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COUNSELING CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, October 28, 2011

Members Present: Laura de Blank, Paula Artac, Patrick Goodman, Yvonne Fortier
Members absent: Katherine Bloom
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Executive Director, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Lynanne Chapman, Doreen Romney, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on October 28, 2011, at 9:03 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 September 23, 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. 2011-0135, Jennifer Bjerke, LPC-13051
Tabled

B. 2012-0001, Russell Enright, LPC-12385

Ms. Artac recused herself from all matters involving Mr. Enright.

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following discussion by members, Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to recommend to the Board to find the following violations:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(v), sexual conduct with a client
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(c)(i), any oral or written misrepresentation of a fact by a licensee

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Artac was recused from the vote.

Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to accept the signed consent agreement for the voluntary surrender of the professional's license. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Artac was recused from the vote.

C. 2011-0127, Russell Enright, LPC-12385

Ms. Artac recused herself from all matters involving Mr. Enright.

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint without prejudice where the licensee has already signed a consent agreement for the voluntary surrender of his license. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The professional and his attorney, Chris Short, appeared in person and addressed the Board.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to find the following violations;

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(d), any false, fraudulent or deceptive statement connected with the practice of behavioral health
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(p), failure to conform to minimum practice standards as developed by the Board as it relates to
 - .A.A.C. R-6-1104(1), a licensee shall make financial arrangements with a client that are reasonably understandable and conforms to acceptable billing standards
 - A.A.C. R4-6-1104(4), a licensee shall maintain separate written or electronic billing records that correspond with the client record
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(k), any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics in the behavioral health profession, as it relates to the ACA Code of Ethics:
 - Section E.13(b), Forensic Evaluation: Evaluation for Legal Proceedings
- 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)(o), failing to furnish information within a specified time to the Board or its investigators if legally requested by the Board

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement for the voluntary surrender of the professional's license. The motion passed unanimously.

E. 2011-0123, Millie Hudson-Libby, LPC-1715

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional and her attorney, Rob Chelle, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, 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 constitutes a danger to the health, safety or welfare of a client
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(y), engaging in a dual relationship with a client

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(k), any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics as it relates to the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics:
 - Section C.2.a., boundaries of competence
 - Section A.11.b., inability to assist clients
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(p), failing to conform to minimum practice standards as developed by the Board, as it relates to:
 - 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. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional's license shall be suspended for 6 months
- The suspension shall be stayed as long as the professional is compliant with the terms of the consent agreement
- Practice restriction for 36 months: the professional shall only work at an agency licensed by the Office of Behavioral Health Licensure with on-site clinical supervision
- The professional shall receive weekly clinical supervision
- The clinical supervisor will be preapproved by the committee chair and submit quarterly reports
- Clinical supervision shall focus on scope of practice, coordination of care, and ethics issues, and current behavioral health documentation requirements
- Every clinical supervision session shall include a review of client charts chosen at random by the supervisor
- The professional shall receive 12 months of therapy twice monthly from a pre-approved therapist with the focus on boundaries, ethics, and professional objectivity issues
- The professional shall complete a 3-semester credit hour graduate level course in assessment, diagnosis and treatment planning within the first 12 months
- The professional shall complete 6 clock hours of continuing education addressing suicide risk assessments within the first 12 months

The motion passed unanimously.

F. Anthony Sparacino, LAC-13011, LASAC-13132 and LPC applicant

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

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Artac 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 need for truthful representations in all professional communications. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

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. Kelly Brown (C.Mark Knecht, Psychologist-NC)

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

Mr. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to deny the request for a supervisor exemption for hours acquired after July 1, 2006, under C. Mark Knecht based on the applicant's failure to establish the supervisor completed qualifying clinical supervision continuing education. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Kelly Brown (Richard Johnson, Psychologist-NC)

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

Following review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to approve the request for a supervisor exemption for hours acquired under Richard Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Ms. de Blank, granting 60-day extensions to Rebecca Cotton, Robin Ance and Viliulfo Valderrama. 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

A. Leah Thomas

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to approve the continuing education activities submitted as meeting requirements pursuant to A.A.C. R4-6-212(J).

B. Angelica Castano

Ms. Artac moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to approve the continuing education submitted as meeting requirements pursuant to A.A.C. R4-6-212(J).

