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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Members Present: Nancy Groppenbacher, Ellen LaBelle, Gloria Gabler, Mary Doyle, Jessica Thomas

Staff Present: Tobi Zavala, Assistant Director; Elma Brambila, Credentialing Specialist; Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on September 11, 2013, at 9:10 a.m. with Ms. Groppenbacher presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2013, supervisor training subcommittee meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Groppenbacher and Ms. Thomas abstained from the vote.

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to approve the general meeting minutes from the July 10, 2013, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. LaBelle abstained from the vote.

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to approve the executive session minutes from the July 10, 2013, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. LaBelle 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. Action by the committee on all disciplinary matters is a recommendation only. All final decisions are made by the Board.

A. *2012-0115, Samia Ohm, LPC-10312*

Dr. Gabler disclosed that she worked with the professional in the past but there is nothing in that relationship that would bias her consideration of this matter. Ms. Ohm indicated she has no problem with Dr. Gabler considering the case.

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

The complainant was not available at the number she provided.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following discussion by members, Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board 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. *2013-0059, Sharron Ahles, LPC-13275*

Ms. Doyle disclosed that she had worked at the agency where the professional completed an internship but there is nothing in that relationship that would bias her consideration of this matter. Ms. Ahles indicated she has no problem with Ms. Doyle considering the case.

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following further discussion by members, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2013-0006, Mary Ann Turner, LCSW-10951 revoked

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

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The professional was properly noticed but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint without prejudice. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 9:34 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 9:40 a.m.

5. Report from the Chair and items for review, consideration and possible action

No report.

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General agency operations

No report.

B. Application review process requirements

No report.

C. Review and discussion regarding changes to credentialing committee processes needed as a result of SB1374

Members agreed the officer will not be needed. Staff can schedule the officer if they identify a problem that would require security at a meeting. Members agreed they will continue with the same meeting schedule unless something happens to require a change.

D. Review regarding the term 'equivalent' as used in SB1374

Members reviewed information regarding the term 'equivalent' as defined in SB1374.

E. Review regarding the term 'applicable' as used in SB1374

The Board requested that each credentialing committee recommend what degrees should be accepted as applicable for endorsement independent level applications.

Following discussion, Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board that for LMFT endorsement applications, applicable would be a clinical graduate degree in a mental or behavioral health field with clinical defined as the inclusion of a practicum. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Arizona Republic article

Members discussed the article.

7. Committee reports/matters

None

8. National and regional news regarding the profession

None

9. Review, consideration and action of supervisor exemption requests

A. *April Razo (Kathleen Lyns Conrad, LCSW)*

Ms. Doyle recused from all matters involving the professional.

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

Following review and discussion, Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to approve the request for a supervisor exemption. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doyle was recused from the vote.

10. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for reassessment

None

11. Review, consideration and action of consent agenda for applications for deficiency extensions and inactive status

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to approve the consent agenda as submitted granting inactive status to Sandra Thomson. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Review, consideration and action of requests for exam accommodations and inactive extensions

None

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

Appeals

A. *Jennifer Dean*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review by members, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the reasons previously stated. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Marshell Walters*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review by members, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the previous reasons. The motion passed unanimously.

C. *James Purviance*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and his attorney, Charles Hover, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

D. *Rosa Ruales*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

E. *Jacquelyn Shelton-Raftery*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review by members, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to accept the research course and recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the failure to establish a 3-semester credit hour course in Professional Studies. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Maxwell Polasko

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review by members, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to accept PSY658 and PSY622 for MFT Studies and recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee broke to review files at 10:34 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to license Mark Coppers as a Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report, receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board to license Krystal Mazzola, Rosa Ruales, and Shannon Mandadi as Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board to license James Purviance, Devon Hageman and Ashley Royal as Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doyle and Ms. Groppenbacher recused from the vote.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to license Kenneth Allred as a Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to recommend to the Board to deny Janet Rosenberg and Suzanne Call based on failure to meet minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Future agenda items

None

15. Call for public comment

No one asked to speak in response to the call for public comment.

16. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor.

17. Adjournment

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Ellen LaBelle
Secretary/Treasurer

Date