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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Members Present: Nancy Groppenbacher , Gloria Gabler, Mary Doyle, Ellen LaBelle
Member Absent: Marlene Buffa
Staff Present: Patricia Reynolds, Deputy Director, Elma Brambila, Mary Wilson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on March 9, 2011, at 9:02 a.m. with Ms. Groppenbacher presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to approve the general meeting minutes from the February 9, 2011, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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. 2011-0071, Debrah Delos-Santos, LMFT-10229

Dr. Gabler recused herself from all matters involving Dr. Delos-Santos.

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

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board to find the following violations:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(b), use of fraud or deceit in connection with rendering services as a licensee
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(d), any false, fraudulent or deceptive statement connected with the practice of behavioral health
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice

The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Gabler was recused from the vote.

Following further discussion, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement for the voluntary surrender of the professional's license and, if not signed, to remand the matter to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Gabler was recused from the vote.

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

A. *Annual election of Officers*

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to nominate Ms. Groppenbacher to continue as Chair of the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to nominate Ms. LaBelle to continue as Secretary of the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General agency operations

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. Michaela Goebel (Amy Napoleon, LPC)

Ms. Doyle was recused from all matters involving Michaela Goebel.

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

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to deny the supervisor exemption request for Amy Napoleon, LPC, based on the applicant's failure to establish that the supervisor has sufficient education and experience in marriage and family therapy. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Rachel Maison (Michele Becker, LCSW)

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

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to deny the supervisor exemption request for Michele Becker, LCSW, based on the applicant's failure to establish that the supervisor has sufficient education and experience in marriage and family therapy. 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

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to approve the consent agenda, as reviewed by Ms. LaBelle, granting inactive status to Phyllis Menard and Ellen Brennan and a 60-day extension to Josephina Camacho Garcia. 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. Eileen Ashby

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Willow Young, Department Chair from Pacifica Graduate Institute, addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to deny CP699 for Lifestyle and Career and to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee broke to review files at 10:28 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to recommend to the Board to approve Michelle Lunka as a Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Groppenbacher was recused from the vote.

Ms. Doyle 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 receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Kara Gasperone	Michael Dean	Angela Phillips
Krysta Coffee	Andrew Demers	

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to deny Linda Vance 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 April 13, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor.

17. Adjournment

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Ellen LaBelle
Secretary/Treasurer

Date