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Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse September 18, 2012

Call to Order

The two hundred seventy fourth 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 August Minutes

The minutes from the August meeting were approved by the members of the Council. (Y-15; N-0; ABS-5).

Chairman's Report

Acting Chairman Van Ess welcomed everyone to the meeting. He spoke about the Summit and praised staff for how well it was run and said that he felt it was the best Summit he had attended.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has finalized the committee membership lists. Committee and subcommittee meetings will convene in the fall.

Policy and Planning Committee

Frank Greenagel informed the Council that the Policy and Planning Committee would begin holding meetings in November. He spoke about last month's Task Force on Heroin and Other Opiate Use by New Jersey's Youth and Young Adults hearing that was held at Monmouth County library in Manalapan. He was pleased to say that over 100 people were in attendance. The next hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 2nd at Cooper Hospital in Camden. On October 24th, the Task Force will be holding a final wrap-up meeting to discuss its recommendations which will be used in the development of the Blueprint for a Drug-Free New Jersey – 2020.

Prevention and Public Awareness Committee

Rebecca Alfaro highlighted some key points of the Summit with the Council members. Over 700 people were in attendance this year. Governor Jim McGreevey gave the keynote speech and it was very well received. Nine workshops were offered this year in both a morning and afternoon session. This year's statewide Volunteer of the Year was Janice Georgallas from Bergen County. She received a \$1000 scholarship from the Corey Ressler Foundation that will go towards the Hills Valley Coalition of which she is a member. The radio station New Jersey 101.5 received a community service award from GCADA for their efforts in covering the Task Force on Heroin and Other Opiate Use hearings. Ms. Alfaro said that the tabulation of the Summit evaluations will be available for next month's GCADA meeting.

Resolution Recognizing September 2012 as Recovery Month in New Jersey

The Council members were presented with a resolution declaring September 2012 as Recovery Month in New Jersey. Executive Director John Hulick also mentioned that several municipalities in the state had also passed similar resolutions. After a vote, the resolution was approved. (Y-17; N-0; ABS-2).

Executive Director's Report

John Hulick informed the members that the Philadelphia Recovery Walk would be held on Saturday, September 22nd. The Department of Human Services and GCADA sponsored buses for this event.

Mr. Hulick also mentioned the next public hearing of the Task Force and said that the recommendations that come from these meetings will be used in the development of the Blueprint. Council staff is working on preparing an RFP for consultant services to assist in the development of the Blueprint.

Adjournment

Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.