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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Members Present: Ellen LaBelle, Gloria Gabler, Mary Doyle, Jessica Thomas (in at 9:03 a.m.)

Members Absent: Nancy Groppenbacher,

Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Executive Director, Elma Brambila, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on April 11, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. with Ms. LaBelle presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to approve the general meeting minutes from the March 14, 2012, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Thomas 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.*

None

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. *Update regarding the Board's Sunset Review audit*

Ms. Rinaudo provided an update regarding progress of the audit and suggestions made by the auditors.

D. *Update regarding the FY13 budget*

Ms. Rinaudo reported regarding the Board's FY13 budget.

E. *Independent license applications where the documentation does not meet Board standards or is presented in a way that it is unlikely/impossible for clients to understand*

The Committee recommended the following:

- Supervised work experience will not accepted to qualify an applicant for independent licensure where the forms used do not meet the Board's minimum practice standards.
- The Board should pursue the rule changes needed to ensure that the required informed consent for treatment elements are presented in a way that is reasonably understandable for clients.

*F. Open Meeting Law training*  
Tabled

*G. Discussion regarding formation of a work group to review issues identified by the Council of Human Service Providers*

Ms. Rinaudo provided information regarding the formation of a work group by the state behavioral health professional associations to review concerns raised by the Council of Human Service Providers.

*H. Appointment of a member to serve on the Clinical Supervisor Continuing Education Review Subcommittee*

Ms. Rinaudo provided information regarding the Board's decision to create a subcommittee to review clinical supervision training submitted to meet requirements set forth in A.A.C. R4-6-212(J).

Ms. Doyle and Ms. LaBelle volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

**7. Committee reports/matters**

None

**8. National and regional news regarding the profession**

None

**9. Review, consideration and action of supervisor exemption requests**

None

**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**

*A. Todd Call, Inactive status*

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Ms. LaBelle granting inactive status to Todd Call. 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**

*The committee broke to review files at 9:01 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 9:50 a.m.*

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board to approve Samantha White as a Licensed Professional Counselor upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 6 applicants as Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Kelsey Hansen  
Laura Dugger

Thomas Aubrey  
Yelena Galibov

Edward Galligros  
Maureen Fennell

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doyle abstained from the vote.

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to recommend to the Board to deny Stephanie Neidermyer-Stephenson based on her failure to establish that she meets minimum licensure 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 June 13, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> floor.

**17. Adjournment**

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Ellen LaBelle  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date