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COUNSELING CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, November 28, 2011

Members Present: Laura de Blank, Paula Artac, Patrick Goodman, Yvonne Fortier  
Members by phone: Katherine Bloom  
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Executive Director, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Nathan Crow, Investigator, Doreen Romney, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on November 28, 2011, at 9:01 a.m., with Ms. de Blank presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to approve the general meeting minutes from the October 28, 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. *Cynthia Criss, LPC-10792*

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

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to open a complaint and recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint with a non-disciplinary letter of concern addressing the importance of accuracy in professional representations. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *2012-0012, Philip Doyle, LPC-11724*

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

The complainants were present and available to answer questions.

The professional was present and was available for questions.

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

*C. 2010-0115, Mamta Gupta , LPC-1623*

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

The complainant addressed the committee telephonically.

The professional and her attorney, Charles Hover, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to recommend to the Board to find the following violations:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(p), failing to conform to minimum practice standards as it relates to
  - A.A.C. R4-6-1105, confidentiality
  - A.A.C. R4-6-1101, consent for treatment
  - A.A.C. R4-6-1102, treatment plan
  - A.A.C. R4-6-1103, client record

The motion passed unanimously.

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

- The professional's license will be placed on probation
- Completion of 6-clock hours of pre-approved continuing education in behavioral health ethics
- Completion of 6-clock hours of pre-approved continuing education in current clinical documentation requirements, such as NASW's Staying Out of Trouble or an equivalent course
- Completion of a pre-approved 3-semester graduate level in-person class in marital or family therapy
- All education shall be completed within 12 months

The motion passed unanimously.

*D. 2012-0017, Michael Hoyt, LPC-2084*

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional appeared in person and was available for questions.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Artac moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

*E. Kathleen McGuire, LPC-10650*

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

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to open a complaint and recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint with a letter of concern addressing the importance of accuracy in professional representations. The motion passed unanimously.

*F. Christine Pape, LAC applicant*

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

The applicant appeared in person and was available for questions.

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

**5. Report from the Chair**

No report

**6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff**

*A. General Agency Operations*

No report.

*B. Status report regarding new Board and committee member appointments*

Ms. Rinaudo provided information regarding continuing problems with timely member appointments. The Board currently has only five members, which is exactly quorum.

*C. Review of Auditor General's performance audit of Board*

Brian Miele of the Auditor General's Office provided information on the Sunset Review process for all state agencies and the current audit of the Board that is part of that process.

*D. Discussion regarding application review process*

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**

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Ms. Kramer, granting a 60-day extension to Joel Lopez and inactive status to Richard Heusmann and Megan Carnahan. The motion passed unanimously.

**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**

None

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

*Beverly Brisbane*

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to rescind this committee's October 28, 2011, motion to deny the application. The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee reviewed files from 10:23 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:00 p.m.*

*Members took a break for lunch at 12:05 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 1:07 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 by members, Ms. Bloom moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to deny the appeal based on the reasons previously stated. The motion passed unanimously.

*B. Roumen Bezergianov*

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. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to accept hours acquired from Dr. Grubb, Dr. Tanita and Mr. Johansson and to deny the appeal based on a lack of 187 hours of clinically supervised work experience. The motion passed unanimously.

*C. Dulce Fuentes*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared telephonically and addressed the committee.

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

*D. Jennifer Mathis*

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 by members, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to find that the clinical supervisor meets training requirements and to deny the appeal based on supervised work experience deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

*E. Crèche Tuffly*

Tabled at the applicant's request.

*F. Jody Pennington*

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. Goodman, to accept the work acquired under Dr. Grubb and to deny the reassessment appeal based on supervised work experience deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

*G. Wesley White*

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.

*H. Kerry Van Volkinburgh*

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 find that the clinical supervisor meets training requirements and to deny the appeal based on supervised work experience deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

*I. Monique Mort*

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. Michelle Rauss

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.

*Members reviewed files from 2:42 p.m. through 3:35 p.m.*

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

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 12 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Maja Addington	Kelly Rodriguez	Erica Sims	Melissa Hoyt
Monica Reps	Jessie Beliard-Edouard	Lindsey Fay	Jason Wilhoit
Sherry Gilman	Megan Smith	Jenise Johnson	Melissa Rauch

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 9 applicants as Licensed Professional Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Beverly Brisbine	Kimberly Sadegi	Wesley White
Zachary Bertone	Kari Moennig	Dulce Fuentes
Marcus Collier	Michelle Rauss	Monique Mort

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, 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:

Amy Safier	Cheryl Dehaven	Sean McNally	Rebecca Cotton
Lisa Gianetto	Debra Lowther	Michael Jordan	Ann Van Hook
Tonya Kinnaman	Peter Cicconi	Christy Schmidt	Donna Pisano
Viliulfo Valderrama	Heather Dixon		

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, December 16, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at 3443 North Central Avenue, Room 908.

**19. Adjournment**

Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

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Katherine Bloom  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date