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Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse August 16, 2011

Call to Order

The two hundred sixty fourth 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 – July Meeting

The minutes from the July 19th meeting were approved by the members of the Council. (Y-12; N-0; ABS-2)

Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services – Prevention Strategic Planning Committee and Process

Raquel Mazon Jeffers from the Department of Human Services gave the Council members an overview of the Strategic Planning Committee that was formed and the RFP the Division has been working on. The Committee included representation from all State Departments. The purpose of this committee was to articulate data driven results and align prevention efforts with important stakeholders within the state. This plan is still in draft form and when approved will be a road map for future activities within the Division.

The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services also issued two prevention focused RFP's. The first is for funding to support seventeen regional coalitions. The

second is for funding to support training, technical assistance and evaluation support for those coalitions. The contracts will be annually renewable for up to five years.

A mandatory Bidder's Conference will be held on August 19th and all proposals are due to the Division no later than September 26th. All other information can be found on the DMHAS website.

Review of County Application and Award Process

Rebecca Alfaro-Avenoso gave the Council an overview of the application and award process for the 2012 grant year. The Governor's Council is currently using the funding formula from the 2009 grant cycle. This is a five year cycle with this year being an update. The funding formula is decided based on population within a county, income and prevalence of addictions. A letter of intent is sent to each county in June and applications are due back to the office on October 15th.

Each county is responsible for sending in their county plan which is a summary of programs, a breakdown of coordination funds as well as a summary of countywide trainings that may be offered. These plans will be available to the full Council in November or December. Members will only approve new programs for 2012.

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) – Advocacy Leadership Program

Aaron Kucharski a representative from NCADD-NJ informed the Council members on the Advocacy Leadership Program that was established in 2008. The purpose of this program is to educate communities and elected officials on the issues within the Treatment community and to foster a generation of leaders on addiction issues.

The program began with twenty members and has now increased to eighty. The goal for this year is to see the total number of Advocacy Leaders trained surpass one hundred. Currently, there are eight regional teams in New Jersey with thirty two out of forty legislative districts represented.

NCADD-NJ will be holding its Advocacy Leader retreat for the new class at the Trenton Marriott on October 21st-22nd.

Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse 20th Annual Summit

The 20th Annual Summit will be held on Friday, September 9th at the Princeton Hyatt. A mailer has been completed and will be sent to all municipal alliance coordinators, legislators and council members. The website should also be active by the end of the day allowing people to register online. A Facebook page has also been created to spread news of this event. Lynn Edwards, wife of the late Cary Edwards, has confirmed her attendance and will help recognize the Cary Edwards State Wide Volunteer.

New Jersey Prevention Network/Pro-Act Recovery Walks

Jim Kuney, a representative from Pro-Act explained his involvement in the organization over the past three years. He encouraged the Council members to participate in the Recovery Walk at Penn's Landing on September 24th. Fifteen thousand people are expected to attend this event with Philadelphia being the national hub.

Diane Litterer from the New Jersey Prevention Network thanked the Governor's Council for their co-sponsorship in this event. Thirteen buses will be available throughout New Jersey to anyone who does not have a way of getting to the Walk. The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services will be providing lunch for everyone.

Registration is available online at the New Jersey Prevention Network website.

Executive Committee – No Report

Alliance Committee

Acting Executive Director, John Hulick announced that Erica Morgan will be replacing Harry Morey as chair of the Alliance Committee. The next meeting will be held on 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.

Executive Director's Report

Acting Executive Director John Hulick informed the Council members, that Marge Beattie will be retiring, effective September 1st. She has been a great asset to the GCADA staff.

Mr. Hulick met with State Comptroller, Matthew Boxer and reported that the Governor's Council is in full compliance with all recommendations that were made in response to the Comptroller's office.

The Jersey City Alliance of Essex County has been scheduled to make a presentation to the full Council at next month's meeting.

Public Comments

No comments from the public were made.

Adjournment

Acting Chairman, Neil Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

John Hulick
Acting Executive Director