

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
October 28, 2005**

I. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:45 a.m., in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Committee Vice Chair Donald F. Weinbaum who gave notice of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Committee Chair, Edward Reading (via telephone)
Committee Vice Chair, Donald F. Weinbaum
Committee Member, Sylvia W. Lippe

Absent:

Committee Member, Georgene Brazer

Staff Present:

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars
Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger
Administrative Staff, Celeste Sweeper
Administrative Staff, Waiman Yee
Administrative Staff, Tammarra King

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe and seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the minutes of the September 19, 2005 public session Committee meeting were approved as modified.

IV. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A-3777 - Permits establishment of employee assistance programs for public employees. Introduced on 2/7/2005, Referred to Assembly Labor Committee

The Committee was informed that an inquiry was received as to whether the Committee has received complaints regarding the substandard counseling provided in employee assistance programs (EAP). The Committee noted that N.J.S.A. 45:25-9 provides for an exception to licensure or certification for the evaluation and referral services provided through EAPs. The exception was not intended to apply to counseling. Therefore, the Committee will include in its proposal for revisions to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.6(a)2 a clarification that the exception is only for evaluation and referral, not for counseling . The Committee tabled review of the proposed legislation until the November 18th meeting.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Application Processing

To date, 1,825 applications have been received. There are 1,019 active LCADCs and 267 active CADCs. Of the 500 pending applications, 110 are pending Committee review. The remainder are pending criminal history

reports, explanations, examination scores, licensure fees or response to deficiency letters.

VI. Correspondence

Jim O'Brien,

An e-mail from the Jim O'Brien, Executive Director of Addiction Treatment Providers of New Jersey. In response to his question, he was informed that the accurate and acceptable title for those not licensed or certified, working in treatment agencies is "counselor-intern." He was further informed that the title only applies to those who are in the training program which is defined in the agency regulations as limited to a three year training period.

Esther Ganz and Susan Warner

The Committee reviewed the request of Ms. Ganz and Warner for acceptance of a continuing education course recently completed. The Committee directed that Ms. Ganz and Ms. Warner be informed that the credits completed may be applied to the general requirement for continuing education. The writers will be referred to the notification mailed to all certificate holders and licensees regarding the six (6) credits in legal standards requirement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.2(d).

The Committee will also write to the course provider to inform them that only those who have been certified to provide the six hour course on the legal standards for the practice of alcohol and drug counseling practice in New Jersey are acceptable providers.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Legal Standards Presentation

The next Legal Standards Presentation by the Committee will be held on November 14, 2005.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

2005 Meeting Dates:

November 18, 2005

December 16, 2005

IX. 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 Donald Weinbaum, the following applications were approved:

CADC Regular

1. Augustin, Pascale
2. Butler, Falecia Y.
3. Clark, Michael R.
4. Cornman, Rosemarie J.
5. Curry, Mary C.
6. DeLane, Lynette F.
7. Dillard, Benjamin F.
8. Foley, Kathleen M.
9. Heron, Claire M.
10. Kerr, Jane M.
11. Leon, Maria L.

12. Nally, Kevin J.
13. Neel, Michael J.
14. Rivera, Miguel A.
15. Smith, Arenzo C.
16. Veritas, Gerard
17. Wallace-Scotto, Elizabeth L.

CADC Grandfather

1. Austin, John C.

CADC Upgrade to LCADC

1. Stamatiou, Lorianne

LCADC Regular

1. Boyle, Elena G.
2. Buffaloe, Gaye
3. Demarais, Martin T.
4. Hampel, Patricia
5. Heffner, Lori Ann
6. O'Boyle, Marie M.
7. Smith, Anita E.

LCADC Grandfather

1. Bly, Brenda K.
2. Campbell-Philhower, Christine
3. Demott, Richard
4. Festa, Sandra L.
5. Fowlkes, Rodney
6. Greenberg, Andrea
7. Mathis, Gina M.
8. Pereyra, Barbara L.
9. Shea, Celine B.

Approved to Sit for the Written and Oral Examination

1. Bell, Vanessa CADC
2. Bennett, Charles W. III CADC
3. Bognacki, Edward R. CADC
4. Bowen, Christopher C. CADC
5. Caldwell, Denise L. CADC
6. Cox, Daphne CADC
7. DePoe, Stacey K. LCADC
8. Foy, Jim Jr. CADC
9. Hurchik, Susan M. CADC
10. Jackson, Tanya CADC
11. Rapp, Christine LCADC
12. Schaffer, Patricia A. LCADC
13. Senior, Marsha N. CADC
14. Syed, Sonia LCADC
15. Wolfe, Courtney CADC

Approved to Sit for the Oral Examination

1. Auriemma, Jacqueline A. CADC
2. Estrada, Edmundo CADC
3. Gross, Maria E. CADC
4. Hastings, Sara L. CADC
5. Hermann, Dana CADC
6. Hughes, Stephen CADC
7. Mezger, Kathryn M. CADC
8. Phipps, Sydney M. CADC
9. Prewitt, Deborah CADC
10. Qwai, Dwight M. CADC
11. Sanford, Jacqueline LCADC
12. Smith, Donna E. LCADC
13. Thompson, Madeline LCADC
14. Wims, Jeffrey W. CADC

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe and seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the Committee voted to move into Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. to discuss pending applications, confidential and disciplinary matters.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Donald F. Weinbaum, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine L. DeMars Executive Director