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COUNSELING CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 27, 2012

Members Present: Laura de Blank, Paula Artac, Katherine Bloom, Yvonne Fortier, Patrick Goodman

Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Executive Director, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Doreen Romney, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on January 27, 2012, at 9:02 a.m., with Ms. de Blank presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Artac moved, seconded by Ms. Bloom, to approve the general meeting minutes from the December 16, 2011, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Review, consideration and action of complaints and other disciplinary matters**

Pending complaints represent unproven allegations. On investigation, many complaints are found to be without merit or not of sufficient seriousness to merit disciplinary action against the licensee and are dismissed. Action by the committee on all disciplinary matters is a recommendation only. All final decisions are made by the Board.

Ms. de Blank reviewed the procedures for conducting an informal meeting.

A. 2010-0080, Scott Baker, LAC-12832

Mr. Goodman recused from all matters involving the professional.

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the Board's investigation.

The professional's attorney, Larry Cohen, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to find the following violations:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(k), any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics as it relates to the ACA Code of Ethics
 - Standard F.10.d. Nonprofessional Relationships
 - Standard F.10.a. Sexual or Romantic Relationships
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice

The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Goodman was recused from the vote.

Following further discussion, Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement for the voluntary surrender of the professional's license and, if not signed, to remand the matter to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Goodman was recused from the vote.

B. Elijah Bedrosian, LAC applicant

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the Board's background investigation.

The professional and his attorney, Faren Akins, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to open a complaint and recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint with a letter of concern addressing the applicant's failure to provide accurate employment history information on employment application he submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2012-0027, Stephanie Colson, LAC applicant

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the Board's background investigation.

The professional and her attorney, Scott Alles, appeared in person and were available for questions.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Artac moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to find that the complaint is without merit and dismiss it pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1) and (E). The motion passed unanimously.

D. 2011-0032, Susan Fox, LPC-10643

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the Board's investigation.

The professional and her attorney, Michael Ryan, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Bloom, to recommend to the Board to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(c)(i), any oral or written misrepresentation of a fact by a licensee in attempt to secure the renewal of a license. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion by members, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement for a decree of censure and, if not signed, to invite the professional to participate in a formal interview and, if not accepted, to remand the matter to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 10:58 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:10 a.m.

5. Report from the Chair

A. Annual election of officers

Ms. Artac moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to nominate Ms. de Blank and Ms. Bloom to continue to serve as Chair and Secretary of the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

No report.

B. Discussion regarding application review process

No report.

C. Update/report regarding Sunset Review audit

Ms. Rinaudo provided an update.

7. Board, committees and subcommittee reports

None

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

None

9. Supervisor exemption requests: review, consideration and action

A. Rhonda Cobb (Walburga May)

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

Following review and discussion, members agreed that the proposed supervisor has the appropriate education and experience and requested additional information regarding the supervisor's clinical supervision training.

B. Rhonda Cobb (Kimberly Tremblay)

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

Following review and discussion, members agreed that the proposed supervisor has the appropriate education and experience and requested additional information regarding the supervisor's clinical supervision training.

10. Consent agenda: review, consideration and action of requests for inactive status and extension requests

None

11. Inactive status extension or exam extension requests: review, consideration and action

None

12. Re-review of applications denied pursuant to A.A.C. R4-6-212(J) and (K) deficiencies

None

13. Applications for reassessment: review, consideration and action

A. Leah Thomas

Members reviewed the request for reassessment.

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

14. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action

The committee reviewed files from 11:35 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Members took a break for lunch at 12:00 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 1:02 p.m.

A. Roumen Bezegianov

Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to rescind this committee's December 16, 2011, motion to deny the appeal. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Elijah Bedrosian

Ms. Rinaudo reviewed the committee's prior decision to accept the ethics course completed by the applicant.

The applicant and his attorney, Faren Akins, appeared and addressed the committee.

Ms. de blank moved, seconded by Ms. Bloom, to go into executive session to receive legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3). The motion passed unanimously and the committee went into executive session at 10:45 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Bloom, to recommend to the Board to accept the ASU CPY645 course from the fall of 2009 as satisfying the ethics curriculum requirement even though courses with similar course objectives have not been accepted in the past based on the committee's determination that the week by week description of the ASU course provides sufficient information to find that the course meets curriculum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Independent Contractor

Donna Peck (Northwest Christian Counseling)

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

Following review and discussion, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Bloom, to accept the work experience acquired at Northwest Christian Counseling as meeting supervised work experience requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Outside Clinical Supervisor

Janis Allard (Catherine Martin)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the applicant's request for approval of an outside clinical supervisor.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Artac moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to deny the request for approval based on the applicant's failure to establish there was an appropriate written agreement between the clinical supervisor and the employing agency or that applicant had an appropriate release of information allowing her to disclose confidential client information to her clinical supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

Appeals

1. *Roumen Bezegianov*

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. *Chang Lee*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish he completed a 60-hour degree in counseling as the official transcript from the University of Phoenix only reflects a cumulative total of 51 credit hours. The motion passed unanimously.

3. *Shanon Engel*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Bloom, to accept PCO569 for Career Development, Counseling PSY628 for Testing and Appraisal, and to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

4. *Nathan Velez*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

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

Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish he meets clinical supervision and supervisor work experience requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

5. *Michael Oviatt*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

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

Ms. de blank moved, seconded by Ms. Bloom, to go into executive session to receive legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3). The motion passed unanimously and the committee went into executive session at 2:45 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish he meets clinical supervision and supervisor work experience requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Bloom, to recommend that the Board review the committee's recommendation that the Board reconsider its prior determination that case management and psychoeducational hours do not qualify as direct or indirect psychotherapy hours. The motion passed unanimously.

6. *Terucko Couch*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared and was available for questions.

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

7. *Dena Sidmore*

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.

Members reviewed files from 3:42 p.m. through 5:20 p.m.

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

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 3 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee and a passing score on the required exam:

Stephanie Sander Christine Pape Sophia Frangos

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 25 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Stephanie Colson	Stephanie Voigt	Terucko Couch	Danielle Breslow
Angela Whitman	Paris Mandy	Anna Feld	Rhonda Cobb
Lindsey Molner	Ian Karow	Theresa Robison	Dena Sidmore
Amy Carden	Priscilla Vasquez	Karen Hawk	Rebecca Duffy
Xiaoli Wang	Jose Madera	Tehrina Billi	Brittani Pascal
Aleksandra Slaski	Randi Nickel	Yevgeniy Slutskiy	Harrison Crawford
Evalee Jacobson			

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 10 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Leah Thomas	Brenda Gomez	Kristine Shjerie	Sarah Steen
Donna Peck	Christina Bitzer	Roumen Bezergianov	Jessica Sims
Julie Adair	Janet Gottshall		

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Bloom, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 5 applicants based on their failure to establish that they meet minimum requirements in education and/or supervised work experience:

Bernadette Fleming	Janis Allard	Grant Nees
Revel Kay Miller	Kevin Wheeler	

The motion passed unanimously.

16. Future agenda items

None

17. Call for public comment

No one asked to speak in response to the call for public comment.

18. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2012, at 9:00 a.m., at 3443 North Central Avenue, Room 908.

19. Adjournment

Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Katherine Bloom
Secretary/Treasurer

Date