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N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.2, 6.2A, and 6.3

Notice of Action on Petition for Rulemaking

Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee

Petitioner: Glenn Duncan, LPC, LCADC, CCS, ACS, on behalf of Advanced Counselor Training.

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:2D-14.

Take notice that on February 22, 2013, the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee (Committee) received a petition for rulemaking from Glenn Duncan on behalf of Advanced Counselor Training requesting that the Committee amend its rules set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.2, 6.2A, and 6.3. Advanced Counselor Training, LLC was started in 2011 and provides training in clinical supervision for licensed professional counselors.

The petitioner requests that the rules for qualified clinical supervisors of certified alcohol and drug counselors (N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.3), credentialed interns (N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.2A), and alcohol and drug counselor interns (N.J.A.C. 13:34C-6.2) be amended to: 1) require New Jersey licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors to also be certified as a clinical supervisor by ICRC member boards (a certification authority that is a member of the International Certification Reciprocity Consortium of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc., a credentialing organization); 2) require New Jersey licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors to obtain, over a minimum of two years, but no more than six years, 3,000 hours of work experience subsequent to holding a clinical license to provide substance misuse services; and 3) distinguish between those who hold another New Jersey license (certified advanced practice nurse, licensed psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, licensed marriage and family therapist, or professional counselor) and are also licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors, and those who hold another New Jersey license only.

The petitioner believes that adding these requirements would benefit consumers and better safeguard against untrained clinicians performing clinical supervision duties in New Jersey. In

addition, the petitioner believes that these changes would reduce the redundancy of clinical supervision training requirements for dually licensed professionals with proven expertise in the substance abuse field.

The petitioner also proposes that licensed clinicians in the process of getting their certified clinical supervisor (CCS) credential be considered qualified supervisors as they work towards obtaining their CCS under the following conditions: 1) they have 3,000 hours experience subsequent to licensure; 2) they must take, and complete, the 30 hours of ICRC approved educational training on clinical supervision; and 3) they must submit the completion of training as evidence to the Committee for approval (along with all other currently required documentation) before starting the supervisory experience. The petitioner notes that obtaining the CCS credential requires three years of supervisory experience.

In addition, the petitioner suggests adding a requirement that qualified supervisors directly observe the supervisees in one of four specified activities at least once annually. The specified activities include: work as a co-counselor; observe the sessions with clients; view videotapes of sessions with clients; or listen to audiotapes of the session with clients. The petitioner notes that research on clinical supervision shows that direct supervision is essential to properly oversee the work of counselors in training, and provides counselors with better growth within the supervisory experience while also providing more diligent oversight for the purpose of consumer protection and quality assurance.

[page=1265] The Board has referred this matter for further deliberation in order to review the petitioner's suggestions in the context of all of the supervisory and licensing requirements, both statutory and regulatory, and to develop a better understanding of the implications this request would have for licensees and clients/patients.

A copy of this notice has been mailed to the petitioner pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2.