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

Members present: Kirk Bowden, Cynthia Pio-Padilla, Gerald Szymanski, Nikole Hintz-Lyon (in at 9:25)

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 November 20, 2014, at 9:17 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 October 16, 2014, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Szymanski abstained from the vote.

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 Jeffrey Sanders, Thomas Schaeffer and Brian Prince. 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. *Martin Lara*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, members agreed that the applicant meets minimum requirements pending the Board's disposition of the pending complaints.

B. *Ellen Gilbo*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to accept 29 hours of coursework as counseling related and deny the appeal based on a deficiency of 1 credit hour. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to rescind the previous motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to accept 26 credit hours as counseling related coursework and to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on a deficiency of 4 credit hours of counseling related coursework. The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee reviewed files from 9:43 a.m. through 11:26 a.m.*

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to recommend to the Board to approve Martin Lara as a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor upon receipt of the required license issuance fee and the Board's disposition of the pending complaints. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to recommend to the Board to approve Pablo Kusak as a Licensed Substance Abuse Technician upon receipt of the required license issuance fee and the Board's disposition of the background investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to recommend to the Board to approve Danielle Patton, Brandon Coleman and Valerie Fink Sierra as Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to recommend to the Board license Deborah MacLish and Shanda Cwiklik as Licensed Substance Abuse Technicians upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 5 applicants as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Jennifer Jones  
Lee Ann Hull

Carol Gunderson  
Taylor Bernard

Lisa Oddo

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to recommend to the Board to deny Victoria Odde and Suzanne Franz based on their failure to meet minimum licensure requirements by endorsement. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 4 applicants based on their failure to meet minimum licensure requirements:

Erin Ballos	Kendall Heath
Monique Slaughter	Laura Esquer

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to recommend to the Board to deny Claudia Chacon based on her failure to meet minimum licensure requirements pending the Board's disposition of the background investigation where 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 January 22, 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 11:38 a.m.

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Gerald Szymanski  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date