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Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse June 19, 2012

Call to Order

The two hundred seventy second 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 May Minutes

The minutes from the May meeting were approved by the members of the Council. (Y-15; N-0; ABS-0).

Chairman's Report

Acting Chairman Van Ess thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Van Ess announced that Gayle Maher, Council member designee representing the Administrative Office of the Courts will be retiring on July 1st. Ms. Maher was awarded a plaque for her service as a member of the Council.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has been working on finalizing the committee membership lists. Committees and subcommittees are expected to reconvene their meetings in September.

Resolution Regarding the Somerset County Alliance Plan Update for 2012

A resolution was presented to Council members for the Somerset County Alliance plan 2012 update. Somerset County municipalities proposed two new programs for the 2012 grant term.

After a vote, the members approved the resolution for the Somerset County Alliance plan update. (Y-13; N-1; ABS-3).

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director John Hulick informed the Council that following discussions with the Council's Executive Committee, a decision was made to discontinue the policy of granting "hold harmless" funds to counties beginning with the 2013 Alliance grant term. These supplemental funds had been granted in 2009 to counties that experienced reduced funding due to updates to the demographic data used in the funding formula. It was noted that these funds were intended to be short-term and that numerous counties that received these additional funds had annual unspent grant funds in excess of the hold harmless amount. It was reported Council staff held a phone conference with County Alliance Coordinators to inform them of this decision.

Mr. Hulick stated that 2013 is an update year and the final year of the current grant cycle. The new grant cycle beginning in 2014 would involve a new needs assessment process.

The Heroin and Other Opioid Task Force will be holding its next public hearing on Tuesday, July 10th at Daytop-New Jersey in Mendham. All council members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The task force will be holding additional hearings on August 29th at Monmouth County Library Headquarters in Manalapan and on October 2nd at Cooper Hospital in Camden.

Council staff has produced several issues of a monthly newsletter "Council Connection", which has been distributed widely through Constant Contact, an email marketing service. Constant Contact has also been used to distribute other Council and Alliance related information to an extensive email list maintained and managed through this service.

The process for selecting the Alliance Volunteer of the Year has been revamped and made more stringent this year. One person will be selected from the county submissions to be the State Volunteer of the Year. The State Volunteer of the Year is expected to have their name submitted to the "First Lady's New Jersey Hero" Program and will receive a scholarship funded by council member, Paul Ressler.

The US Journal is offering 10 scholarships to Municipal Alliance coordinators to attend their Northeast Conference on Behavioral Health and Addictive Disorders, September 12-15 immediately following the GCADA Summit. The Northeast Conference and the Summit are being held at the New Brunswick Hyatt on September 12th.

Adjournment

Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.