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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 19, 2015

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

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on March 19, 2015, at 9:35 a.m. with Ms. Pio-Padilla presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to approve the general meeting minutes from the February 19, 2015, 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*

a. *Discussion regarding LISACs providing clinical supervision*

Ms. Dalton provided information regarding LISACs providing clinical supervision.

Following review and discussion, the consensus of the committee is:

- Exemption request for the 50% for someone who demonstrates they are working in a SA program with SA clients (LISAC has to have a masters or higher degree in behavioral health)

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

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to approve the consent agenda as presented granting 60-day extensions to Kimberly Bappe and Kristen Kennedy. 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. Claudia Chacon

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

B. Suzanne Franz

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 minimum requirements.

C. Erin Ballos

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Szymanski moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed files from 10:40 a.m. through 3:55 p.m.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board license Suzanne Franz as a Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor by endorsement upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam, receipt of the required license issuance fee and the Board's disposition of the background investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to recommend to the Board license Mitchell Simmons as a Licensed Substance Abuse Technician upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Jaime Gutierrez as a Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Kimberly Bappe as a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor by endorsement upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to approve Judith Watiti and Kristin Kennedy as Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselors by endorsement upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board to approve Edwin Sanchez as a Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board to deny David Pope, Andrea Thorpe and Derek Patton based on their failure to meet minimum licensure requirements by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board to deny Genaro Huerta and Maritza Juarez based on their failure to meet minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board to deny Antonietta Estrada based on failure to meet minimum licensure requirements and 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

No one responded to the call for public comment.

15. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central, Room 1705.

16. Adjournment

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Gerald Szymanski
Secretary/Treasurer

Date