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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 20, 2014

Members present: Cynthia Pio-Padilla, Kirk Bowden, Patricia Bruce
Members absent: Nikole Hintz-Lyon, Gerald Szymanski
Staff present: Tobi Zavala, Interim Executive Director; Elma Brambila and Larissa Orcutt, Credentialing Specialists; Mary Wilson, meeting recorder

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on March 20, 2014, at 9:15 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*

Members were provided copies of the first quarterly report to the legislature regarding implementation of the changes required in SB1374.

D. *Review, consideration and action regarding Rules Subcommittee update*

Ms. Zavala provided an update regarding the rulemaking process.

Ms. Zavala reminded members that the future agendas will have specific topics that will need to be discussed and voted on at the meeting.

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

None

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

None

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

A. *Tanya Hillman (Fran Haggerty, LPC)*

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

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to deny the request for a supervisor exemption based on the applicant's failure to establish the supervisor's education and experience specific to substance abuse counseling. The motion carried with Ms. Bruce opposed.

B. Tanya Hillman (Serena Gorgueiro, PsyD)

Ms. Pio-Padilla disclosed that she works at the Families First program but does not know the supervisor.

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

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to deny the request for a supervisor exemption based on the applicant's failure to establish the supervisor's education and experience specific to substance abuse counseling. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Martin Lara (Michael Kennedy, LCSW)

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

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, deny the request for a supervisor exemption based on the applicant's failure to establish the supervisor's education and experience specific to substance abuse counseling. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Bruce, to approve the consent agenda as presented granting 2nd 60-day extensions to Glorinda Segay and James Leslie. 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. Julia Wessels

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.

B. Christopher Stein

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Ms. Bruce, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the reasons previously stated. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Rock Liapis

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. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to accept the explanation of the break in employment history and to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that the college he attended was regionally accredited. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Brandon Dellario

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 requirements.

E. Ann Bruno

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Ms. Bruce, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the reasons previously stated. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Kevin O'Grady

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. Bruce, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the reasons previously stated. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Amy Hawthorne

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 requirements.

H. Adam Rogers

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. Pio-Padilla, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the reasons previously stated. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Christiana Palmer

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to accept EFP613 Psychopathology, EFP617 Basic Interviewing Skills, EFP619 Evaluation and Treatment of Adult Offenders and EFP611 Ethics and Issues in Forensic Psychology, and to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on a deficiency of 6-semester credit hours of counseling related coursework. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed files from 10:50 a.m. through 11:57 a.m.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to approve Brandon Dellario as a Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam, the license issuance fee, and the Board's disposition of the background investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to approve Amy Hawthorne as a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to recommend to the Board to approve Julia Wessels and Diane Ostlund as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to recommend to the Board to deny Martin Lara based on failure to establish meeting minimum requirements pending the Board's disposition of the background investigation while final action on the application cannot be taken until the investigation is complete. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Future agenda items

None

14. Call for public comment

Martin Lara addressed the committee regarding the shortage of educated LISACs in Yuma.

Sara Salser, Assistant to Rock Liapis, addressed the committee requesting information regarding the requirement that a college be regionally accredited.

15. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meetings are scheduled for March 26, 2014, (teleconference) and April 17, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central, Room 908.

16. Adjournment

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Gerald Szymanski
Secretary/Treasurer

Date