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COUNSELING CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, September 27, 2013

Members Present: Yvonne Fortier, Don DeValle, Bob Rhoton
Members Absent: Jerri Shields
Staff Present: Tobi Zavala, Assistant Director, Jill Dowling, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on September 27, 2013, at 9:07 a.m., with Ms. Fortier presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. DeValle moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to approve the August 23, 2013, general meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Rhoton abstained from the vote.

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*

No report.

C. *Review, consideration and action regarding the term 'equivalent'*

Members reviewed information regarding the definition of 'equivalent' in SB 1374.

D. *Review, consideration and action regarding the term 'applicable'*

Members discussed the term 'applicable' and how they will define it regarding endorsement licenses.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to define 'applicable' as having a graduate degree in a mental or behavioral health field. The motion passed unanimously.

E. *Review, consideration and action regarding the Curriculum Review Subcommittee*

Members discussed whether the Curriculum Subcommittee is still necessary as the committee has more time to review files since the consideration of discipline has moved to the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Rhoton, to discontinue use of the Curriculum Subcommittee indefinitely with the option to revisit the matter if necessary. The motion passed unanimously.

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

No report

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

None

8. **Supervisor exemption requests: review, consideration and action**

A. *Ashlee Edgerton (Deidre Rausch, LMFT-IN)*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the request for a supervisor exemption.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to approve the request for a supervisor exemption for hours acquired from Deidre Rausch, LMFT-IN. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Ashlee Edgerton (Kevin Myers, LCSW-IN)*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the request for a supervisor exemption.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Rhoton, to approve the request for a supervisor exemption for hours acquired from Kevin Myers, LCSW-IN. The motion passed unanimously.

C. *Lakecha Tripp (Tracy Purnell, LPC-MI)*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the request for a supervisor exemption.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Rhoton, to deny the request for a supervisor exemption for hours acquired from Tracy Purnell, LPC-MI, based on failure to establish the supervisor completed 12 continuing education hours pursuant to A.A.C. R4-6-212(J). The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. De Valle granting 60-day extensions to Mary Reiss, Juliandra Bailon and Laura Wheeler and inactive status to Kimberly Scholz. 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

The committee took a break at 10:25 a.m. reconvening its public meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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

Independent Contractor

A. *Ashlee Edgerton (The Cabin)*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the work experience acquired as an independent contractor.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Rhoton, to find that the work experience acquired at The Cabin as an independent contractor does not meet requirements based on:

- failure to establish that the work was under direct supervision
- failure to submit contemporaneous clinical supervision notes for each session
- no requirement to follow clinical policies and procedures including code of ethics and recordkeeping procedures
- no treatment plan
- no progress notes
- clients not given supervisor's contact information
- consent for treatment does not meet A.A.C. R4-6-1101(2)(d,e,f)

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Lisa Watson (Living Hope Counseling)

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the work experience acquired as an independent contractor.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Rhoton, to find that the work experience acquired at Living Hope Counseling as an independent contractor meets requirements and is under direct supervision. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Christine Jensen (Authentic Self)

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the work experience acquired as an independent contractor.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to find that the work experience acquired at North Valley Christian Counseling as an independent contractor meets requirements and is under direct supervision. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed files from 10:55 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Appeals

A. Susan Sajadi

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Mr. DeValle moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to deny the appeal based on the reasons previously stated. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Shauna Brown

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, members requested additional information.

C. Tricia Nealon

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was not available at the telephone number provided.

Following review and discussion, Mr. DeValle moved, seconded by Mr. Rhoton, to accept PSY5620 for 3 quarter hours in Social and Cultural Diversity, PSY5231 and PSY5232 for Basic Counseling Skills in the Helping Relationship, PSY5156 and PSY5157 for MFT and PSY5179 for 3 quarter hours in Chemical Dependency Counseling and to deny the appeal based on the following deficiencies, one quarter credit in Chemical Dependency Counseling, one quarter credit in Social And Cultural Diversity, four quarter credits in Counseling Theories and four quarter credits in Diagnosis, Assessment and Treatment Planning. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Angel Viano

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and her attorney, Larry Cohen, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Rhoton, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on continued deficiencies of 114.75 hours of work experience, 729.5 hours of direct client contact and 25 hours of clinical supervision. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Amy Safier

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and her attorney, Susan McClellan, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

Gary Tupper

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Rhoton, to deny the appeal based on failure to establish a 3-semester credit hour course in Basic Counseling Skills in the Helping Relationship. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed files from 2:20 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to approve Jessica Miceli as a Licensed Associate Counselor upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam, the required license issuance fee and pending disposition of the background investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Rhoton, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 14 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

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| Laura Barnhart | Christine Jensen | Lisa Watson | Karla Gracia |
| Amy Safier | Tanya Alvarez | Elizabeth Anable | Kathleen Keim |
| Jennifer O'Connor | Sharon Jackson | Lauren Fawley | |
| Deborah Hammond | Lisa Mohr | Linda Wilkinson | |

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 13 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

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| Danny Bennett | Paula Peterson | Veronica Guzman | Amanda Scaturro |
| Neil Hetzel | Maria Renteria | Thomas Eggsware | Nicole Westmoreland |
| Denise Christie | Leslie Reprogle | Stacia Flake | Letitia Martinez |
| Christina Kruggel | | | |

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 15 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee:

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| Sandra O'Connell | Kathleen Hald | Brian Savery | Diana Martorana |
| Desiree Dror | Jonathan Rodis | Christopher Robinson | Job Elliott |
| Lucille Bugden-Kelley | Kayla Campbell | Hollee Hagen | Lakecha Tripp |
| Maria Arambula | Alison Mell | Crystal McCabe | |

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to deny the following four applicants based on their failure to establish that they meet minimum requirements in education and/or supervised work experience:

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| Janice Cox | Juan Abad Rivera |
| Terry Thorstad | Ashlee Edgerton |

The motion passed unanimously.

13. Future agenda items

None

14. Call for public comment

None

15. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 25, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at 3443 North Central Avenue, Room 908.

16. Adjournment

Mr. DeValle moved, seconded by Mr. Rhoton, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Don De Valle
Secretary/Treasurer

Date