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MINUTES

Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse July 19, 2011

Call to Order

The two hundred sixty third 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 (see attached record).

Approval of Minutes – June 21st

The minutes from the June 21st meeting were approved by the members of the Council.

Introduction of Newly Confirmed Public Members

Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess welcomed new members Erica Morgan and Frank Greenagel to the Council.

Hooked on Fishing Presentation – Ed Markowski of NJ State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

Ed Markowski spoke to the Council regarding his concern about the recent GCADA resolution in opposition of proposed legislation creating an annual appropriation of DEDR funds for the Hooked on Fishing program. He described the program to the Council and emphasized that it is a 22-week program rather than a one-time event.

Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess stated to Mr. Markowski that the Governor's Council does not endorse specific programs, and suggested that funding could be available from individual Alliances to conduct Hooked on Fishing at the local level. Van Ess also extended an offer for the Council to work with Markowski, along with other outdoor recreational programs, to ensure the Council's network of Municipal Alliances became more familiar with the Program.

Executive Committee – No Report

Alliance Committee

The Alliance Committee met on Tuesday, July 12th. There was discussion about the appointment of a new committee chair by the committee members. The committee also revisited the 2011 goals and objectives as well as workshop topics for the upcoming September 9th Summit. The Alliance Committee will meet again on Tuesday, September 13th.

Interdepartmental Advisory Panel – No Report

Planning Committee – No Report

Criminal/Juvenile Justice Subcommittee – No Report

Legislative Subcommittee – No Report

Treatment Subcommittee – No Report

Veterans and Military Ad Hoc Committee –

The Veteran's directory is in the process of being updated for re-printing and should be completed by the end of the summer.

Other Business –

Paul Ressler invited everyone to the Daytop NJ Symposium "Silencing the Stigma" on Thursday, July 28th in Mendham, NJ. Acting Executive Director John Hulick will be participating in this symposium as a panel member.

Bob Zlotnick informed the Council that the Youth Services Commission of Atlantic County will be holding a conference in October on minority overrepresentation in the criminal justice system.

Executive Director's Report

Acting Executive Director John Hulick discussed the County Alliance program fiscal and procedure reviews the Mercadien accounting firm has been assisting the Governor's Council with for the purpose of reviewing grant expenditures made and procedures followed by Counties with respect to the municipalities participating in the Program for the year ended December 31, 2010. So far, seven counties have been completed and no major exceptions were found. An additional seven counties are currently scheduled for review.

The Governor's Council Summit will be held on September 9th. Mr. Hulick has been receiving feedback regarding workshop topics from the state departments and encouraged members to email him with any suggestions they might have. Governor's Council member Eric Arauz will be the keynote speaker this year. Each county has been asked to submit a volunteer of the year to GCADA so they can be recognized at the summit. A committee will meet and choose a statewide volunteer who will receive the Cary Edwards award.

The Recovery Walk will be held in Philadelphia this year on September 24th. The Governor's Council as well as the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services will be sponsors for this event.

The third week of the first cohort of the CADCA training will be held September 19th-23rd.

Public Comments

No comments from the public were made.

Adjournment

Acting Chairman, Neil Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

John Hulick
Acting Executive Director