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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 13, 2013

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

Staff Present: Michelle Clinkenbeard, Deputy Director, Elma Brambila, Credentialing Specialist, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on March 13, 2013, at 9:07 a.m. with Ms. Groppenbacher presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to approve the general meeting minutes from the January 9, 2013, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doyle and 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.*

A. 2012-0101, Margaret Borowiec, LMFT-0084

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

The complaint was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint and accept a non-disciplinary consent agreement stipulating completion of 3-clock hours of education in documentation within 6 months. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2011-0046, Elizabeth Darland, LMFT-0463

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional and her attorney, Faren Akins, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to find the following violations:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(k), any conduct or practice that constitutes a danger to the health, safety or welfare of a client, as it relates to:
  - Failure to complete appropriate suicide risk assessments
  - Failure to develop adequate safety plan
  - Inappropriate termination of care

- A.R.S. §32-3251912)(p), failing to conform with minimum practice standards as developed by the Board, as it relates to:
  - A.A.C. R4-6-1101, consent for treatment
  - A.A.C. R4-6-1102, treatment plan
  - A.A.C. R4-6-1103, client record

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The license will be suspended for 24 months
- The suspension will be stayed as long as the professional is compliant with the consent agreement
- The professional will practice only in a supervised practice setting as approved by the committee chair
- The professional shall receive clinical supervision for 24 months
- Clinical supervision sessions will be at least an hour with pre-approved independently licensed professional
- Clinical supervision will focus on documentation, risk management, client safety
- The supervisor will submit quarterly reports for approval including client record review
- The clinical supervisor will audit all charts back 6 months
- The professional shall complete 6-clock hours of pre-approved continuing documentation in risk management
- The professional shall complete 6-hours of pre-approved continuing education in documentation
- The education will be completed within 6 months
- No early release possible

The motion passed unanimously.

*C. 2011-0091 and 2011-0136, Dwayne Kruse, LMFT-10273*  
2011-0091

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

The complainant and her Power of Attorney, Mr. Bradley, addressed the committee.

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to dismiss Complaint No. 2011-0091. The motion passed unanimously.

2011-0136

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

The complaint was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to find that the complaint is without merit pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1), and remove it from the licensee's complaint history pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(E). The motion passed unanimously.

*D. 2011-0050, Cynthia Seginski-Prosch, LPC-12892*

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional and her attorney, Faren Akins, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to find that the complaint is without merit pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1), and remove it from the licensee's complaint history pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(E). The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee took a break at 10:10 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:19 a.m.*

*E. 2012-0121, Helen Svob, LAMFT-10303*

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

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The professional's attorney, Faren Akins, addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to find that the complaint is without merit pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1), and remove it from the licensee's complaint history pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(E). The motion passed unanimously.

**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. Training regarding consent agreement development and making motions in disciplinary matters*

Members received training regarding the importance of clarity when making motions for consent agreement terms and the importance of being heard clearly on the recording of the meeting.

*D. Medical Board investigation*

Ms. Clinkenbeard provided information regarding the investigation and application background checks.

*E. Update regarding SB1374*

Ms. Clinkenbeard provided an update regarding SB1374.

*F. Update regarding HB2578*

Ms. Clinkenbeard provided an update regarding HB2578.

*G. Training on paperless system for meeting materials*

Members received training on the paperless system for meeting materials and were issued laptops.

**7. Committee reports/matters**

None

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

None

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

*A. Mona Rivera (Jerry Powell, LMFT-NC)*

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

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

*B. Tessa Tyson (Justin Smith, Psychologist-AZ)*

Dr. Gabler recused herself from all matters involving the professional.

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

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

*C. Christopher Brown (Jackie Recklas-Retelas, LMFT-CA)*

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

Following review and discussion, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to deny the request for supervisor exemption based on the failure to establish the supervisor's experience and education 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**

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. Tessa Tyson (Rachel Thomas, LMFT)*

Dr. Gabler recused herself from all matters involving the professional.

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

Following review and discussion, Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to accept the hours acquired from Rachel Thomas as an outside supervisor. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Gable recused from the vote.

*B. Anita Baher (Geraldine Blakeman, LMFT)*

Ms. Doyle and Ms. LaBelle recused from all matters involving the professional.

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

Following review and discussion, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to accept the hours acquired from Geraldine Blakeman as an outside supervisor. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doyle and Ms. LaBelle recused from the vote.

*C. Ryan Elizabeth Johnson (Geraldine Blakeman, LMFT)*

Ms. Doyle and Ms. LaBelle recused from all matters involving the professional.

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

Following review and discussion, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to accept the hours acquired from Geraldine Blakeman as an outside supervisor. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doyle and Ms. LaBelle recused from the vote.

Appeals

*A. Jonathan Statt*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and his supervisor, Jo-Ann Marks, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The applicant's attorney, Larry Cohen, addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to accept the time at Renewal Center as an employee, the time at COPE and to table final decision on the license pending the April Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

*B. Victoria Patzer*

No new information was submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and her attorney, Robert Chelle, appeared and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Groppenbacher 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 12:53 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 1:18 p.m.*

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to recommend to the Board to approve Andrea Hall and Mia Lee 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 recused from the vote.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 4 applicants as Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Tessa Tyson	Ryan Elizabeth Johnson
Anita Baehr	Jessica Conlon

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doyle and Ms. LaBelle recused from the vote.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board to license Jonathan Statt as a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist pending the Board's decision at its April meeting regarding missing signatures/dates on clinical supervision documentation and receipt of the required license issuance fee. 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 10, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> floor.

Discussion regarding returning to monthly meetings.

**17. Adjournment**

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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Ellen LaBelle  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date