

# **ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE**

## **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

August 27, 2004

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:40 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  
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. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

On a motion made by Donald Weinbaum and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee meeting public session minutes of July 23, 2004 were approved as corrected.

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Applicants Ernest Polite and Robert McDonnell introduced themselves and informed that Committee that they were interested in the Committee's process related to the application process.

### **V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

See section (VI).

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

A. Application Processing Report A total of 1,145 applications have been received.

B. The Committee was provided with the documents forwarded by APCBNJ and Monmouth University that will be used as references for the verification of course work in the required five domains.

C. In response to an e-mail from Peter Myers (Essex County College) asking whether there was a minimum grade standard for completed course work. Executive Director Elaine DeMars will refer Mr. Myers to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3 (b) 4 and indicate that (1) while the regulation is silent as to an acceptable grade, the Committee agreed that credits/contact hours would not be granted if the requirements of the course were not met, (2) a failing grade would not be considered to be successful completion, (3) patterns of repeated low grades would be reviewed by the Committee and (4) the course providers through the certificates of completion awarded attest to the competency of the students.

## D. Continuing Education

It was noted that N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.2(b) and (c) requires that counselors licensed between August 1, 2004 and July 31, 2005 complete twenty (20) contact hours of continuing education ( with at least 6 hours in legal standards). Those licensed during the second year of the biennial period (August 1, 2005 through July 31, 2006) will not be required to complete continuing education credits. The Committee reiterated that the intent of the regulation was to require all certificate holders to earn 60 credits and licensees 40 credits for all biennials including the initial licensing period.

Elaine DeMars will seek further clarification and direction from the Deputy Director and Regulatory Analyst regarding a revision of the 5.2 title to read "Continuing education contact hour requirements for initial licensure/certification period". The Committee asked that 5.2 be more clearly tied to 5.1. It was also noted that the six (6) required contact hours in legal standards was a one-time requirement.

E. Copies of the newly adopted revision to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-3.4 were provided to the Committee. It was noted that references incorrectly made to 1.8 (c) have been corrected to 1.8(b).

## VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Jim Brittain, L.C.A.D.C., NCADD The Committee reviewed Mr. Brittain's letter in which he presented several questions relating to continuing education. The Committee will refer Mr. Brittain to the continuing education requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.5 and advise him that the requirement for pre-approval of courses will help to ensure the acceptance of credits earned. The Committee will be reasonable in the review of continuing education.

B. Barry Keefe, MSW, Assistant Director, Stockton University Mr. Keefe e-mailed the Committee with inquiries regarding the approval of continuing education courses. The executive director will advise Mr. Keefe that workshops and courses may be approved by one of the providers/institutions included in N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.3 (b)1.

C. Ann Marie McKenna-Bescherer, M.A. L.C.A.D.C. Ms. McKenna-Bescherer presented her current academic and licensure status in her letter to the Committee. She included questions related to the APCBNJ recertification requirements and the application of academic course work to the continuing education requirement. She will be advised that the old certification process no longer exists and a State certification or license is now required to practice. She will also be referred to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.3 (b)1.

D. Mary-Jo Miserendino In her letter, Ms. Miserendino requested that the Committee recognize credits earned for APCBNJ recertification. She will be informed that the State requirements will not allow such a transfer of credits.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

2004 Meeting Dates:

September 24, 2004 November 19, 2004

October 22, 2004 December 17, 2004

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

The Committee reviewed a list of dates for the 2005 calendar year. Alternative dates for those that coincide with holidays will be considered.

## X. CREDENTIAL REVIEW

The following applications were presented for final Committee approval.

On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe and seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the following applications were

approved as listed:

Grandfather LCADC

Applicant Name: Applicant #:

Abbott-Young, Mary G. 1013329  
Abreu, Christina 1025727  
Bleimann, Diane 1013983  
Bucciarelli, Carol A. 1010798  
Cahill, Nancy I. 1004675  
Carlson, Sandra 1014858  
Cone, Anne Marie 1029603  
D'Arcangelo, Michael F. 1003514  
Denton, Elaine 1021475  
Distaulo, Richard 1026138  
Errickson, Eugene D. 1021485  
Garrett, Joseph D. 1002159  
Gartland, Thomas J. 1013304  
Gerne, Patricia J. 1012632  
Glass, Reese 1015521  
Hadge, Carolyn 1013344  
Hager, Jean E. 1026164  
Hanns, Christian A. 1023146  
Haynes, Hugh E. 1012741  
Higgins, Maryann 1028051  
Holloway, Langdon 1015526  
Larancuent, Carmen G. 1015842  
Lavorne, Pamela 1018274  
Leidecker, Lisa A. 1025728  
Leschack, Paul E. 1012666  
Lester, Carole 1012916  
Lewis, R. Mark 1015531  
Lisa, Dominic 1015533  
Lisk, Carol 1012761  
Lister, Michelle M. 1021502  
Messina, Peggy A. 1026771  
Metnick, Neal 1012928  
Meyers, Ellen C. 1003547  
Newman, Alice M. 1017428  
O'Leary, Lori 1018250  
Pando-Connolly, Georgina 1013306  
Raffetto, Patricia 999715  
Ronner, Bridget E. 1009302  
Smith, Linn H. 1003505  
Tapia, Josephine 1004243  
Thompson, Leisha A. 1013083  
Weber, Barbara C. 999690  
Welsh, Elizabeth 1013085  
Wilkinson, David 1013089  
Williams, Mark E. 1024913  
Williams, Harold 1021077  
Wolos, Stephanie 1013127