C. Kimberly Vercauteren-Griffin

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to approve the continuing education submitted as meeting requirements pursuant to A.A.C. R4-6-212(J).

13. Applications for reassessment: review, consideration and action

None

14. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action

Members took a break for lunch at 12:00 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 1:05 p.m.

School Counselor

Marguerite Gundaker

Members reviewed information submitted in support of work experience acquired at Mingus Mountain Academy.

Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to deny the work experience acquired at Mingus Mountain Academy based on the applicant's failure to establish that her client files meet the Board's minimum practice standards for informed consent for treatment and treatment planning documentation and the applicant's failure to establish that clients/legal guardians were given appropriate written notice regarding the applicant's clinical supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

Contracted Supervisor

Matthew Uldrich (Joel Ackley)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding clinical supervision hours provided by an outside clinical supervisor.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Artac moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to accept the clinical supervision hours as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Independent Contractors

A. *Jamie Dana (The Serin Center)*

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

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

B. *Robert Hall (Old Pueblo 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. Fortier, to deny the work experience acquired as an independent contract based on the applicant's failure to establish that the work experience was in compliance with A.A.C. R4-6-210(3). The motion passed unanimously.

C. *Terasa Prince (Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS)*

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

Following review and discussion, Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to deny the work experience acquired as an independent contract based on the applicant's failure to establish that the work experience was in compliance with A.A.C. R4-6-210(3). The motion passed unanimously.

D. *Terasa Prince (Evolve Counseling and Coaching)*

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

Following review and discussion, Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to deny the work experience acquired as an independent contract based on the applicant's failure to establish that the work experience was in compliance with A.A.C. R4-6-210(3). The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 3:00 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Appeals

A. *Tiffany Lupton-Stegall*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

B. *Jill Coxen*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following a review of client files provided by the applicant, the committee determined that the files provided did not establish that the applicant was providing behavioral health assessment, diagnosis, or treatment.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank , to accept the work experience and clinical supervision hours acquired in California and to deny the appeal based on continued deficiencies in supervised work experience and clinical supervision hours. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Leslie Pechkurow

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

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and her supervisor appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

D. Derick Bugg

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 the appeal based on the reasons previously state. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Huichun Hung

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

F. Karen Wolfendon

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

G. Mamta Bhargava

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was available for questions.

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

H. Heidi Haden

Ms. Artac recused herself from all matters involving Ms. Haden.

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was available for questions.

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

I. Joseph Rea

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

J. Sandra Richardson

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.

Members reviewed files from 3:37 p.m. through 6:35 p.m.

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 4 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of the license issuance fee and a passing score on the required exam:

Vaun Trojanek	Maya Asher	Teddy Estes	Kimberly Lindley
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The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to recommend to the Board to approve Karen Wolfendon as a Reciprocal Licensed Professional Counselors upon receipt of the license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Artac moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 17 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of the license issuance fee:

Huichun Hung	Michael DeMoss	Sherri Arenas	Andrea Meronuck
Elizabeth Felix	Jaime Gavin	Jena McBride	Melissa Coronado
Jennifer Salazar	Elizabeth Fowler	Troy Ringle	Carol Hunt
Anthony Bratko	Deborah Hall	Karen Faitelson	Iola McMurray
Jose Benitez			

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Joseph Rea	Manta Bhargava	Diane Ortega	Angelica Castano
Sandra Richardson	Matthew Uldrich	Derya Suzen	Kara Callaghan
Heidi Haden	Brian Jackson	Jennifer Ross	Kimberly Varcauteren-Griffin

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Artac was recused from the vote.

Ms. Artac moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 17 applicants based on their failure to establish that they meet minimum requirements in education and/or supervised work experience:

Anthony Sparacino	Chang Lee	Dena Sidmore	Sherry Sterling
Linda Abalos	Anjaneane Knudsen	John Hope	Beverly Brisbane
Kelly Brown	Terasa Prince	Robert Hall	Sarah Ligeikis
Janet Judd	Diane Palacios	Tamera D'Haen	Brandi Gaskill
Marguerite Gundaker			

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 Monday, November 28, 2011, at 9:00 a.m., at 3443 North Central Avenue, Room 908.

19. Adjournment

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Ms. de Blank called the meeting back to order at 6:38 p.m. to ask if anyone wanted to speak to the committee under the call for public comment. No one responded to the call for public comment.

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Katherine Bloom
Secretary/Treasurer

Date