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TO: Members, Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
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Dave Ridolfino, Treasury Liaison
Mary Lou Powner, Executive Director

FROM: Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

DATE: March 19, 2009

The two hundred thirty fifth regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse will convene as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2009
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Trenton Marriott @ Lafayette Yard
1 West Lafayette Street
Trenton, NJ 08608
(609) 421-4000

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Enclosed is the March agenda, February minutes along with other materials for your review. If you have any questions or are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Susan Massaro at 609-984-4353.

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Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order
Roll Call
Open Public Meetings Act Statement
Chairman's Remarks
Approval of Minutes: February 17, 2009
- II. Resolution to Approve 2009 County Alliance Plans – Harry Morey
- III. Committee Reports:

Alliance Committee – Harry Morey
Planning Committee – Anthony Bucco
Subcommittees:
 Criminal/Juvenile Justice – Carol Venditto/Maurice Hart
 Legislative – Kay McGrath
 Treatment – Gregg Benson
 Veterans and Military Families – Neil Van Ess
- IV. Other Business
- V. Executive Director's Report
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Adjournment



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MINUTES
Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
February 17, 2009

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CALL TO ORDER

The two hundred thirty fourth regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

The Acting Chairman 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).

Chairman's Remarks

Acting Chairman Van Ess thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Acting Chairman Van Ess asked for a motion to accept the January 20, 2009 minutes.

Harry Morey motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by John Gluck. An amendment to correct the date was made on the floor, a roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with corrections to the date and vote record (see attached vote record).

Resolution to Approve 2009 County Alliance Plans

Acting Chairman Van Ess announced that the remaining 2009 County Alliance Plans will be placed on the March meeting agenda for approval.

Resolution recognizing National Problem Gambling Awareness Week

Acting Chairman Van Ess announced that everyone had a copy of a draft resolution at their place settings proclaiming March 1 – 7, 2009 as Nation Problem Gambling Awareness Week. Executive Director Powner explained that this is a ceremonial resolution recognizing the first week of March is National Problem Gambling Awareness Week. She was contacted by Don Weinbaum who used to work for the Division of Alcoholism/Division of Addiction Services and is now the Executive Director of the Compulsive Gambling Council. The GCADA has a long relationship with the Compulsive Gambling Council and has worked collaboratively in the past on gambling issues. The GCADA's enabling legislation, P.L. 1989 Chapter 51 specifically mentions compulsive gambling as an area of concern for the Council. There was some discussion on adding the wording in the Resolution. Executive Director Powner read back the requested change which added that problem gambling is 'preventable' and that 'prevention' is effective in the second paragraph.

Acting Chairman Van Ess asked for a motion to approve the Resolution with the changes.

Harry Morey motioned to approve the Resolution with the changes; seconded by Anthony Bucco. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with the corrections being made (see attached vote record).

Alliance Committee

Harry Morey, Chair, reported that the Alliance Committee met on February 10th and discussed DEDR funding going to DARE programs. Margaret Beattie will be checking further into some of the issues that were discussed and get back to the committee.

They also received a distribution by Liz Knodel-Gordon and Lynn Belvidere regarding the School assembly and speaker programs for the entire year in their municipalities. We are going to try and get the other schools in the state to do the same thing, because it has all the speakers, times and dates listed of when the programs will take place.

Planning Committee

Anthony Bucco, Chair, reported that everyone had in front of them a copy of the New Jersey Comprehensive Statewide Master Plan for Alcoholism, Tobacco and other Drug Abuse, December 2008. To meet its statutory responsibilities, the Council develops the Master Plan annually and it includes the State Government Component. He thanked the Departments, the Committees and Subcommittees for the effort in putting the plan together on schedule. Mr. Bucco directed everyone's attention to the emerging trends section that he feels that was well done, it is a fairly new component to the Master Plan and it gives the Governor's Office and the Legislature a thumbnail sketch of what exactly is going on out in our communities and in the field. This will be distributed to the Governor's Office, the Legislature, other agencies and the Departments by GCADA in the next couple of weeks.

As reported at the last meeting the Executive Director is working on some suggested changes to the by-laws, once that report is complete she will deliver it to Mr. Bucco. He will then schedule a meeting of the Planning Committee to begin to review those recommended changes and once that is completed by-laws amendments will be forwarded to the Council for consideration.

Acting Chairman Van Ess commented that over several years he has received several Master Plans, but this one is extremely well put together as it has been in the past, but also very handy to use. He thanked Anthony Bucco, the Planning Committee and the staff. Mr. Bucco also thanked the staff, because there always seemed to be delays in getting the Master Plan put together and adopted. For the last several years with the help of the departments and the new planning model the plan has been able to be produced and adopted on time. A lot of the credit goes to Mary Lou and the staff staying on top of it. Executive Director Powner added that GCADA is going to take the information in the State Government Component and put it into an excel spreadsheet. This should be a useful guide for the Legislature to see the totals for services on one page.

Criminal/Juvenile Justice Subcommittee - No Report

Legislative Subcommittee

Kay McGrath, Chair, reported that the committee did not meet in February but she wanted to raise some unfinished business from a previous meeting. She was referring specifically to a draft resolution supporting A2762/S1866 (judicial discretion on school zone violations). Six or eight months ago the Legislative Subcommittee had a presentation by a representative of the New Jersey Commission to Review Criminal Sentencing. Ms. McGrath gave an overview of the Commission, their goals and the School Zone Legislation. She acknowledged that she was not at the last GCADA meeting and understands a question was raised about guidelines for the judiciary when the proposed resolution was discussed.

