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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, April 16, 2015

Members present: Cynthia Pio-Padilla, Ray Johnson, Nikole Hintz-Lyon, Kirk Bowden  
Members absent: Gerald Szymanski  
Staff present: Zuri De Lucio, Credentialing Specialist; Mary Wilson, meeting recorder

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on April 16, 2015, at 9:05 a.m. with Ms. Pio-Padilla presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Tabled.

4. **Report from the Chair**

No report

5. **Report from the Executive Director and/or staff**

A. *General Agency Operations*

No report.

B. *Discussion regarding application review process requirements*

No report.

C. *Review and action regarding implementation of SB1374 update*

No report.

6. **Board, committee and subcommittee reports (discuss and possible action)**

A. *Rules Subcommittee*

No report.

7. **National and regional trends and news regarding the profession(s)**

None

8. **Supervisor exemption requests: review, consideration and action**

None

9. **Applications for renewal: review, consideration and action**

None

10. **Consent agenda: review, consideration and action regarding requests for extensions and inactive status**

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to approve the consent agenda as presented granting 60-day extensions to Robert Lovett, Jr., Melina O'Brien and Katherine Klimowicz and inactive status to Veneranda Heffern. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **Applications for inactive extension requests: review, consideration and action**

None

**12. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action**

Appeals

*A. John Reed*

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

*B. Laura Esquer*

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

*C. Peter Picone*

Ms. Pio-Padilla disclosed that she is a Site Supervisor for Families First but does not know the applicant and there is nothing to prevent her from making an unbiased decision in this matter.

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

*D. David Pope*

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, members agreed the applicant meets minimum requirements as a LASAC by endorsement.

*The committee reviewed files from 9:30 a.m. through 11:45 a.m.*

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to request additional information from the following applicants:

Diana Martorana

Brittany Powell

Benjamin Burke

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to recommend to the Board approve Charles Cloud as a Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to approve David Pope as a Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor by endorsement upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 4 applicants as Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Job Elliott

Peter Picone

Arbita Ferozepurwalla

Joseph Holguin

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Pio-Padilla recused from the vote.

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 4 applicants as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Garnett Holloway	Laura Esquer
Lindsay Frye	Anthony Thompson

The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Bowden recused from the vote.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 3 applicants based on their failure to meet minimum licensure requirements:

Lee Ellen Anderson	Robert Potter	Chienthang Nguyen
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The motion passed unanimously.

**13. Future agenda items**

None

**14. Call for public comment**

No one responded to the call for public comment.

**15. Establishment of future meeting date(s)**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central, Room 1705.

**16. Adjournment**

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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Gerald Szymanski  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date