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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 22, 2015

Members present: Kirk Bowden, Cynthia Pio-Padilla, Nikole Hintz-Lyon  
Members by phone: Gerald Szymanski  
Staff present: Elma Brambila, Credentialing Specialist; Zuri De Lucio, Credentialing Specialist; Mary Wilson, meeting recorder

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on January 22, 2015, at 9:20 a.m. with Ms. Pio-Padilla presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to approve the general meeting minutes from the November 20, 2014, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Hintz-Lyon, to approve the consent agenda as presented granting 60-day extensions to Judith Watiti and Derek Patton and 2<sup>nd</sup> 60-day extensions to Brian Prince and Jeffrey Sanders. 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. Heather Tompkins*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

*B. Vanessa Hernandez*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

*C. Devin Pinckard*

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. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the previous reasons. The motion passed unanimously.

*D. John Reed*

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. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to accept the employment history and recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on continued curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

*E. Christine Martinez*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant could not be reached at the phone number she provided.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to accept the explanation of the break in employment and to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on continued curriculum deficiencies where final action on the application cannot be taken until the Board's disposition of the background investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

*F. Wilma Meiner*

Ms. Pio-Padilla disclosed she works at Terros where the applicant acquired her supervision but she does not know her and there is nothing to prevent an unbiased decision in this matter.

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

*G. Ellen Gilbo*

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. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the previous reasons. The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee reviewed files from 10:38 a.m. through 1:42 p.m.*

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to recommend to the Board to approve Traci Otto as a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor by endorsement upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Bowden recused from the vote.

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to recommend to the Board approve Rebecca Reeder as a Licensed Substance Abuse Technician upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Bowden recused from the vote.

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to recommend to the Board approve Vanessa Hernandez and Wilma Meiner as Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Bowden recused from the vote.

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to approve Candice Isaacson, Lindsay Ward and Vincent Roubideaux as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Bowden recused from the vote.

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 9 applicants as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Latoria Waters	John Horan	Lorie Sirola	Devin Pinckard
Thomas Schaefer	Angelica Flanagan	James DeVenezia	Heather Tompkins
Eric Perry			

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

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 5 applicants based on their failure to meet minimum licensure requirements:

John Casadonte	Peter Picone	Andrew Wade
Yanile Abdelhafes	Amanda Haas	

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

**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 February 19, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central, Room 1705.

**16. Adjournment**

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

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Gerald Szymanski  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date

