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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 10, 2013

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

Members absent: Nancy Groppenbacher

Staff Present: Lynanne Chapman, Investigator, Elma Brambila, Credentialing Specialist, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on April 10, 2013, at 9:08 a.m. with Ms. LaBelle presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to approve the general meeting minutes from the March 13, 2013, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the March 18, 2013, teleconference minutes is tabled due to not having a quorum of members who were present at the meeting.

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. 2011-0156, Frieda Ling, LMFT-10199

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

The complaint appeared telephonically.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

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

A. *Discussion regarding curriculum requirements for research course*

Dr. Gabler discussed changing the rules to allow an applicant to supplement a course in research or ethics that is missing the MFT systems approach with continuing education hours specific to the part of the requirements that is missing in the course.

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to recommend to the Board to include in the rule changes an opportunity for an applicant who has a Research component or Professional Issues component that is missing some elements required that the committee can consider the entire package (CE supplementing etc). The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. *General agency operations*

No report.

B. *Application review process requirements*

Discussion regarding the Board's decision to allow credentialing committees to make recommendations for the Board to review a specific application.

C. *Update regarding SB1374*  
No report.

7. **Committee reports/matters**

None

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

None

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

A. *Review of supervisor exemption request information*  
Tabled

B. *James Purviance (Tammy McFadden, LPC)*

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

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

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**

None

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

None

13. **Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure**

Outside Clinical Supervisor

A. *James Purviance (Rachel Thomas, LMFT)*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the request for approval of an outside supervisor.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Thomas, moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to deny the outside supervisor based on failure to establish unrestricted access to files and no consent to treat for psychotherapy. The motion passed unanimously.

Appeals

A. *Curtis Jensen*

Members reviewed the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to deny the appeal based on the reasons previously stated. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Marcia Michaels*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to approve the request for a supervisor exemption accepting the supervisor's dissertation which was a study of family intervention in place of a course in marriage and family therapy, and to deny the appeal based on the following:

- Masters degree lacks one course in marriage and family therapy and 83 hours from practicum
- Lack of actual dates of doctoral practicums to ensure total is no more than 12 months
- Lack of verification of supervisor's Georgia state license
- Verification that the 2001 compensation form used to compute hours was valid through 2008

The motion passed unanimously.

C. *Mona Rivera*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to deny the appeal based on the reasons previously stated. The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee broke to review files at 11:25 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:45 a.m.*

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to recommend to the Board to license Nancy Langsner as a Licensed Associate Counselor upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board to license Katrina Brewer as a Licensed Professional Counselor upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to recommend to the Board to deny Edith Moore based on failure to meet minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board to approve Karen Fain and Laura Sergent 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. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doyle abstained from the vote.

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to recommend to the Board to deny James Purviance based on his failure to establish that he 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 12, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> floor.

**17. Adjournment**

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Members discussed whether the committee should meet in May. Following discussion, members agreed that Ms. Brambila will contact them next week when she knows how many files she has for review.

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Ellen LaBelle  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date