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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 17, 2012

Members present: Kirk Bowden, Cynthia Pio-Padilla, David Campbell, Gerald Szymanski, Nikole Hintz-Lyon (in at 9:20 a.m.)

Staff present: Debra Rinaudo, Executive Director, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Elma Brambila, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on May 17, 2012, at 9:05 a.m. with Dr. Bowden presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to approve the general meeting minutes from the April 19, 2012, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hintz-Lyon was not present for the vote.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the 9:30 a.m. executive session minutes from the April 19, 2012, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hintz-Lyon was not present for the vote.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the 10:30 a.m. executive session minutes from the April 19, 2012, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hintz-Lyon was not present for the vote.

4. **Review, consideration and action of complaints and other disciplinary matters**

Pending complaints represent unproven allegations. On investigation, many complaints are found to be without merit or not of sufficient seriousness to merit disciplinary action against the licensee and are dismissed. Action by the committee on all disciplinary matters is a recommendation only. All final decisions are made by the Board.

A. 2011-0056, Gayle Cordes (Selby), LISAC-10843 and LPC-11232

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the Board's investigation.

The complainant appeared and addressed the committee.

The professional and her attorney, Larry Cohen, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Szymanski moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to find that the complaint is without merit pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1) and remove it from the licensee's complaint history pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(E). The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2012-0098, Kristan Robson, LISAC-10387

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the Board's investigation.

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Lindsay Rothschild, LMSW applicant

Ms. Rinaudo summarized information regarding the background investigation.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to go into executive session to review confidential behavioral health records exempt from public inspection pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2). The motion passed unanimously and the committee went into executive session at 9:23 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Szymanski moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to recommend to the Board to find violations of the following:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(c)(i), any oral or written misrepresentation of a fact by an applicant to secure a license
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to recommend to the Board to deny the application pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3275 based on a finding of unprofessional conduct. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Courtney Wood, LMSW-10846

Ms. Rinaudo summarized information obtained as a result of the professional's self-report.

The professional appeared in person and was available for questions.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to open a complaint and recommend to the Board to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional's license shall be suspended for 24 months
- The suspension shall be stayed as long as the professional is compliant with all terms of the consent agreement
- The professional's license shall be placed on probation for 24 months
- The professional shall complete a 3-semester credit hour pre-approved graduate level course in addictions
- The professional shall complete 8-clock hours of pre-approved continuing education in behavioral health ethics
- The professional shall attend 24 MADD meetings
- The professional can request early release after completion of the required education and attendance at 12 MADD meetings

The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 10:20 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:32 a.m.

5. Report from the Chair and items for review, consideration, and possible action

No report

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

No report

B. Discussion regarding application review process requirements
No report.

C. Update regarding Sunset Review audit
No report.

D. Open meeting law training
Tabled

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

None

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

No report.

9. Supervisor exemption requests: review, consideration and action

A. Cynthia Potter (Brian Gill, LCSW)

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

Following review and discussion, Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, deny the request for a supervisor exemption based on the applicant's failure to establish the supervisor's completion of qualifying education, training and experience in substance abuse counseling. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Christine Corral-Parsons (Debra Stibick, psychologist)

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

Following review and discussion, Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, deny the request for a supervisor exemption based on the applicant's failure to establish the supervisor's completion of qualifying education, training and experience in substance abuse counseling. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Alan Kovin (Diane Snachez-Kasicki, LPC)

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

Following review and discussion, Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to accept the supervisor's education and to deny the request for a supervisor exemption based on the applicant's failure to establish the supervisor's completion of qualifying training and experience in substance abuse counseling. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Applications for renewal: review, consideration and action

None

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

None

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

None

13. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action

Appeals

A. Katy Scoblink

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and her supervisor, Tom Litwicki, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Szymanski moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to deny the appeal based on the reasons previously stated. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Pamela White

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to deny the appeal based on a finding that the applicant's transcript does not identify the semester the courses were taken, the syllabi submitted do not show course numbers or the semester the course was taught, and the applicant is deficient 3-semester credit hours of substance abuse specific coursework. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed files from 12:35 p.m. through 2:43 p.m.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 6 applicants as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Joshua Anderson	Stacey Beck	Kevin Christopher
Shellie Ruge	Erin Sullivan	Sarah Talton

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

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 4 applicants based on their failure to meet minimum licensure requirements:

Michael McCoy	Valerie Fink Sierra
Cynthia Potter	Christine Corral-Parsons

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to recommend to the Board to deny Karim Moabi and Danielle Vince based on their failure to establish they meet minimum requirements and to reserve the right to review the background issues if they qualify for licensure in the future. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Future agenda items

None

15. Call for public comment

No one asked to speak in response to the call for public comment.

16. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central, Room 908.

17. Adjournment

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Cynthia Pio-Padilla
Secretary/Treasurer

Date