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COUNSELING CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, July 22, 2011

Members Present: Katherine Bloom, Patrick Goodman, Yvonne Fortier
Members by phone: Laura de Blank
Members absent: Paula Artac
Staff Present: Patricia Reynolds, Deputy Director, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Doreen Romney, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on July 22, 2011, at 9:04 a.m., with Ms. Bloom presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to approve the general meeting minutes from the June 24, 2011, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to approve the executive session minutes from the June 24, 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. Bloom reviewed the procedures for conducting an informal meeting.

A. 2010-0096, Tracy Epstein, LPC-10646

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

Following discussion by members, Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of concern addressing inadequate documentation issues. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2010-0062, Brooks Gibson, LPC-10022

Tabled

C. 2010-0108, Walter Long, LAC-13331

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following discussion by members, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Bloom, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

D. 2010-0095, Gloria Schmidt, LPC-0262

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

Following discussion by members, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Bloom, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of concern addressing inadequate documentation issues. The motion passed unanimously.

E. 2010-0066, Jerry Slaton, LAC-12153

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

The complainant appeared telephonically.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Bloom, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

F. 2010-0090 and 2011-0031, Diana Vigil, LPC-0805

Mr. Goodman recused himself from all matters involving Ms. Vigil.

Ms. Reynolds summarized the results of the Board's investigations.

2011-0031

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

Following review and discussion, Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Goodman was recused from the vote.

The complainant arrived late.

Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to recall the case to allow the complainant to address the committee. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Goodman was recused from the vote.

The complainant addressed the committee.

2010-0090

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

Following review and discussion, Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to dismiss the complaint and remove it from the professional's complaint history pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1) and (E). The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Goodman was recused from the vote.

G. Misty Adame, LAC applicant

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

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Steve Youts, Christian Family Care, appeared on behalf of the applicant.

Following review and discussion, members agreed no further action is necessary regarding the background investigation.

The committee took a break at 10:20 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:30 a.m.

5. Report from the Chair

No report

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. *General Agency Operations*

No report.

B. *Discussion regarding application review process*

No report.

C. *Discussion regarding impact of limited Board resources*

Tabled

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

None

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

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to accept the consent agenda as reviewed by Ms. Bloom, granting inactive status to Jamie Guyn and a 60-day extension to Terasa Prince. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None

12. Applications for renewal: review, consideration and action

None

13. Applications for reassessment: review, consideration and action

A. *Ruth Bush*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the reassessment.

Following review, members agreed the applicant meets minimum requirements.

14. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action

The committee went off record to review files at 10:38 a.m., reconvening its public meeting 1:10 p.m.

Appeals

A. *Rebecca Lahann*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, members requested additional information from the applicant.

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B. Antoinette Wilson

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Dwayne McIntosh

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. Goodman, to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Jennifer Edwards

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.

E. Karen Wind

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 deny the appeal based on continuing deficiencies in clinical supervision. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Anita Comstock

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared telephonically and addressed the committee.

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

G. Kimberly Buck

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

H. Geraldine Alexis

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared telephonically and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to deny the appeal for the reasons previously stated. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Richard Cox

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.

J. Kimberly Lindley

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared telephonically and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to accept the supervised work experience hours acquired in Alaska and to deny the appeal based on continuing deficiencies in supervised work experience. The motion passed unanimously.

K. Samara Liverant

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 Ms. Bloom, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish she completed a 3-semester credit hour course in Basic Counseling Skills, Counseling Theories and Basic Tests and Appraisal. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee went off record to review files at 3:26 p.m., reconvening its public meeting 3:38 p.m.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to recommend to the Board to approve Jose Loera and Carly Reading as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 5 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Johnny Buck	Anita Comstock	Angela Shopmeyer
Dustin Ward	Kimberly Buck	

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Kari Millican	Sharon Chambers	Melissa Alamprese	Jennifer Edwards
Somayen Shunk	Brandi Whisler	Walter Tucker	Ruth Bush
Cody Bayles	Meredith Mechenbier	Leslie Ulloa	Danielle Reilly
Erin Garner	Misty Adame		

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to recommend to the Board to approve Richard Cox as a Licensed Professional Counselor upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 13 applicants based on their failure to establish that they meet minimum requirements in education and/or supervised work experience:

Jennifer Garrison	Nancy Plouffe	Raquel Dorame	Loraine Kern
Stephen Babooock	Joseph Rea	Kristen Przewlocki	Grace Hopkins
Susan Russo	Lori Epting	Valeria Bonaventura	Shanon Engel
Karen Wolfenden			

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, August 26, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at 3443 North Central Avenue, Room 908.

The November meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2011, depending on room availability. The December meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 16, 2011.

19. Adjournment

Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Bloom, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Katherine Bloom
Secretary/Treasurer

Date