and inform him to follow the statutes and regulations when applying since these credentials are not recognized.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Transition with APCBNJ - with Richard Bowe, Executive Director APCBNJ

Executive Director, Gonzalez informed the Committee that he had an extensive meeting with R. Bowe, Executive Director of the Certification Board to discuss the transitional issues that must be handled between now and January, 2004.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

I. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is August 22, 2003.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by D. Weinbaum, seconded by S. Lippe, Committee went into Executive Session.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis E. Gonzalez
Executive Director

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