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COUNSELING CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, August 22, 2014

Members Present: Yvonne Fortier, Don DeValle, Jerri Shields

Staff Present: Tobi Zavala, Executive Director; Elma Brambila, Credentialing Specialist, Zuri De Lucio Sillis, Credentialing Specialist, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on August 22, 2014, at 9:02 a.m., with Ms. Fortier presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. DeValle moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to approve the July 22, 2014, general meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Report from Chair**

No report

5. **Report from the Executive Director and/or staff**

A. *General Agency Operations*

No report.

B. *Discussion regarding application review process*

Ms. Zavala provided information regarding endorsement applications.

Members discussed the possibility of legislative changes.

Members also discussed recommending a change to the definition of “applicable degree”.

C. *Review, consideration and action regarding implementation of SB1374*

No report.

6. **Board, committee and subcommittee reports (discussion and possible action)**

A. *Rules Subcommittee*

No report.

7. **National and regional trends and news regarding the profession(s)**

None

8. **Consent agenda: review, consideration and action regarding supervisor exemption requests**

None

9. **Consent agenda: review, consideration and action regarding requests for extensions and inactive status**

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. DeValle granting 60-day extensions to Cheryl Wheeler, Melissa Hoyt, and Terria Hanford and inactive status to Julia Hofman and Monee Merriweather. The motion passed unanimously.

**10. Inactive status extension, exam extension/accommodation requests: review, consideration and action**

None

**11. Applications for reassessment: review, consideration and action**

None

**12. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action**

*Aarion Stenbridge, LPC applicant*

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to rescind this committee's July 22, 2014, motion to deny the application based on not meeting requirements under endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

*Angela Pergola, LPC applicant*

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to rescind this committee's July 22, 2014, motion to deny the application based on not meeting minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

*Meghan Meyerson, LAC applicant*

Members reviewed information submitted.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, members agreed to uphold the previous decision to deny the course in Basic Tests and Appraisal.

*Viliefo Valderrama, LAC applicant*

Members reviewed information submitted.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to rescind this committee's May 17, 2013, motion to deny the application at the informal meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**Appeals**

**1. *Natalie George***

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, members agreed the applicant meets minimum requirements.

**2. *Sean Frankie***

Tabled

**3. *Mindy Lacasse***

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on a finding that the work experience was not psychotherapy and the clinical supervision notes do not meet minimum standards. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. *Kathleen Pisula***

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to accept the practicum and to deny the appeal based on the course to meet Basic Counseling Skills does not contain information regarding termination of the counseling relationship as required pursuant to A.A.C. R4060501(K)(1)(h)(ii). The motion passed unanimously.

5. *Sharon Marshal-French*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and her attorney, Steven Keist, addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to accept the Desert Rain contract, to accept the supervisor's explanation of how the hours were computed, and to request additional information regarding supervision. The motion passed unanimously.

6. *Ronald Koval*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, members agreed that the applicant meets minimum requirements under endorsement.

7. *Jessica Breznak-Higgins*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and her attorney, Donald Smith, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, members agreed that the applicant meets minimum requirements.

8. *Amy Boston*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion, members agreed that the applicant meets requirements under endorsement.

9. *Amy Roza*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, members agreed that the applicant meets requirements under endorsement.

*The committee reviewed files from 11:12 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 2:15 p.m.*

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 6 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Evelyn Grier	Claudia Howard	Linda Bohnet
Paul Buttermore	Jennifer Fout	Michelle Schultz

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to approve Corrine Schwartz as a Licensed Associate Counselor upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 6 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Viliulfo Valderrama	Jessica Greco	Thea Thompson
Valerie Aston	Adriana Butler	Bonnie Voges

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 7 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Derek Allen	Amanda Kraus	Marlo Mendez	Jessica Breznak-Higgins
Angela Pergola	Lisa Daughters	Serap Franz-Under	

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 9 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors by endorsement upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Amy Boston	Susan Maurer	Sandy Eder	Aariom Stembridge
Amy Roza	Linda Walsh	Tangaleria Kelly	Audrey Autrey
Jack Simons			

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to recommend to the Board to approve Ronald Koval as a Licensed Professional Counselor by endorsement upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to approve Natalie George as a Licensed Professional Counselor upon receipt of the required license issuance fee and the Board's disposition of the background investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to approve Wanda Hudson and Samuel Jackson as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee and the Board's disposition of the background investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 3 applicants as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Linteshia Jefferson	Michele Sarrett	Diogo Machado
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The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 5 applicants based on their failure to establish that they meet minimum requirements:

Diana Crocker	Jamie Bolton	Maja Addington
Terasa Prince	Kim Corbin	

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to deny Stephen Foley based on his failure to establish he meets minimum requirements by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to recommend to the Board to deny Kathy Mohr-Almeida based on her failure to establish she meets minimum requirements and pending the disposition of the background investigation while final action on the application cannot be taken until the investigation is complete. The motion passed unanimously.

**13. Future agenda items**

None

**14. Call for public comment**

No one responded to the call for public comment.

**15. Establishment of future meeting date(s)**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 26, 2014, at 9:00 a.m., at 3443 North Central Avenue, Room 908.

Members agreed that the November meeting will be Tuesday, November 18, 2014, and the December meeting will be Tuesday, December 16, 2014.

**16. Adjournment**

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

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Don De Valle  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date