



## 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 January 17, 2012

##### Call to Order

The two hundred sixty ninth 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 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

The members voted on first and second vice chair for the Council. After a vote, Neil Van Ess was reelected 1<sup>st</sup> vice chair and Eric Arauz was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair. (Y-15; N-0; A-2)

##### Adoption of 2012 Schedule

The meeting dates for the 2012 calendar year were approved by the members. The Council will meet every third Tuesday of the month.

##### Approval of December 2011 Minutes

The minutes from the December meeting were approved by the members of the Council. (Y-15; N-0; ABS-2).

## **Resolution Regarding the County Alliance Plan Updates for 2012**

A resolution was presented to the Council members for approval of the County Alliance Plan Updates for Gloucester and Passaic counties.

After a brief discussion, the members approved the resolution for the County Alliance Plan Updates. (Y-15; N-0; ABS-2)

### **Executive Committee**

No Report

### **Alliance Committee**

The Alliance Committee met on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The current bylaws were discussed as well as the anticipated tasks and functions of the committee for 2012.

### **Veterans and Military Ad Hoc Committee**

The Resource Guide for Military, Veterans & Families is in draft form and will be printed soon.

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

Executive Director John Hulick introduced Celina Gray who will be filling the role of Director of Public Awareness and Policy. Celina is the former Executive Director of the Governor's Council on Mental Health Stigma.

Mr. Hulick also shared several positive articles that he had found online regarding various Alliance activities in New Jersey.

At the beginning of the month, Executive Director Hulick had the opportunity to meet with Ryan Crowell and Doug Collier of the Drug Enforcement Agency in Newark. Mr. Hulick was able to tour the Newark facility and was also involved in discussions regarding the implementation of the prescription drug monitoring program to be launched in the near future.

### **Adjournment**

Acting Chairman Neil Van Ess adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.