

**ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

November 19, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:46 a.m. in the Sussex 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, Sylvia Lippe

Excused

Committee Member, Georgene Brazer

Staff Present

Executive Director, Elaine L. DeMars
Deputy Attorney General, Susan Berger
Deputy Attorney General, Beverly Lapsley
Administrative Staff, Celeste Sweeper
Administrative Staff, Erica Meyers

III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On a motion made by Donald Weinbaum and seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the minutes of October 22, 2004 public session were approved with corrections.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public members present.

V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

The Committee was provided with a copy New York State's Amendment to Regulations of the Commissioner of Education (FYI). Committee Chair noted that the requirements included in the proposal are not consistent with national standards.

VI. Executive Director's Report

Application Processing Report

A. A total of 1,289 applications have been received, 1,069 of which are for licensure and 220 are for certification.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

David Nyman,

Mr. Nyman wrote to the Committee requesting clarification of the regulations that pertain to substance abuse treatment facilities and those that apply solely to individual practitioners. The Committee will inform Dr. Nyman

that since the Division of Addiction Services regulates treatment agencies and the Division of Consumer Affairs' Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee regulates individual counselors, both sets of regulations are in effect for all treatment agencies.

All practitioners must comply with N.J.S.A. 45:2D-1 et seq., the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Licensing Act" as codified in the regulations, N.J.A.C. 13:34C 1.1 et seq. The Committee noted that the regulations promulgated by the Division of Addiction Services make specific reference to N.J.S.A. 45:2D-1 et seq.

The Committee encourages Dr. Nyman to support his agency's staff in their applications for the required State certification and/or licensure. The Committee also noted that any person providing services as an alcohol and drug counselor under another professional license, is required to function in a role that is consistent with the person's training and cannot represent themselves as a certified or licensed alcohol and drug counselor (N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.6(a)4)

James O'Brien - Executive Director, Addiction Treatment Providers of New Jersey The Committee was provided with a copy of an e-mail notice of "Advocacy Day," Monday, December 13, 2004. The Committee accepted the notice as informational.

Ray Cortese, APCBNJ

Mr. Cortese forwarded an e-mail to the Committee requesting clarification of the continuing education contact-hour requirement for the legal standards set forth in N.J.A.C 13:34C-5.2(d). Mr. Cortese will be advised that the intention of the requirement was to require all new certificate holders and licensees to complete six contact-hours in legal standards only during the initial license cycle. The requirement was designed to insure that all newly certified and licensed counselors are cognizant of both State and Federal regulations governing professional practice in New Jersey.

In response to Mr. Cortese's reference to the lack of courses offered in New Jersey that deal directly with legal aspects of alcohol and drug counseling, the Committee acknowledged the need for such courses and intends to work with the institutions of higher education and the approved providers listed in N.J.A.C. 13:34C-5.3(b)1 to provide additional course options.

Mark S. Woodford, PhD

Dr. Woodford wrote to the Committee requesting clarification on the LCADC educational requirements pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.2 and N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3(b) 1 & 4. Dr. Woodford will be informed that applicants are required to complete 270 hours of alcohol and drug education. Dr. Woodford was reminded that the graduate credits and the 270 hours of alcohol and drug education are two separate aspects. The Committee will inform Dr. Woodford that in order to determine if his program meets all of the requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3(b), he would have to demonstrate that the courses meet the specific requirements of each of the respective domains and the topic areas within those domains.

George Nereo

Mr. Nereo wrote to the Committee reporting an "inconsistency" with the L.C.A.D.C. education requirement. The Committee will respond to the e-mail informing Mr. Nereo that the regulations for licensure (i.e., N.J.A.C 13:34C-2.2(b)2) clearly state that all applicants must successfully complete all the requirements to be a certified alcohol and drug counselor pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3(b)2 and 3 and 5 through 7 and N.J.S.A. 42:2D-5.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2004 Meeting Dates:

November 19, 2004

December 17, 2004

B. Proposed 2005 Meeting Dates

January 28, 2005

July 22, 2005

February 25, 2005

August 26, 2005

April 1, 2005

September 23, 2005

April 15, 2005

October 28, 2005

May 20, 2005

November 18, 2005

June 24, 2005

December 16, 2005

IX. New Business

The Committee reviewed a copy of Executive Order #1 issued by Acting Governor Richard Codey. The Committee will be available to provide any information requested by The Mental Task Force that has been appointed.

Credential Review

The following applications were presented to the Committee for final approval and were approved as noted:

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the following applications were approved:

LCADC - Grandfather

1. Ruben Abreu
2. Christine Axelrad
3. Daniel Ayres
4. Frank Berlingeri
5. Jeannie Callaway-Crocco
6. Victor Carlson
7. Christine Costello
8. Mary Depuglio
9. Collen DiFranco
10. John Epperly
11. Christine Fencl
12. Robert Fuhlrodt
13. Dawn Gillespie
14. Mary Hunt
15. Leticia Isidro-Clancy
16. Mary Ivory
17. Napoleon Johnson
18. Marie Juliano
19. Richard Koeppel
20. Kurt Kubinski
21. Vincent Lucrezi
22. John Markey
23. Sharon Menchaca
24. Alice Murphy
25. Moses Myers
26. James Paul
26. Ernest Pescatore

27. Rosemary Regina
28. Linda Scarano
29. Barbara Sherman-Walsh
30. Sandra Smith
31. Solomon Tivade
32. Michael Tierney
33. Kelly Ward

LCADC - Regular

1. Nicholas Colangelo
2. Patricia Hanley
3. David Molaris
4. Charles Radiola
5. John Todd
6. James Maguire

CADC - Regular

1. Norwood Allen
2. Thomas Henskens
3. Kim Hunter
4. Elaine Marcus
5. Cynthia Musso
6. Michael Palmer
7. Janet Ramos
8. Reinaldo Velez
9. Michael Verrilli

CADC - Grandfather

1. Michael Tierney

On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the following applications were approved as listed:

LCADC - Grandfather

1. Robert Bennington
2. Barbara Wilde

CADC - Grandfather

1. Nadine Lowe

On a motion made by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Edward Reading, the following applications were approved as listed:

LCADC - Grandfather

1. Gregg Benson
2. Marcia Brands
3. John Kriger
4. Melinda Lisny
5. Rani Moran

LCADC - Regular

1. Evelyn Greene-Holmes
2. Michelle Sauer
3. Patricia Siegel
4. Anna Vitiello

CADC - Regular

1. Christine Alfano
2. Nelly Fontanez
3. Cy Jones
4. Leonard Leggins
5. Vija Mangulis
6. Regina McKenna
7. Sara Merkin
8. Deborah Minnick
9. Carol Pullella
10. Kevin Washington
11. George Yansick

XII. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee is December 17, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Donald Weinbaum, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

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