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Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse June 18, 2013

Call to Order

The two hundred eighty first 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

After a discussion to include the roll call in future minutes, the May minutes were approved. (Y-13; N-0; ABS-3)

Chairman's Report

Acting Chairman Van Ess informed Council members that Executive Director John Hulick was on leave and Celina Gray would be taking over as acting executive director in the interim.

Mr. Van Ess asked that the Council vote to revert back to the Council bylaws that were in effect prior to the revisions approved in 2012. This would allow the Council chairman to create the agenda. After a vote, the bylaws were approved. (Y-8; N-0; ABS-8)

Mr. Van Ess expressed the need for the Council to select a second vice-chairman to serve as acting chairman in the event of his absence from a meeting. After a nomination, Kevin Meara was elected to this position. (Y-13; ABS-4; N-0)

Regina Diamond – Rutgers Mountainview Program

Regina Diamond from the Rutgers Mountain View Program shared her experiences with the Council. This program was established in 2004 by Dr. Roden of Rutgers University. The purpose of the program is to offer assistance to inmates and former inmates in obtaining degrees and other skills needed for career placement and advancement. Former students are in the process of creating a Mountain View Alumni Association which would be a nonprofit organization to help provide scholarships to current students in the program. More information on the Mountain View Program can be found on their Facebook page.

The Council members thanked Ms. Diamond for speaking so candidly and it was also suggested that this program be highlighted at this year's Summit.

Resolution Regarding Atlantic County Alliance Plan

After a brief discussion, the 2013 Atlantic County Alliance Plan was approved. (Y-11; ABS-4; N-0)

Acting Executive Director's Report

Celina Gray shared with the Council members that she had a steadfast commitment to the Council's mission. She also said she would honor the work that has been done by the Council because the need is great. Ms. Gray thanked GCADA staff as well as the Council for their patience and support.

The GCADA Summit will be held on September 12th at the New Brunswick Hyatt. The theme will be "Youth. Innovation. Future". Calls for proposals have been sent out for the workshops. A Summit workgroup will meet in July to review these submissions. Registration will be available in August on the GCADA website.

Some members of the GCADA Task Force on Heroin and Other Opiate Use by New Jersey's Youth and Young Adults will meet after today's Council meeting to discuss the Task Force report. The Task Force is continuing its work on the report.

Ms. Gray unveiled a poster from the Council's addiction anti-stigma campaign. The purpose of this campaign is to show that addiction does not discriminate and can affect anyone. The formal launch of this campaign has not yet been scheduled.

The Alliance grant guidelines workgroup has been meeting regularly and has made significant progress in establishing new program guidelines. The

workgroup consists of both paid and volunteer municipal Alliance coordinators, county Alliance coordinators, county alcohol and drug directors, and representatives from the New Jersey Prevention Network and the St. Barnabas Institute for Prevention.

Ms. Gray shared her interest in helping to facilitate attendance of New Jersey school personnel at GCADA sponsored trainings. Dialogue will begin with the Department of Education on encouraging and facilitating attendance by school personnel at GCADA trainings and conferences.

Ms. Gray informed the Council members that they would soon be contacted regarding setting up a working session to discuss the GCADA mission and bylaws.

Public Comments

Dr. Susan Adubato and Jerisa Maseko of the ARC of NJ informed the Council that the Diagnostic Center for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome would be holding a conference on September 26th and 27th at the Atlantic City Convention Center. She also shared that the organization offers free Fetal Alcohol Syndrome training. More information can be found on their website at www.BeInTheKnowNJ.org.

Kevin Meara shared that the City of Angels would be holding a "RockFest" at Mercer County Park on June 22nd. This is a no cost, sober event and all are welcome to attend.

Tyrone Richardson from the Department of Children and Families informed the Council that he would be moving to another position within the department and would be resigning from the Council.

Adjournment

Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.