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COUNSELING CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, June 28, 2013

Members Present: Yvonne Fortier, Jerri Shields, Don DeValle

Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Executive Director, Michelle Clinkenbeard, Deputy Director, Tobi Zavala, Assistant Director, Doreen Romney, Elma Brambila, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on June 28, 2013, at 9:05 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 May 17, 2013, general meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Shields abstained from the vote.

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. Except as provided by A.R.S. §§32-3281(D)(1) and 32-3281(E), action by the committee on all disciplinary matters is a recommendation only. All final decisions are made by the Board.

A. *2011-0125, Rebecca Currie, LAC-12621*

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

The complainant and her attorney, David Rosen, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to find that the complaint is without merit pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1), and remove it from the professional's complaint history pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(E). The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Rebecca Currie, LAC-12621*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized information received by the Board.

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

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to open a complaint based on the two issues in the investigative report. The motion passed unanimously.

C. *2013-0072, Cesar Gamez, LPC-13569*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized information regarding the Board's investigation.

The complainant addressed the committee telephonically.

The professional and his attorney, Teresa Sanzio, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(k), any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics in the behavioral health profession or that constitutes a danger to the health, welfare or safety of a client, as it relates to
 - ACA Code of Ethics, A.5.c., Nonprofessional interactions or relationships.

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Mr. DeValle moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional's license shall be suspended for 24 months
- The professional shall submit a termination plan to close his practice
- The licensee shall complete a pre-approved in-person 3-semester credit hour graduate level course in behavioral health ethics within 12 months
- The licensee shall complete a pre-approved in-person 3-semester credit hours graduate level course addressing the counselor as a professional within 12 months
- The licensee shall receive clinical supervision, 1 hour per 40 hours worked, for 24 months with a pre-approved supervisor
- Clinical supervision will focus on professional ethics
- If the supervision is not completed during the suspension and the professional's license is reinstated the supervision will be on a consent agreement
- After the period of suspension the professional shall demonstrate that he has completed the committee's recommendations

The motion passed unanimously.

D. 2013-0096, Gerald Szymanski, LPC-11595 and LISAC-10674

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

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

5. Report from the Chair

No report

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

Ms. Rinaudo explained there are different dates in the new statute and the various changes will be implemented as set forth in the bill.

B. Discussion regarding application review process

No report.

C. Update regarding SB1374

Ms. Rinaudo distributed copies of SB1374.

D. Discussion regarding paperless system for meeting materials

No report.

E. Review of ACA Code of Ethics proposed revisions

No report.

F. Appointment of delegate to NBCC Conference
No report.

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

Mr. DeValle moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. De Valle granting 60-day extensions to Natalie George, Alicia Duran-Tovar, Mere Hammond, Zoe Leonard and Suellen Dicker and inactive status to Charles Hursh, III and Jeri Lynn Renyer. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None

13. Applications for reassessment: review, consideration and action

A. Amy Cornet

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the reassessment.

Following review, members agreed the applicant meets minimum requirements.

B. Jerimya Fox

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the reassessment.

Following review, members agreed the applicant meets minimum requirements.

The committee took a break to review files and have lunch at 10:42 a.m., reconvening its meeting at 1:05 p.m.

14. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action

School Counselor

Kathleen Buri-Baca (Copper Canyon)

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the work experience acquired as a school counselor.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to find that the work experience acquired as a school counselor does not meet requirements based on the consent for treatment lacking required elements a through h. The motion passed unanimously.

Independent Contractor

Debra Kaplan (In Balance)

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

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

Appeals

A. Richard Brady

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. DeValle moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to deny the appeal based on continuing deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Maryanne Kelly

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

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

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

C. Nathan Velez

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.

D. Maggie Dobai

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.

E. Samara Liverant

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.

F. Karen Goelitz

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to deny the appeal based on continuing deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 2:05 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 2:11 p.m.

G. Autumn Leslie

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. DeValle moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to accept GCOU625 for 3-semester credit hours of Social and Cultural Diversity, GCOU675 for 1-semester credit hour of Chemical Dependency Counseling, and 150 hours of supervision and to deny the appeal based on failure to establish 2 additional credit hours in Chemical Dependency Counseling and 3-semester credit hours in Professional Counseling Ethics. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Tracey Frederiksen

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

I. Daniela Rossi

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.

J. Ruth Garnett

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to deny the appeal based on the previous reasons. The motion passed unanimously.

K. Nancy Plouffe

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

L. Charles Sharpe

Members reviewed the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

M. Heather Robinson

Members reviewed the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to deny the appeal based on the previous reasons. The motion passed unanimously.

N. Meghann Sherman

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

O. Brielle Piper

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and her attorney, Edwin Hsu, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

The committee reviewed files from 3:45 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 11 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors upon receipt of the required licensed issuance fee:

Samara Liverant	Tracey Frederiksen	Devya Cohen	Debra Kaplan
Daniela Rossi	Brielle Piper	Allison Garrett	Mindy Effertz
Maggie Dobai	Nathan Velez	Jeremy Ernst	

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 a passing score on the required exam and the license issuance fee:

Michael Rayes	Deborah Noah	Collette Richards	Jeffrey Cohen
Christine Taylor	Shantere Delaney	Lori Kidd	Michelle Rigberg
Melissa Evans-Greene	Edward Koberstein	Georgette McNally	Mariela Pacheco
Gary Egbert			

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 4 applicants as Reciprocal Licensed Professional Counselors upon receipt of the required licensed issuance fee:

Robbin Holley	Glenda Georgens
Maureen Deutsch	Sarah Vulgamore

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 26 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Michelle Gallagher	Meree Hammond	Lisa Neldon	Michael Luck
Amy Cornet	Chad Mosher	Stephanie Rodriguez	Debra Cockrell
Rebekah Phares	Clarisa Fujiwara	Tiffany Mihelish	Jerimya Fox
Amy Fife	Armando Peelman	Richard Leopold	Kae Rehma
Anna Contor	Camille Arellano Stinson	Lori Boston	Lesley Maledon
Elodia Williams	Victoria Larson	Martha Vazquez	Sydney Taylor
Sheila Dill	Laurie Raymond		

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. DeValle, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 8 applicants based on their failure to establish that they meet minimum requirements in education and/or supervised work experience:

Carrie Christianson	Gary Tupper	Amanda Barnes	Amber Oldenburg
Kathleen Buri-Baca	Karen Kavaloski	Heather Wilsdon	Teresa Wood

The motion passed unanimously.

16. Future agenda items

None

17. Call for public comment

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

18. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 26, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at 3443 North Central Avenue, Room 908.

19. Adjournment

Mr. DeValle moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Don De Valle
Secretary/Treasurer

Date