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Call to Order

The two hundred eighty fourth regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Elected 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

After a brief discussion, the August minutes were approved. (Y-7; N-0; ABS-5)

2014-2019 Alliance Grant Cycle

Rebecca Alfaro, Director of Prevention and Training, gave Council members a brief overview of the upcoming Alliance grant cycle. She informed members that the four scheduled trainings on the strategic plan (application) process would begin the following day. Rebecca will be introducing each training and said that Council members are welcome to attend.

Ms. Alfaro thanked the members of the guidelines workgroup for their time and commitment over the past four months developing the new grant guidelines and application process. This workgroup consisted of county drug and alcohol directors, county Alliance coordinators, municipal coordinators, and members of the New Jersey Prevention Network and the Institute for Prevention. Rebecca noted that the application was condensed and made more user-friendly without reducing accountability. The revised forms will be made available to the counties on the GCADA website in writeable PDF format.

Chairman's Report

Elected Chairman Neil Van Ess shared with the Council that the Summit was a success with approximately 800 people in attendance. He said that he had received a lot of positive feedback and many people expressed to him that it was the best Summit they had ever attended. He shared that people in attendance really enjoyed the keynote presentations from Benjamin Chin and Regina Diamond.

Task Force on Heroin and Other Opiate Use by NJ's Youth and Young Adults Update

Task Force Chairman Frank Greenagel shared that during the Summit a "Call to Action" was proposed by the Task Force members to build state and national support for the recommendations that will be published in the Task Force report. This report is going to be a working document and each Council member and department would have an opportunity to work towards implementation of its recommendations. The Council will receive the report before the November meeting so they have an opportunity for review before voting to adopt. After the report is adopted, meetings will be held to discuss the progress of the recommendations. Council members are welcome to attend these meetings.

On November 15th, the Task Force will have a hearing to discuss the issue of substance abuse within the criminal justice system, specifically the county jails and the juvenile justice system.

Governor's Proclamation for National Recovery Month and GCADA Resolution for Recovery Month in New Jersey

Acting Executive Director Celina Gray, read a proclamation from Governor Chris Christie as well as a Council resolution declaring September as Recovery Month. National Recovery Month is in its 24th year.

GCADA Resolution to Extend 2013 Alliance Grant

The Council members were presented with a resolution to extend the 2013 Alliance grant for six additional months until June 30, 2014. The reason for the extension of the 2013 grant term is to transition the grant to a fiscal year rather than calendar year cycle. The resolution was approved. (Y-11; N-0; ABS-2)

Draft Bylaws

Kevin Meara briefly reviewed suggestions he had received from Council members regarding the draft bylaws. He informed the Council members that any changes or

suggestions to the bylaws must be submitted at least 10 days before a vote would take place.

Mr. Van Ess asked the Council to once again approve the extension, for an additional 30 days, of the reinstatement of the Council bylaws which were in effect in 2010. The 2010 bylaws were those that were in force prior to the revisions approved in 2012. After a vote, the extension was approved. (Y-13; N-0; ABS-1)

Acting Executive Director's Report

Acting Executive Director Celina Gray was pleased to announce that the Summit this year was very successful. She thanked the Summit workgroup for its work on selecting workshops and choosing the statewide volunteer of the year.

Ms. Gray presented the Council with a flyer for the New Jersey Prevention Network's Annual Conference in March. After a vote, the Council approved sponsorship of up to \$10,000. It was suggested that free registration be made available to Council members who wished to attend. (Y-7; N-0; ABS-6)

Adjournment

Elected Chairman Neil Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.