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BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2015

Members Present: Jerri Shields, Patricia Dobratz, Sally Jones, Chip Coffey, Cedric Davis, Mary Coonrod, Brad Barnett

Members by phone: Nikole Hintz-Lyon

Members Absent: Heidi Quinlan, Gerald Szymanski

Staff Present: Tobi Zavala, Executive Director; Marc Harris, A.A.G.; Donna Dalton, Deputy Director; Mary Wilson and Elma Brambila, meeting recorders

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners was called to order on October 16, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. with Ms. Shields presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding modification of the substance abuse examination requirements set forth in A.A.C. R4-6-704.

Ms. Dalton advised the Board that it may want to consider modifying A.A.C. R4-6-704 for the purpose of making it clear that applicants for associate or independent substance abuse counselor licenses who received written examination authorization from the Board prior to October 31, 2015 may submit examination results obtained prior to the expiration of the written examination authorization.

Following discussion by members, Ms. Dobratz moved, seconded by Ms. Jones, to approve the modification as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding modification of the clinical supervision requirements set forth in A.A.C. R4-6-212.

Ms. Dalton advised the Board that it may want to consider modifying A.A.C. R4-6-212 for the purpose of ensuring that Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselors that were grandfathered into licensure would still be able to provide clinical supervision after the new rules become effective.

Following discussion by members, Ms. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Barnett, to approve the modification as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding adoption of an Impaired Professionals' Program

Ms. Zavala provided information and a review of the statute regarding the establishment of a confidential program for the monitoring of licensees who are chemically dependent or who have a psychiatric, psychological or behavioral health disorder that may impact their ability to safely practice.

Members reviewed various impaired professional programs adopted by other state agencies. Members then discussed the type of program that they would like to adopt and that is in accordance with the requirements set forth in A.R.S. § 32-3253(C) and (D). The discussion included defining who would be eligible to participate in the program; how would a participant's compliance be monitored and the identification of standard recitals.

Based upon these discussions, the Board made the following the motions.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Bradley, to adopt the following eligibility criteria:

- Individual voluntarily requests admission or accepts offer of admission
- Individual agrees to undergo an appropriate evaluation by a board approved professional
- Individual agrees, in writing, to comply with all elements of the Stipulated Confidential Recovery Agreement
- Individual acknowledges chemical dependency or psychiatric, psychological or behavioral health disorders are impairing their ability to safely and competently practice behavioral health
- Prior disciplinary action or participation in program may be considered

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to name the program 'Impaired Professional Program'. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Coonrod, to accept an evaluation conducted by an appropriately credentialed and qualified professional if it was completed within the 60 days of the self-report. The motion passed unanimously

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Dobratz, to adopt the following provisions to include as standard recitals, when applicable in every Stipulated Confidential Recovery Agreement:

- Agreement to participate in the program
- Participate in a recovery program
- Obtain an approved medical provider as needed
- Medication management as needed
- No alcohol or poppy seeds if it's a substance abuse issue
- Biological fluid collection as required
- Responsible of all costs of agreement
- Submit to all evaluations as determined necessary
- Appear for interviews before the Board upon request
- Submit to all treatment ordered
- Obey all laws governing the practice of behavioral health
- Immediately report changes of address and phone numbers
- Relapse, violation will be determined by treatment provider
- Non-disciplinary, public record at the discretion of the Board
- Out-of-state notification if no longer practicing in Arizona
- Obtain a treatment provider
- Voluntary monitoring agreement

The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Call for public comment**

No one was present to respond to the call for public comment.

5. **Establishment of future meeting dates**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., at 3443 North Central Avenue, Room 1705.

6. **Adjournment**

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Barnett, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Patricia Dobratz
Secretary/Treasurer

Date