

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
September 25, 2009**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m., in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chairman, Edward Reading
Committee Member, Sylvia Lippe
Committee Member, Jamie Lugo

Excused:

Committee Member, Norwood Allen

Recused:

Committee Member, Lorenzo Puertas

Until the matter is resolved, Public Member, Lorenzo 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.

Administrative Staff: Elaine L. DeMars
Celeste Paige
Vivian Lopez

Announcement of quorum was made by Committee Chair, Dr. Reading.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Jamie Lugo Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the minutes of the July 24, 2009 and July 31, 2009 public session meeting were approved as amended.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public members present.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A. Proposal Comments

Proposed Readoption with Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:34C
Proposed Repeal: N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.1
Proposed New Rule: N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.2A
Proposed Repeal and New Rule: N.J.A.C. 13:34C-1.6

The public comment period ended June 19, 2009. Maryann Sheehan, Regulatory Analyst, met with the Committee to review the comments received to date. The Committee determined to discuss responses to the comments received and listed below received on July 31, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the Hudson Conference

Room.

1. Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey Richard Bowe, LPC, LCADC, Executive Director
2. James Britton, LCADC
3. Michael Chenkin, D. LCSW, LCADC
4. Division of Addiction Services, Raquel Mazon Jeffers, Director
5. Dean J. LaBolitta, Director, Monmouth County I.D.R.C.
6. J. Michael Walker, Executive Director, Board of Psychological Examiners
7. Barry Ward, LCADC

B. Second Quarter April 1, 2009 - June 30, 2009 Legislation Report

The Committee reviewed and accepted the report as informational. The Committee submitted comments on A3934, concerning the use of health information technology products following the June 19, 2009 Committee meeting discussion.

VI. APCBNJ MATTERS

Richard Bowe, Executive Director

Mr. Bowe attended the meeting to discuss the examination contract. The Committee and Mr. Bowe will comprehensively review the contract again. He informed the Committee that the option to take the computerized examination for the ICRC (International Certification for Reciprocity Consortium) is now available and that the Certification Board (APCBNJ) is working to supply applicants with the same option by March 2010. Mr. Bowe also informed the Committee that APCBNJ is reaching out to other agencies in an effort to hire administrative staff.

VII. DAS MATTERS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Lincoln University, Master of Human Services (MHS) program.

Elaine DeMars advised the Committee that she communicated with Dr. Virginia Smith to follow up on the discussion during the March 23, 2009 Committee meeting with Drs. Smith and Vivian Price. Dr. Smith advised that Lincoln University is not interested in modifying the MHS program curriculum. She further advised that applicants will be notified that the MHS degree does not meet the requirements for licensure pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.2. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:2D-4(a)1, applicants are required to document a master's degree transcript that includes 18 graduate semester hours in counseling or counseling related subjects. Dr. Smith also advised that Lincoln University will provide notification that the MHS is intended to prepare students for professional counselor licensure in Pennsylvania, since the degree does not meet the requirements for New Jersey professional counselor licensure.

B. Gail Milgram, Ed.D., Professor Emerita, Center for Alcohol and Drug Studies

The Committee accepted as informational an e-mail from Deputy Director Larry DeMarzo to Dr. Milgram advising that the brochure for course offerings include the course title, instructor name, description, domain and Committee approval number.

IX NEW BUSINESS

CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT

The Committee was advised that 61 LCADCs and 22 CADCs were randomly selected to respond to the

continuing education audit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.5. Licensees' responses will be reviewed by the Committee during upcoming meetings.

XI. FILED CONSENT ORDERS

Filomina Mauriello - Unlicensed practice

Cease and desist the unlicensed practice of mental health counseling.

VIII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September 25, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the State Office Building at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

September 25, 2009

October 23, 2009

November 19, 2009

December 17, 2009

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Norwood Allen, seconded by Jamie Lugo, the Committee moved into Executive Session to conduct three investigative inquiries, review criminal history background reports, pending disciplinary and confidential matters.

X. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS

Applications for licensure and certification will be reviewed and moved for approval.

A. LCADC - Regular

1. Alisa Kamis
2. Kalinda Kapadia
3. Allison L. Miskulin

B. LCADC - Upgrade

1. Elisa M. Goldstein
2. Lisa M. Gonzalez

C. CADC - Regular

1. Cesar Cortes
2. Jeffery A. Pospis

D. Written and Oral Examinations

1. Kevin Brister
2. Ginamarie Dimaiuta
3. Tracey L. Dreyer
4. Anthony M. Dzinszio
5. Katerina A. Giardini
6. Darlene Godfrey
7. Joanne C. Knight
8. Susan M. Krenn
9. Paul Lavella, Jr.

10. Michael McClinton
11. Barbara L. Murphy
12. Kimberly Newcomb
13. Jairo Sahdoval
14. Ramone V. Bethea
15. Gregory M. Koufacos
16. Andrenna Hummel
17. Kristen DeProspo

E. Oral Examinations.

1. Jacqueline F. Cormie
2. George Reha, Jr.
3. Mary Douglas-Bailey

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Jamie Lugo the meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine L. DeMars