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### ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELOR COMMITTEE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES JANUARY 27, 2017

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Edward Reading at 9:38 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present**

Edward Reading, Ph.D., LCADC, Committee Chair  
Sylvia Lippe, LCADC, Committee Vice-Chair  
Norwood Allen, CADC, Committee Member  
Jamie Lugo, CADC, Committee Member

##### **Also Present:**

Nancy Miller, Deputy Attorney General  
Milagros Collazo, Executive Director  
Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analyst  
Celeste Paige, Administrative Assistant

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post and also posted on the Committee's web page.

##### **Announcement of Quorum**

Committee Chair Edward Reading announced the presence of a quorum.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen the Committee voted to approve the December 16, 2016 minutes as amended. Voting in favor: All  
The Committee noted it continues to work with limited staffing and does not have a public member.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anthony Polizzi, LCADC, New Jersey Prevention Network (NJPN) representative, attended the public meeting.

V. **LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

A. **N.J.A.C. 13:34C**

The Committee reviewed comments received related to its proposed re-adoption of regulations including correspondence from Elizabeth Conte, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), which was received after the comment period.

The Committee, with the assistance of regulatory analyst, Rachel Glasgow, discussed the proposed amendments that would require six hours of continuing education in legal standards in each renewal period. The Committee determined that modifying the proposed requirement from 6 to 3 hours would meet the Committee's purposes and would be less burdensome. Because this would be a substantive change, the Committee voted to re-propose the amendment to the rule. The current requirements to complete six hours of continuing education in legal standards during the first renewal period will remain unchanged.

The Committee voted to propose the 3 hours of legal standards be completed biennially, effective August 1, 2018; licensees would need to complete the coursework to renew for the 2022-2022 biennial licensing period.

*Upon a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee authorized Committee Chair Edward Reading to review and approve the amendments to the proposal as discussed at this meeting. Voting in favor: All*

B. **Senate Bill 2858**

**This bill will establish Gold Star Family Counseling Program in DMVA; creates tax credit for certain health care professionals.** The Committee appreciated the novel approach to offer to provide the services in exchange for a tax credit.

The Committee noted the civil immunity provision did not exclude instances such as gross negligence by a licensee, and questioned whether the immunity to be granted should be limited.

*Upon a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee voted to support the bill with amendments to include alcohol and drug counselors among licensed health care professionals who may provide services and to consider limiting immunity.*

C. **Senate Bill 2919**

**This Bill expands health insurance coverage for behavioral health care services and enhances enforcement and oversight of mental health parity laws.**

*Upon a motion by Edward Reading, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee determined to support this bill with the inclusion of licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFTs) licensed professional counselors (LPCs), licensed alcohol and drug counselors (LCADCs) and commends the effort made to use a tax credit as an incentive to provide these necessary services on a voluntary basis. Voting in favor: All*

*The Committee noted that many aspects of this bill depends on the continued viability of the Affordable Care Act.*

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

No Items.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

No Items.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Committee asked that the Division contact the Office of Legislative Services to note that delivery of mental health services may be provided by LMFT's, LCADC's, LPC's, as well as LCSW's and other licenses under supervision. Including these providers in future bills is appropriate. In the alternative use of the term licensed mental health professionals under Title 45 is also appropriate.

**IX. FILED ORDERS**

None

**X. ADDICTIONS PROFESSIONALS CERTIFICATION BOARD OF NEW JERSEY (APCBNJ)**

No Items.

**XI. DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (DHMAS)**

No Items.

**XII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for **February 24, 2017** at 9:30 a.m. at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

**2017 Meeting Dates**

February	24, 2017	August	25, 2017
March	24, 2017	September	29, 2017
April	28, 2017	October	27, 2017
May	19, 2017	November	17, 2017
June	23, 2107	December	15, 2017
July	28, 2017		

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon a motion by Norwood Allen, seconded by Sylvia Lippe, the Committee moved to Executive Session at 11:38 a.m. to review applications, consumer complaints and other pending disciplinary matters. *Voting in favor: All*

**XIV. REVIEW OF CREDENTIALS**

The Committee approved the following applications:

**Upgrade LCADC Approved**

1. Joada Joissim
2. Michele S. LaBaw
3. Annette McGuire
4. Tinamarie Veniscofski
5. Michael K. Williams

**LCADC**

1. Jodina M. Brizell
2. April L. Brown
3. Nicole M. Catalano
4. Michelle S. DeFino
5. Donna L. Disney
6. Samantha A. Dowgin
7. Dara Dwojewski
8. Crystal A. Evans
9. Linda Hall
10. Gregory Holmes
11. Reena J. Johnson
12. Danielle R. Nebesni
13. Kristin S. Nicely -Colangelo
14. Britteny A. Richstein
15. Ruth Saunders

**CADC**

1. Donald H. Colyer, III
2. Katie A. Diepold
3. Christopher Lorenc
4. Rosalie C. Martins
5. Michael Lovett
6. Susan Murphy
7. Eden G. Nguentan
8. Yvonne R. Wilson

**Written and Oral exams approvals**

1. Lucille B. Brown
2. Fabian A. Bueno
3. Crystal E. Delia
4. Carla R. Ford
5. Richard A. Lundsten
6. Miriam L. Malave
7. Sharmanike L. Outlaw
8. Angelic D. Pless
9. Ashley E. Shover
10. Anthony Sylvester
11. Kimberly A. Tabussi
12. Lydia Trojanowski
13. Sherry Trifiro-Campos

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Sylvia Lippe, seconded by Norwood Allen, the Committee voted to adjourn the January 27, 2017 meeting at 2:55 p.m. *Voting in favor: All*