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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 15, 2024

Members Present

Telephonically: Lesley Wimmer, Keith Cross

Staff Present

Telephonically: Tobi Zavala, Executive Director

Staff Present: Zuri De Lucio, Credentialing Manager

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Marriage and Family Therapy Academic Review Committee was called to order on March 15, 2024, at 9:03 a.m. at 1740 West Adams Street, Conference Room 1023, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 with Ms. Wimmer presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. November 17, 2023, teleconference meeting minutes

Ms. Wimmer moved, seconded by Dr. Cross, to approve the general meeting minutes for the November 15, 2023, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report from the Chair: items for review, consideration and action

None.

5. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General agency operations

None

B. Review, consideration and possible action regarding proposed rule changes to R4-6-601.

Members discussed potential changes to be addressed in the next rule-making process.

C. Discussion regarding staff's 2023 accomplishments.

Ms. Zavala gave a presentation regarding the Board's 2023 accomplishments and goals for 2024.

D. Introduction of new Deputy Director, Polly Knape.

Ms. Zavala shared that she hired a new Deputy Director, Polly Knape, who will start on March 18th.

6. Assistant Attorney General's Report:

None.

7. **Supervisor exemption request: review, consideration and action**
None

8. **Consent agenda: review, consideration and action regarding 60 day extension request for deficiencies and 90 day extension for examination**

- A. *Lea Bastin, LISAC Applicant (60-day extension)*
- B. *Demechiona Gray, LCSW Applicant (60-day extension)*
- C. *Aminata Demaih, LAC Applicant (60-day extension)*
- D. *Angela Bernhardt, LCSW Applicant (90-day exam extension)*
- E. *Gabie Davenport, LCSW Applicant (90-day exam extension)*

Ms. Wimmer moved, seconded by Dr. Cross, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Exam accommodation and/or 90-day waiver request: review, consideration, and action**
None

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

- A. *Review, consideration, and possible action regarding applications for licensure*

Ms. Wimmer moved, seconded by Dr. Cross, to recommend to approve Paloma Mars as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Wimmer moved, seconded by Dr. Cross, to recommend to the Board to deny Stephanie Parker based on her failure to establish that she meets minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee requested additional information on the following applications:

Anthony Reda	Elyse Elliker	Miranda Millage	Jenice Cosme
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- B. *Appeals*
None

11. **Applications for educational programs: review, consideration, and action**
None

12. **Future agenda items**

- A. *Proposed rule changes to R4-6-601*

13. **Call for public comment**

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

14. **Establishment of future meeting dates**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at 1740 West Adams St., Board Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

15. **Adjournment**

Ms. Wimmer moved, seconded by Dr. Cross, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 a.m.

Keith Cross

 Keith Cross
 Secretary

May 16, 2024

 Date