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MINUTES

Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse December 20, 2011

Call to Order

The two hundred sixty eighth 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

Acting Chairman Neil 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 Minutes – November Meeting

The minutes from the November meeting were approved by the members of the Council. (Y-7; N-2; ABS-7)

Recognition of Kay McGrath, Public Member

Acting Executive Director John Hulick asked for a moment of silence for longstanding public member Kay McGrath who passed away earlier in the month. Several Council members spoke of their long association with Ms. McGrath and their high regard for her and of her commitment to the field of substance abuse prevention. Ms. McGrath's son, Rich, was presented with a letter of recognition from Governor Christie.

Introduction of New Council Member

Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess welcomed new member Kevin Meara of Hamilton to the Council.

Resolution Regarding the County Alliance Plan Updates for 2012

A resolution was presented to the Council members for the County plans of Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Salem, Sussex and Warren.

After a brief discussion, the members approved the Resolution for the County Alliance Plan Updates. (Y-10; N-1; ABS-4)

Resolution Establishing an Advisory Panel

A resolution establishing an Advisory Panel to the Council was approved by the members. The charge of this panel will be to assist the Council to more effectively fulfill its mission to review and coordinate the state's efforts in the prevention and treatment of substance abuse. This panel will be comprised of individuals with national expertise in the substance abuse field. Acting Executive Director John Hulick stated that the names of these individuals would be provided to the Council in the near future. (Y-8; N-0; ABS-8)

Executive Committee – No Report

Alliance Committee – No Report

Veterans and Military Ad Hoc Committee

The Veteran's and Military Affairs Committee will meet today following the Council meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Acting Executive Director John Hulick informed the Council that two additional staff members recently joined GCADA. John McLaughlin will be functioning in the role of Operations Manager and Celina Gray has joined Council staff as the Director of Public Awareness and Policy.

Mr. Hulick shared some articles that he had found recently online regarding Alliance activities. He was pleased that the Alliances were receiving positive news coverage. Mr. Hulick also distributed the winning folder submission from the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey folder contest.

Adjournment

Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.