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ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE

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

Notice of Action on Petition for Rulemaking

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.

The petitioner suggested: 1) requiring licensed alcohol and drug counselors to obtain the certified clinical supervisor (CCS) credential in order to be deemed qualified clinical supervisors; 2) requiring 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; 3) distinguishing 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 [page=2451] counselors, and those who hold only another New Jersey license; 4) allowing licensed clinicians in the process of getting CCS credential to be considered qualified supervisors under specified conditions; and 5) requiring qualified supervisors to directly observe the supervisees in one of four specified activities at least once annually.

The Committee considered the petition for rulemaking at the open public session of its April 19, 2013, meeting, and referred this matter for further review and analysis of the suggestions made by the petitioner. A notice acknowledging the Board's action on April 19, 2013, was filed with the Office of Administrative Law and was published in the New Jersey Register on May 20,

2013, at 45 N.J.R. 1264(b).

The Committee considered the petition for rulemaking at the open public session of its May 17, 2013, and June 28, 2013, meetings. At the June 28, 2013, meeting, the Committee and petitioner agreed to an extension until October 4, 2013, for the Committee to deliberate on the petition for rulemaking, consistent with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2(b). A notice of action on petition for rulemaking reflecting this extension was published in the New Jersey Register on August 5, 2013, at 45 N.J.R. 1925(a).

On July 26, 2013, the Committee determined to grant, in part, the petition and initiate a rulemaking proceeding. The Committee agreed with the petitioner that to be a qualified clinical supervisor, licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors should obtain the CCS from an ICRC member board (a certification authority that is a member of the International Certification Reciprocity Consortium of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc., a credentialing organization). The Committee denied each of the petitioner's other requests. A notice of final action on petition for rulemaking reflecting this determination was published in the New Jersey Register on November 4, 2013, at 45 N.J.R. 2405(c).

Take further notice that on October 18, 2013, the petitioner agreed to an extension until February 21, 2014, for the Committee to initiate a rulemaking proceeding consistent with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 1:30-4.2(b).

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