



## State of New Jersey

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### MINUTES

#### Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse May 15, 2012

##### Call to Order

The two hundred seventy second 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.

##### Approval of April Minutes

The minutes from the April meeting were approved by the members of the Council. (Y-13; N-0; ABS-6).

##### Chairman's Report

Mr. Van Ess thanked everyone for attending the meeting and notified the members that the Council committees would be formalized in June. Mr. Van Ess announced that Gayle Maher, Council member designee representing the Administrative Office of the Courts will be retiring on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

##### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met this month and discussed the upcoming hearing of the Task Force on Heroin and Other Opiate Use by New Jersey's Youth and Young Adults, scheduled for Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at the State House Annex.

### **Resolution Regarding the Atlantic County Alliance Plan Update for 2012**

A resolution was presented to Council members for the Atlantic County Alliance plan 2012 update. Atlantic County did not propose any new programs for the 2012 grant term.

After a brief discussion, the members approved the resolution for the Atlantic County Alliance plan update. (Y-15; N-1; ABS-3).

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

Executive Director John Hulick informed the Council that all 21 counties have submitted their final expenditure reports for the 2011 fiscal year. He expressed his gratitude for the efforts of the county coordinators.

Director Hulick also shared news of finalizing the partnership between the Governor's Council and US Journal Training, Inc. The Council will co-sponsor the Northeast Conference on Behavioral Health and Addictive Disorders which will be held September 12-15, 2012 immediately following the Council's Summit. Those who attend the Summit will be able to attend the plenary session of the conference. Alliances will also be able to participate in an associate program at a 20% discount.

Mr. Hulick brought attention to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Summit Call for Proposals form in the meeting packets. He also mentioned that the Volunteer of the Year nominating process and form was in the process of being revamped.

Two press releases have been sent to the media regarding the publication and availability of the Veteran's Resource Guide and the Family of Heroes Free Webinar for Families of Veterans and Returning Troops that will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>. A letter to the editor was also circulated to the media recently regarding the upcoming Opiate Task Force hearings.

### **Adjournment**

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