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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 14, 2012

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

Members Absent: Jessica Thomas

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

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on March 14, 2012, at 9:01 a.m. with Ms. Groppenbacher 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 January 11, 2012, 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. *Ashley Southard, LAMFT-10274*

Ms. Rinaudo reviewed information from the professional indicating that she is not working as an employee of the agency where she was previously employed as an independent contractor.

Following discussion, members agreed no further action is necessary.

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 provided information regarding the Board's recent review of 2 applications where the applicants sought Board acceptance of case management and psycho-educational hours as qualifying hours for independent licensure.

B. *Application review process requirements*

No report

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

Ms. Rinaudo provided an update regarding the audit.

D. *Update regarding the FY13 budget*

Ms. Rinaudo provided an update regarding the Board's FY13 budget submission.

E. Discussion regarding interpretation of group clinical supervision rules

Ms. Rinaudo asked members to review a recent request that the Board provide guidance as to whether Board rules allow a group clinical supervision session to have up to 12 supervisees if there are 2 clinical supervisors present.

Following discussion by members, the consensus of the committee is not to allow more than 6 supervisees in a group clinical supervision session regardless of the number of supervisors present.

F. 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

Tabled

G. 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

A. Amber Barger (Ellen Margolis, CA psychologist)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the supervisor exemption request.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to deny the request for a supervisor exemption based on the applicant's failure to establish that the supervisor has education, training 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

A. Carolyn Crouse, Inactive status

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Ms. LaBelle granting inactive status to Carolyn Crouse. 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

Independent Clinical Supervisor

Michael Brown (Douglas Jardine, LMFT)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the clinical supervisor, who was not employed at the same entity as the applicant.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to deny Douglas Jardine as an independent supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Sommers (Rachel Thomas, LMFT)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the clinical supervisor, who was not employed at the same entity as the applicant.

The applicant was available for questions.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to accept Rachel Thomas as an independent supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

Appeals

A. *Lindsey Rhett*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to find the applicant failed to establish that her research and assessment course and ethics course meet curriculum requirements and to deny the appeal based on continued curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Anca Sabo*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

C. *Joan Matlock*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant addressed the committee telephonically.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that she meets reciprocal licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee broke to review files at 10:27 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to recommend to the Board to approve Wendy Cova as a Reciprocal Licensed 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 moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to approve Mark Smith and Sanjay Manchanda as Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board to approve Anca Sabo as a Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 4 applicants based on their failure to establish that they meet minimum licensure requirements:

Michael Brown	Karen Fain
Jennifer Cunico	Amber Barger

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Groppenbacher was recused from the vote.

14. Future agenda items

Curriculum requirements

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 11, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor.

Members discussed the draft meeting schedule. Following discussion, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to accept the new schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Adjournment

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11: 24 a.m.

Ellen LaBelle
Secretary/Treasurer

Date