Regular LCADC

Applicant Name: Applicant #:

Amadeo, Amy J. 1026561  
Andrisani, Vito 1018447  
Battle, Sharii 1008126  
Bokser, Stuart 1018802  
Boyer, Dennis 1021104  
Cahn, Jane K. 1014947  
Calli, Jeffrey J. 1017423  
Cianci, Lee Ann 1026326  
Cohen, Frederick K. 1015781  
Conway-O'Donnell, Christine 1015781  
Crowley, Linda 1025356  
Dwyer, Martha H. 1016691  
Floyd, Mary E. 1021346  
Galperin, Susan 1018812  
Gamarello, Brian 1014512  
Hernandez-Greco, Doreen 1018067  
Jackson, Joyce 1016649  
Kaczkowski, Victoria K. 1008066  
Jerue, Dale 1012745  
Keller Jr, Donald P. 1021763  
Laszlo, Jadwiga V. 1024752  
Levine, Joel M. 1022801  
Mattiace, Frank 1020079  
McLaughlin, Polly 1015124  
Merle, Kelly E. 1015937  
Murphy, Danielle T. 1015124  
Natale, Karen 1026152  
Ophhof, Gerald A. 1015973  
Pastor, Lynne 1010991  
Polizzi, Anthony 1014683  
Quinn, Nicole M. 1016678  
Remaykis, Jill A. 1016540  
Rocco, Joseph W. 1016681  
Ross, Megan V. 1016569  
Rouba, Scott J. 1021519  
Santillo, Michael F. 1018862  
Sawka, Irene 1013842  
Shapiro, Alan 1024543  
Singh, Rashmi 1013845  
Smith, Hayden R. 1012580  
Stuto, Billie-Jo 1014694  
Troia, Eleonora L. 1014737  
Truex, B. Roger 1014740  
Walton, Jennifer L. 1027483  
Whetsell-Daniel, Deborah 1018806  
Wolberg, Sally R. 1017416  
Wright, Delores Ann 1021787  
Young, Barbara 1021791  
Zibbell, James A. 1023154

## Regular CADC

Applicant Name: Applicant #:

Cuozzo, Sally 1021761  
Dolente, Gail 1023151  
Gandolfo, Elizabeth J. 1023151  
Grieco, Gail 1019335  
Librescu, Cliff 1024551  
Minnella, Linda 1011306  
Murray, Annette C. 1016652  
Novak, Edie 1033629  
Pancoast, Juanita 1023157  
Peltz, Mary 1015945  
Price, Ben 1026160  
Pucilowski, Joseph 1033637  
Pugh, Robin 1033640  
Reres, Mary 1014685  
Rodriguez, Dario 1033644  
Spano, Deborah 1033648  
Torrente, Winifred A. 1016572  
Voorhis, Linda 1020295  
Weiss, Gershon 1016578  
Wilcox, Warren W. 1021782

## Grandfather CADC

Applicant Name: Applicant #:

Fox, Edward A. 1024714  
Johnson, Janice 1019320

## Grandfather CAC TO CADC

Applicant Name: Applicant #:

Barcolow, Dean A. 1013717  
Begley, Kevin 1025360  
Bocchieri, Barry J. 1035297

## Application for Written Examination

Applicant Name: Applicant #:

Armstrong, Gail 1025358  
Bocchieri, Barry J. 1035297  
Elson, Marni 1031934

Recusals: Donald Weinbaum recused from the vote on the approval for the applications of Dominic Lisa and Joyce Jackson. Edward Reading recused from the vote on the Eugene Errickson and Patricia Gerne.

Recusals were based on either personal or professional knowledge of the individuals noted.

## **XI. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is September 24, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

## **XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The committee will move to Executive Session to discuss consumer complaints and other confidential matters.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Georgene Brazer and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the public session adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars  
Executive Director

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