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Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

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Call to Order

The three hundred and twenty fifth regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Acting Executive Director Celina Levy.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Ms. Levy 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 Minutes

After a brief discussion, the minutes for October and November of 2017 and the minutes for February 2018 were approved:

October (Y-13; N-0; ABS-1)

November (Y-13; N-0; ABS-1)

February (Y-12; N-0; ABS-2)

Election of Officers

Acting Executive Director Celina Levy asked for a nomination for Vice Chair of the Governor's Council. Gregg Benson nominated Neil Van Ess and this was seconded by Donna DeStefano. After a vote, Mr. Van Ess was elected Vice Chairman. (Y-14; N-0; ABS-0)

Ms. Levy asked for a nomination for two 2nd Vice Chairs. Herbert Kaldany nominated Donna DeStefano for the first 2nd Vice Chair and this vote was seconded by Don Hallcom. Donna DeStefano then nominated Gregg Benson for the second 2nd Vice Chair and this vote was

seconded by BettyAnn Cowling-Carson. After a vote, Mr. Benson and Ms. DeStefano were both elected as the two 2nd Vice Chairs. (Y-14; N-0; ABS-0)

FY19 County Plans

Rebecca Alfaro, Deputy Director informed the Council that the FY19 County Plans would be up for a vote. All counties have met the approval threshold to be brought to the Council for consideration. The following Council members who had previously informed the GCADA ethics officer of the need to recuse themselves from voting on the FY19 County Plans were:

Gisele Pemberton – Union County
BettyAnn Cowling-Carson – Camden County
Gregg Benson – Morris and Somerset County
Robert Zlotnick – All counties

After a vote, the 20 County Plans were approved.

FY19 Joint County Plan Resolution (Bergen, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Sussex and Warren) (Y-14; N-0; ABS-0)

FY19 Camden County Plan Resolution (Y-13; N-0; ABS-0)

FY19 Morris County Plan Resolution (Y-13; N-0; ABS-0)

FY19 Somerset County Plan Resolution (Y-13; N-0; ABS-0)

FY19 Union County Plan Resolution (Y-14; N-0; ABS-0)

2017-2018 Resolutions

The Council members agreed to have one vote to approve the resolutions for 2017 Veterans Day, Problem Gambling Awareness Month and Alcohol Awareness Month. After a vote, all three resolutions were approved. (Y-14; N-0; ABS-0)

Acting Executive Director's Report

Acting Executive Director Celina Levy shared that work continues on the Master Plan and that the timeline remains open since there is new leadership in some of the departments. GCADA will be sending out the Master Plan survey to the departments again in the event that there are any updates to their original responses.

Ms. Levy continues to represent GCADA at the Suicide Prevention Committee and shared that planning for an upcoming September conference is under way as well as the reconvening of the Adult Suicide Prevention Advisory Council on May 10th.

GCADA is in the process of updating the Veterans Resource Guide in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Ms. Levy will share more details, including proposed timelines, at the May or June meeting.

Ms. Levy reminded the Council members that the NJPN Conference will be held on Friday, May 18th at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

Other Council Business

Council acknowledged the passing of former member Eric Arauz. Close friend of Mr. Arauz, Frank Greenagel, along with other Council members, shared their memories of Mr. Arauz. Acting Executive Director, Celina Levy, also shared her memories, as well as those of Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess, in his stead.

Adjournment

Donna DeStefano adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.