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MINUTES

Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse August 21, 2012

Call to Order

The two hundred seventy third regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Mr. Van Ess announced that notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 – 10:4-21).

Roll Call

Katelyn Assenheimer called the roll. Members present and absent were noted for the record.

Approval of June Minutes

The minutes from the June meeting were approved by the members of the Council. (Y-10; N-0; ABS-8).

Chairman's Report

Acting Chairman Van Ess thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Van Ess announced that GCADA staff member Nick Petrozzino will be retiring on August 31st. Mr. Petrozzino was awarded a plaque for his service as a member of the Governor's Council staff.

Mr. Van Ess also welcomed new public member Gisele Pemberton to the Council.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has been working on finalizing the committee membership. Committees and subcommittee assignments will be sent out next week.

Prevention and Public Awareness Committee

Rebecca Alfaro informed Council members that the 21st Annual Summit will be held on Wednesday, September 12th at the New Brunswick Hyatt. To date, 650 participants have registered. The Summit workgroup met and selected nine workshops that will be presented in both a morning and afternoon session. Fifty vendors have also been chosen to set up exhibit tables during the conference.

Janice Georgallas from Bergen County has been selected as the Statewide Volunteer of the Year. She will receive a scholarship funded by council member, Paul Ressler and will also have her name submitted to the "First Lady's New Jersey Hero" Program.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director John Hulick informed the Council that staff was working on public service announcements regarding the stigma of drug abuse and addiction. This campaign will be available both online and in print.

The GCADA website is in the process of being revamped. It is about 80% complete. Mr. Hulick is also working with the Department of Treasury's technology unit to have the Council's email extension changed to reflect the Council's status as an independent agency.

September 1st marks the start of Recovery Month. GCADA will be sponsoring the PRO-ACT Recovery Walk in Philadelphia on September 22nd. This event was very well attended and successful last year.

Staff has been developing a request for proposal to award a contract for training Alliances on the needs assessment process for the 2014-2017 grant term. An RFP also will be issued for consultant services for the development of the "Blueprint for a Drug-Free New Jersey 2020"

The Task Force on Heroin and Other Opiate Use by New Jersey's Youth and Young Adults will be holding its next public hearing on Wednesday, August 29th at Monmouth County Library Headquarters in Manalapan. All council members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The task force will be holding a final hearing on October 2nd at Cooper Hospital in Camden. The radio station NJ 101.5 has been providing coverage of these hearings.

Ethics Training

Margaret Catoia, Ethics Training Officer with the State Ethics Commission presented a comprehensive ethics training to Council members and staff. Any questions or issues of concern regarding ethics should be directed to GCADA staff member and ethics liaison officer Kevin Sullivan.

Adjournment

Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Vote Sheet – August 21, 2012 Minutes

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abs</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Barbara Adolphe	x	_____	_____	_____
Eric Arauz	x	_____	_____	_____
Gregg Benson	_____	_____	x	_____
Betty Ann Cowling Carson	x	_____	_____	_____
Frank Greenagel	x	_____	_____	_____
Regan McGrory		_____	_____	x
Kevin Meara	x	_____	_____	_____
Gisele Pemberton	_____	_____	_____	x
Barbara Sprechman	x	_____	_____	_____
Robert Zlotnick	_____	_____	x	_____
Paul Ressler	x	_____	_____	_____
Neil Van Ess	x	_____	_____	_____
Administrative Office of the Courts Administrative Director Glen A. Grant/ John Pizzaro	_____	_____	x	_____
Department of Children and Families Acting Comm Allison Blake/Tyrone Richardson	_____	_____	_____	x
Department of Community Affairs Comm Lori Grifa/Kevin Luckie	x	_____	_____	_____
Department of Corrections Comm Gary M. Lanigan/Herbert Kaldany	x	_____	_____	_____
Department of Education Acting Comm Christopher Cerf/William Haldeman	x	_____	_____	_____
Department of Health & Senior Services Comm Mary O'Dowd/Laura Hernandez Paine	_____	_____	x	_____
Department of Human Services Comm Jennifer Velez /Raquel Mazon Jeffers	x	_____	_____	_____
Department of Labor and Workforce Development Comm Harold Wirths/Fred Zavaglia	x	_____	_____	_____

Department of Law and Public Safety
Attorney General Paula T. Dow/Wanda Moore

x — — —

Department of Military & Veteran's Affairs
Major General Glen Reith/Dorinda Sapp

x — — —

Department of Treasury
State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff/
Willa Lloyd

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NJ President's Council
Dr. Richard L. McCormick
Allison Samay

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