

ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
July 27, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:39 a.m., in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Committee Chair Edward Reading who gave notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, Edward Reading
Committee Vice Chair, Sylvia W. Lippe

Recused:

Until the matter is resolved, Public Member, Lorenzo S. Puertas recused from attendance based on services he provides related to the profession that may be a possible violation of the statutory requirement for public board members.

Staff Present:

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars
Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger
Administrative Staff, Celeste Paige
Administrative Staff, Ray Yee

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion made by Committee Vice Chair, Sylvia W. Lippe , and seconded by Committee Chair, Edward Reading, the minutes of the June 22, 2007 public session Committee meeting were approved as presented.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. N.J.A.C. 13:34C

Regulatory Analyst Maryann Sheehan reviewed the draft revision for N.J.A.C. 13:34C and suggested minor changes. The Committee approved the suggested changes and will present the draft revisions to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners for approval.

B. Assembly Bill -4382

This bill, introduced June 14, 2007 will delay the expiration of certain professional and occupational licenses for individuals with certain types of military service. The Committee reviewed the bill and voiced concerns about whom it would affect. It is recommended that the language of the proposed legislation be amended to include all licensed professions and occupations rather than the current reference to licensed plumbers. The current language allows for the waiving of fees for "any project undertaken by the Government of the United States." The Committee recommends that the waiving of fees apply to military personnel only.

VI. APPLICATION PROCESSING

A. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Camden County College Domain Matrix

The Committee reviewed the alcohol and drug counselor course work domain matrix submitted by the Camden County College and found the matrix was concise and easy to understand. The matrix format will be made available to New Jersey alcohol and drug counselor education programs.

B. APPLICATION PROCESSING

To date 2,367 applications have been processed with 1,237 LCADCs in the "Active" status. There are 479 active CADCs. A total of 10 LCADCs and 11 CADCs have been denied certification/licensure based on delinquent child support or student loans. Four individuals have voluntarily surrendered their license and a total of 41 applications have been withdrawn which includes 21 LCADCs and 20 CADCs. The withdrawn status also includes applicants who have failed to complete the application process. "Withdrawn" is the status term used in the current system used by the Division for abandoned applications for certification/licensure pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13: 34C-2.3(c)1. A total of 50 LCADCs and CADCs are in the "Expired" status. The Expired status includes 32 LCADCs and 18 CADCs who failed to renew their CADC/LCADC credential. A total of 3 reinstatement applications are pending. 14 LCADCs and 5 CADCs have requested an inactive license. There was 1 LCADC whose license has been suspended. The Committee was informed that there are 507 applications currently pending. The pending applications are comprised of applicants awaiting examination results, outstanding criminal history report results and requests for additional information.

B. Application Review

1. Brown-Crawford, Nakiasha R. CADC regular

The Committee reviewed the criminal history explanation submitted by Mrs. Brown-Crawford and determined that there was nothing in her criminal history to preclude her from certification. **MOVED TO APPROVE FOR REGULAR CADC.**

2. Hopkins, Bernard R. CADC regular

The Committee reviewed the criminal history explanation submitted by Mr. Hopkins and determined that there was nothing in his criminal history to preclude him from certification. **MOVED TO APPROVE FOR REGULAR CADC.**

3. Masi, James LCADC regular

The Committee reviewed the criminal history explanation submitted by Mr. Masi and determined that there was nothing in his criminal history to preclude him from licensure. **MOVED TO APPROVE FOR REGULAR LCADC.**

4. Romanelli, Thomas CADC regular

The Committee reviewed the criminal history explanation submitted by Mr. Romanelli and determined that there was nothing in his criminal history to preclude him from certification. **MOVED TO APPROVE FOR REGULAR CADC.**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Center for Alcohol Studies - Rutgers University

The Committee reviewed the July 5, 2007 letter submitted by Gail Milgram, Ed.D., Director of the University's

Center of Alcohol Studies regarding 270 hour course work domains and topics. The Committee will provide a response clarifying the criteria for the review of course work based on the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3(b)4 and the APCBNJ updated course requirements and course numbering.

B. Proposed Application Revisions

The Committee reviewed proposed revisions to the application for certification/licensure. The revisions are intended to further assist applicants in providing the required information and documentation.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. DAS MATTERS

C308 Training Announcement with DAS response

The Committee reviewed the C308 training announcement by Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey with a subsequent e-mail from the Division of Addiction Services (DAS). The Committee determined to ask that a DAS representative attend the August 24, 2007 meeting to discuss the conflicting information that has been disseminated regarding the upgraded requirements of APCBNJ and the 270 hour course requirement set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3(b)4. A representative of the Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey (APCBNJ) and the New Jersey Prevention Network (NJPN) will also be asked to attend. The Committee will clarify the distinction between the new APCBNJ curriculum and the requirements for licensure.

X. APCBNJ MATTERS

The Committee reviewed an APCBNJ memo regarding the clarification of course work requirements and determined to ask that a representative attend the August 24th meeting to discuss the information provided.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is scheduled for August 24, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Sylvia W. Lippe and seconded by Edward Reading, the Committee moved into Executive Session at 9:42 a.m. to discuss pending applications, confidential and disciplinary matters.

XIII. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

Applications for licensure and certification were presented to the Committee for review. On a motion made by Sylvia W. Lippe and seconded by Edward Reading, the following applications were approved:

CADC - Regular

1. Brown-Crawford, Nakiasha R.
2. Hopkins, Bernard R.
3. Prinzivalli, Jodi
4. Phipps, Sydney M.
5. Romanelli, Thomas

LCADC - Regular

1. Adamo, Christine M. *
2. Barrett, Robin M.
3. Goat-Delgado, Kathleen A.

4. Masi, James
5. Trapani, Adria L.

*Committee Chair Edward Reading recused from the review and vote on the application of Ms. Christine M. Adamo. The recusal was based on either personal or professional knowledge of the individual noted.

Approved to Sit for the Written and Oral Examination

1. Angelo, Melissa C. CADC regular
2. Bello, Cindy T. CADC regular
3. Campbell, Shonda C. CADC regular
4. Cronin, Joseph CADC regular
5. Denker III, Joseph E. CADC regular
6. Doyle, Catherine-Ann LCADC regular
7. Drezewoszewki, Steven J. CADC regular
8. DuBois, Alison L. CADC regular
9. Frierson, Luther CADC regular
10. Glover, Daisy M. CADC regular
11. Greenagel Jr., Frank L. LCADC regular
12. Harvey, Kathy LCADC regular
13. Johnson, Keith CADC regular
14. Lawlor, Lavina P. CADC regular
15. Luque, Jose William CADC regular
16. Major-Hill, Patricia CADC regular
17. Martinez, Pablo CADC regular
18. Moore, Sharhonda T. LCADC regular
19. Millan, Valeska A. CADC regular
20. Reed, Jacob CADC regular
21. Robinson, Carolyn CADC regular
22. Rivera, Enery CADC regular
23. Sepulveda, Solomon CADC regular
24. Spencer, Carl E. CADC regular
25. Snyder, Robert A. CADC regular
26. Torres, Ernesto CADC regular
27. Vera, Rosa I. CADC regular
28. Villalva-Muniz, Graciela CADC regular
29. Wilder, William E. CADC regular
30. Young, Barrett Thomas CADC regular

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sylvia W. Lippe, seconded by Edward Reading, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.