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COUNSELING CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 25, 2011

Members Present: Laura de Blank, Patrick Goodman, Paula Artac, Yvonne Fortier
Members on phone: Katherine Bloom (out at 10:30 a.m.)
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Robert Williams, Lynanne Chapman, Doreen Romney, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on March 25, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., with Ms. de Blank presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Artac moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to approve the general meeting minutes from the February 25, 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. 2011-0081, Nancy McCoy, LPC-0240

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

The complainant and her husband appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

Following discussion by members, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to recommend to the Board to consolidate Complaint Nos. 2009-0100 and 2011-0081 and find the following additional violation:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(d), any false, fraudulent or deceptive statement connected with the practice of behavioral health

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to amend the initial consent agreement to add the finding made by the committee today and to recommend to Board to accept a consent agreement for the voluntary surrender of the professional's license and, if not signed, to remand to the matter to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Christopher Wright, LAC applicant

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

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following discussion by members, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to open a complaint and recommend to the Board to find a violation of the following:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(b), use of fraud or deceit in establishing qualifications pursuant to this chapter
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the professional to safely and competently practice

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion by members, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to recommend to the Board to deny the application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3275(6). The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 10:37 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:47 a.m.

5. Report from the Chair

No report

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

None

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. Andrea Gorman (Carmen Boyd, LPC-MO)

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

Following discussion by members, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to approve Carmen Boyd, LPC-MO, as a qualified supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Andrea Gorman (Melissa Tiffany, LPC-MO)

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

Following discussion by members, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to approve Melissa Tiffany, LPC-MO, as a qualified supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Following review, Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Ms. Bloom, granting a 2nd 60-day extension to Heather Berger and inactive status to Carol Young. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the request for an extension to inactive status.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to approve the request for an extension of inactive status based on a determination that the request is supported by good cause. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Applications for renewal: review, consideration and action

None

13. Applications for reassessment: review, consideration and action

None

*The committee took a break to review files at 11:17 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:00 p.m.
The committee took a break for lunch at 12:00 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 1:00 p.m.*

14. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action

Independent Contractor

A. Karen Wind (Buwalda Psychological Services)

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the work experience acquired at Buwalda Psychological Services.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to deny the work experience acquired as an independent contractor at Buwalda. The motion passed unanimously.

Appeals

A. Kimberly Lindley

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to accept PCN500 for Counseling Theories, PCN511 for Chemical Dependency and requested further information regarding the supervised work experience and clinical supervision hours submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Geraldine Alexis

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

To applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Artac moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to find that the applicant meets curriculum requirements and to deny the appeal based on deficiencies in supervised work experience and clinical supervision. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Paula Garner

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.

D. David Paul

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. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to deny PP8020. The motion failed with Ms. de Blank and Ms. Artac opposed.

Following further discussion, Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to deny PP8036, PP7370 and PP7371. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Richard Killen

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. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to accept SP6300 for Ethics, to accept PC6104 for credit hours and to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Anita Comstock

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

To applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to accept the work experience and clinical supervision hours verified by Nicole Salter and Lorena Lashway and to deny the appeal based on continuing work experience and clinical supervision deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Debra Kaplan

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

To applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

The committee went off record to review files at 2:50 p.m., reconvening its public meeting 5:25 p.m.

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to recommend to the Board to approve Gina Siler as a Licensed Associate Counselor upon receipt of the required license issuance fee and the Board's dismissal of the pending complaint with a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Lorencita Villegas	Christina Shen	Kathleen Keim
Amy Peters	Carrie Hitchler	

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Paula Garner	Terri Lee	Hanadie Khorchid
Maria Sorenson	Kimberly McWilliams	

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to recommend to the Board to approve Jennifer Flugstad as a Reciprocal Licensed Professional Counselor upon receipt of the license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 14 applicants based on their failure to establish that they meet minimum requirements in education and/or supervised work experience:

Kimberly Vercauteren-Griffin	Rebecca Lahann	Karen Wind	Patricia Miller
Charles Sharpe	Kimberly Buck	Andrea Gorman	Stephanie Schoville
Jessica Stahl	Kerry Ramella	Tiffany Lupton-Stegall	Ann Bruno
Jill Sprecher	Lori Morris		

The motion passed unanimously.

16. Future agenda items

None

17. Call for public comment

None

18. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at 3443 North Central Avenue, Room 908.

19. Adjournment

Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Katherine Bloom
Secretary/Treasurer

Date