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

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

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

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on November 9, 2011, at 9:09 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 September 14, 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.*

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 reported regarding the performance audit of the Board by the Auditor General's Office.

B. *Application review process requirements*

Ms. Rinaudo provided information regarding Board processes for requesting additional information from applicants needed to determine if the work experience submitted meets current licensure requirements.

Ms. Rinaudo reported that a Board newsletter has been drafted and will be sent to all licensees in November to clarify Board application requirements and processes.

7. **Committee reports/matters**

None

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

None

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

A. *Tara Boswell (Chuck Holt, LMFT-NV)*

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

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to approve Chuck Holt as a qualified supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

**10. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for reassessment**

A. *Amena Rathur*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the reassessment.

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

**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. *Tara Boswell (Chuck Holt, Heal Therapy)*

B. *Tara Boswell (Chuck Holt, Pioneer Health Resources)*

C. *Tara Boswell (Chuck Holt, Maple Star)*

Members reviewed information submitted regarding clinical supervision provided by a clinical supervisor not employed by the same entity as the applicant.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to deny all of the clinical supervision provided by Mr. Holt based on the applicant's failure to establish that the supervision was provided in compliance with Board standards. The motion passed unanimously.

Appeals

A. *Linda Vance*

Tabled

B. *Ashley Southard*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and her attorney, Faren Akins, appeared and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to accept the clinical supervisor training as meeting requirements, to find that the independent contractor contract with a New Beginning meets requirements set forth in A.A.C. R4-6-210(a), (d), and (f), and to deny all work experience hours submitted based on continuing deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

C. *Lavarez Harris*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to deny the appeal based on continued curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

D. *Josephina Camacho Garcia*

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. LaBelle, to accept PSYCH 613 as meeting the curriculum requirements set forth in A.A.C. R4-6-601(2)(a). The motion carried with Ms. Doyle and Ms. Thomas opposed.

*The committee broke to review files at 11:33 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:13 p.m.*

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to approve Amena Rathur as a 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 Dr. Gabler, to recommend to the Board to approve Michielle Gatti and Patricia Dobratz as Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doyle and Ms. LaBelle were recused from the vote.

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, 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:

Jennifer Soliz	Caitlin Gizler	Abraham Manlove
Christina Jimenez	Rosalie Emmons	

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

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to deny Lindsey Rhett based on her failure to establish that she meets minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to deny Tara Boswell 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 December 14, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> floor.

**17. Adjournment**

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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Ellen LaBelle  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date