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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 13, 2012

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

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

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on June 13, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. with Ms. Groppenbacher presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to approve the general meeting minutes from the April 13, 2012, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Groppenbacher 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*

Ms. Rinaudo described efforts by Board staff to develop information for the Board's website to help applicants better understand the application process.

B. *Application review process requirements*

No report

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

Ms. Rinaudo provided an update regarding the performance audit.

D. *Update regarding the FY2013 appropriation*

Ms. Rinaudo reported regarding the Board's FY2013 appropriation.

E. *Open meeting law training*

Tabled

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

None

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

A. Carol Bayer, Inactive status extension request

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the request for an inactive status extension.

Following review, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to grant the request for an extension of inactive status based on good cause. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

Appeals

A. Brooke Mansour

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to deny the appeal based on continued deficiencies in supervised work experience. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Lindsey Rhett

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish she completed a Research course. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Karen Fain

Ms. Groppenbacher was recused from all matters involving the applicant.

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Groppenbacher was recused from the vote.

D. Joan Matlock

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

The committee took a break at 11:18 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:30 a.m.

E. Michael Brown

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish completion of supervised work experience limited to the practice of psychotherapy. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Stephanie Neidermyer-Stephenson

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant addressed the committee telephonically.

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

The committee broke to review files at 12:07 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 5 applicants as Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee:

Stephanie Parejamass
Ashley Huffman

Ashlea Taylor
Catherine Newell

Lynette Houston-Volden

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

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to recommend to the Board to approve Douglas Withrow and Connie Simonson as Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doyle abstained from the vote.

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to recommend to the Board to approve Joan Matlock and Ellen Turner as Reciprocal Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to approve Stephanie Neidermyer-Stephenson as a Reciprocal Licensed Marriage & 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 Sabina Draganescu, Erica Gores and Vicktoria Patzer based on their failure to establish that they meet minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to recommend to the Board to deny Kristy Anderson as a Licensed Professional Counselor based on her failure to establish that she meets minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Future agenda items

Assignment of appeals to members

15. Call for public comment

Darwin West addressed the committee regarding the licensing process.

16. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor.

17. Adjournment

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Ellen LaBelle
Secretary/Treasurer

Date