



## State of New Jersey

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

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### MINUTES

Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

February 19, 2013

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*Governor*

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*Lt. Governor*

NEIL VAN ESS  
*Acting Chairman*

JOHN L. HULICK, MS, CPS  
*Executive Director*

#### Call to Order

The two hundred seventy seventh 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.

#### Election of Officers

Gregg Benson, member of the Council's executive committee, informed the Council that the committee had met previously and it recommended that Neil Van Ess be nominated to continue serving as Council vice chairman. There was a discussion about the Acting Chair nomination. After a vote, Neil Van Ess was re-elected vice chairman of the Council. (Y-14; N-0; ABS- 1)

#### Adoption of 2013 Schedule

After a vote, the Council members approved the meeting calendar for 2013. The meetings will be held every third Tuesday of the month. (Y-16; N-0; ABS-0)

#### Approval of December and January Minutes

After a brief discussion, the minutes from December 2012 and January 2013 were approved.

December Minutes – (Y-16; N-0; ABS-1)

January Minutes – (Y-10; N-0; ABS-7)

### **Needs Assessment Training Update**

Rebecca Alfaro informed Council members that the response to the scheduling of four trainings for local Alliance representatives on conducting needs assessments has been overwhelming. At this time, 430 individuals have registered for one of the four trainings, which represents 86% of active Alliances within the state. A meeting has been scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> with the county Alliance coordinators, drug and alcohol directors and members of county Alliance steering subcommittees (CASS) to prepare them to work with the local Alliances in the development of their needs assessments.

The first training will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt in Morristown.

### **Resolution Regarding County Plan Update**

The county plans for Gloucester, Morris and Warren were presented to the Council for approval. After a brief discussion, all counties were approved. (Y-14; N-0; ABS-2)

### **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director John Hulick was pleased to announce that GCADA's new website is active. The website can be found at [www.gcada.nj.gov](http://www.gcada.nj.gov).

GCADA staff will meet with the consulting firm, Innovations Collaborative, on February 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the development of final recommendations from the opiate Task Force. These recommendations will be incorporated into a Task Force report and within the Council's Blueprint.

### **Adjournment**

Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 10:33 a.m.