She said that all the members have in front of them the statement to A2762, it authorizes the court to waive or reduce the minimum term of parole in the eligibility or place on probation a person convicted of distributing, dispensing or possessing with the intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance while on or within a 1000 feet of school property or a school bus. Ms. McGrath explained what factors are required of the court in making a determination under the amended bill. She looks upon the role of GCADA as an advocate for the alcoholic and the drug addict for prevention programs which are done through the alliance, for adequate treatment, for advocating changes to laws such as parity. Alcoholics and addicts should be treated as any sick person who needs treatment and not as bad people who need punishment that is why the Legislative Subcommittee is strongly in favor of the resolution.

This resolution was not on the agenda but Ms. McGrath asked that it be voted on. There was a lengthy discussion among the members present regarding the resolution and the concerns that some members have with the bill.

Kay McGrath motioned to approve the resolution as presented to the Council at the January meeting, Robert Zlotnick seconded. There was a roll call vote and the resolution was adopted (see attached vote record).

Treatment Subcommittee - No Report

Veterans and Military Families Ad Hoc Committee

Acting Chairman Van Ess reported that the resource booklet is very well received by everyone who has seen it. He was in Washington last week and handed them out to some of New Jersey's Congressmen and Senators and they all want more for their offices. Also a doctor's he met at Lyons said it is the most comprehensive book of its type that he has witnessed when it comes to dealing with veterans and their families. Acting Chairman Van Ess distributed copies to the Governor, Adjutant General Reith and Colonel Able (ret.) at a veteran's ceremony and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will be calling the office to arrange for more copies. He said we need to print many more copies. Executive Director Powner explained that our website is being updated and as soon as that is completed both the Master Plan and Veteran's Resource book will be on line as PDFs. Also posters and postcards are being made up so they can be hung up in offices and refer folks to our website.

Other Business – No Other Business

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Powner welcomed Robert Zlotnick appointment to the Council by Senate President Codey and she reported that Sen. Codey had also reappointed Acting Chairman Van Ess.

There will be a County workgroup meeting to develop procedures for uniformity in county oversight on immediately following the council meeting in the GCADA Office.

Executive Director Powner discussed the Assembly Human Resources hearing that was held on January 26th and informed them of the upcoming hearing on February 26th. There has been a lot of participation from the Counties, Municipalities, Mayors, law enforcement and schools in support of keeping GCADA an independent body.

She received an email call to action alert from Middlesex NCADD opposing the medical marijuana bill and a copy is each of the members' packages.

Public Comments

Acting Chairman Van Ess asked when the next Council meeting and asked that the date be changed. A discussion was held and the members present agreed to reschedule the meeting to March 31st.

Adjournment

Acting Chairman Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Mary Lou Powner
Executive Director

17-Feb-09				
GCADA Members	Attendance			Voting Record
		<i>APPROVAL OF JANUARY 20, 2009 MINUTES WITH THE CORRECTION</i>	<i>VOTE TO SUPPORT RESOLUTION A2762/S1866</i>	<i>VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION ON NATIONAL GAMBLING WEEK</i>
Public Members				
Gregg Benson	A	A	A	A
Anthony Bucco	X	X	N	X
John Gluck	X	X	X	X
Kay McGrath	X	ABS	X	X
Regan McGrory	A	A	A	A
Harry Morey	X	X	X	X
Gerald Opthof	A	A	A	A
Robert Zlotnick	X	ABS	X	X
Neil Van Ess	X	X	N	X
Departmental Designees				
Maurice Hart	X	ABS	ABS	ABS
David Sims	A	A	A	A
Mary Ann Barkus	A	A	A	A
Myrtle Daniels	X	X	X	X
Gary Vermeire	X	X	X	X
Uta Vorbach	X	A	ABS	ABS
Donald Hallcom	X	A	X	X
Christine Purcell	X	X	ABS	X
Lisa Ellison Barata	X	X	ABS	X
Mst Sgt Karin M. Dates	A	ABS	N	X
Willa Lloyd	X	X	ABS	X
Allison Samay	X	X	ABS	X
A = Absent; X = Present				
Y = Yes; N = No; ABS = Abstention				

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RESOLUTION

**The Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse approves the following
County Municipal Plans for 2009**

March 31, 2009

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA), the Municipal Alliance Program and the Drug Enforcement Demand Reduction Fund were established by New Jersey state statute, PL 1989, Ch 51, and

WHEREAS, the GCADA has the statutory authority to adopt regulatory rules and policies for the administration and governance of the Municipal Alliance Program, and

WHEREAS, the GCADA also has the statutory authority to adopt a funding formula in order to disperse funds to the Municipal Alliance Program from the Drug Enforcement Demand Reduction Fund (DEDR), and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the GCADA's adopted rules, it has received Request[s] for Application (RFAs) from the following Counties:

- Bergen
- Essex
- Passaic

WHEREAS, the GCADA has previously determined to establish new reporting, monitoring, evaluation and auditing procedures to supplement and strengthen the guidelines and review process already in place, and

WHEREAS, the GCADA recognizes that the development of the new reporting, monitoring, evaluation and auditing procedures shall be an on-going process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse approves the following Municipal Alliance Plans for each respective County in the amount shown, subject to the executing of a Letter of Agreement (LOA) and Addendum that shall reflect the requirement that the respective Counties comply with new reporting, monitoring, evaluation and auditing procedures to supplement and strengthen the guidelines and review process already in place to further ensure that only