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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 21, 2011

Members present: Kirk Bowden, Cynthia Pio-Padilla, David Campbell

Member by telephone: John Hogeboom

Staff present: Debra Rinaudo, Deputy Director, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Elma Brambila

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on January 21, 2011, 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 December 17, 2010, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to approve the 10:05 a.m. executive session minutes from the December 17, 2010, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to approve the 10:36 a.m. executive session minutes from the December 17, 2010, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to approve the 11:20 a.m. executive session minutes from the December 17, 2010, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

Dr. Bowden reviewed the process for conducting informal meetings.

A. 2009-0089, Brenda Taylor, LISAC-1503(suspended)

Mr. Hogeboom indicated that he is the Chief Operating Officer of Community Bridges, but he has no information that would prevent him from remaining objective in this matter.

Dr. Bowden and Ms. Pio-Padilla also indicated that they were formerly employed at Phoenix Camelback Hospital, but they have no information that would prevent them from remaining objective in this matter.

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the professional's request for release from the Interim Consent Agreement (ICA).

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to find the following violations:

A.R.S. § 32-3212(12)(f), active habitual intemperance in the use of alcohol

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 licensee's profession

The motion passed unanimously.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to recommend to the Board to offer the professional a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional's license will be placed on probation
- The professional shall attend AA or other support group meetings twice a week with quarterly reports from her sponsor for 24 months
- The professional will submit to random weekly biological fluid testing for 24 months.
- The professional will notify the Board within 10 days of obtaining a behavioral health position.
- After obtaining a behavioral health position, the professional shall only practice in an OBHL licensed facility for 24 months
- Prior to being released from the consent agreement, the professional must submit a report by a pre-approved addictionologist establishing that she can practice safely and competently
- Early release is available after 12 months if the professional is compliant with all consent agreement requirements

B. 2011-0024, Jack Griffith, LSW-10329

Dr. Bowden, indicated that a family member previously worked at the pain clinic identified in this matter, but Dr. Bowden has no information that would prevent him from remaining objective in this matter.

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

The professional did not appear but his attorney, Judith Berman, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to go into executive session to review 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: 10 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 9: 40 a.m.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to offer the professional an Interim Consent Agreement not to practice and, if not signed, to remand the matter to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

A. Consent agreement language

Following review and discussion, members agreed that standard language in future consent agreements will require that clinical supervisions sessions be individual only and that AA attendance be in-person only.

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. Donna Lane (Joseph Scholl, LICSW-MA)

Ms. Pio-Padilla recused herself from all matters involving Ms. Lane.

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

Following review and discussion, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to deny the request for a supervisor exemption for hours to be provided by Joseph Scholl, LICSW-MA, based on a determination that the proposed supervisor lacks appropriate training in substance abuse counseling. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Pio-Padilla was recused from the vote.

10. Applications for reciprocal license: review, consideration and action

None

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

Ms. Pio-Padilla recused herself from all matters involving Ms. Anderson.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Mr. Hogeboom, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Dr. Bowden granting a 60-day extension to Kristy Anderson and inactive status to David Lopez and Debra Pierce. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Pio-Padilla was recused from the vote.

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

None

13. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action

Appeals

Sat Khalsa

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant addressed the committee telephonically.

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

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to approve Laura Smyth 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.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 7 applicants based on their failure to meet minimum licensure requirements:

Raymond Ballesteros	Katherine Nisbet	Ali-Joecy Rodriguez Goyco	Celeste Lippy
Janet Wegenast	Rachel Flann-Willis	Beverly Wohlert	

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 3 applicants as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Sat Khalsa	Liliana Trujillo	Mario Lippy
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The motion passed unanimously.

14. Future agenda items

None

15. Call for public comment

None

16. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central, Room 908.

17. Adjournment

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Kirk Bowden
Secretary/Treasurer

Date