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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 20, 2013

Members present: David Rick Campbell, Cynthia Pio-Padilla
Members by phone: Kirk Bowden
Members absent: Nikole Hintz-Lyon, Gerald Szymanski
Staff present: Debra Rinaudo, Executive Director, Tobi Zavala, Assistant Director, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Elma Brambila, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on June 20, 2013, at 9:08 a.m. with Ms. Pio-Padilla presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Tabled due to lack of quorum.

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. *Daniel Altman, LISAC-0606*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the information regarding the professional.

The professional and his attorney, Rick Pyper, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Mr. Pyper requested additional time to present information. Members denied Mr. Pyper's request for additional time to present.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to open a complaint for further investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Justin Ashbridge, LAC applicant*

Ms. Pio-Padilla disclosed that she works for the same organization as the applicant but not at the same site but she does not know him and there is nothing to prevent her from making an unbiased decision in this matter.

Ms. Rinaudo summarized information regarding the background investigation.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to adopt the findings in the analysis and deny the application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3275(5 and 6). The motion carried with Ms. Pio-Padilla opposed.

C. Jeremy Ernst, LAC applicant

Ms. Rinaudo summarized information regarding the background investigation.

The applicant and his attorney, Faren Akins, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, members agreed that no further action is necessary regarding the background.

D. 2011-0126, Beverly Levesque, LISAC-11399

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

The complainant appeared and addressed the committee.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 10:15 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:26 a.m.

E. 2012-0003, Jesus Mata, LISAC-10010

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

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

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

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(n), failing to comply with, violating or assisting in the violation of any provision of this chapter as it relates to:
 - ARS §32-3251(10), scope of practice for substance abuse counselors
- A.R.S. 32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(p), failing to conform to minimum practice standards as developed by the Board, as it relates to:
 - A.A.C. R4-6-1101, consent to treat
 - A.A.C. R4-6-1102, treatment plan
 - A.A.C. R4-6-1103, client record

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion by members, Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement that stipulates the professional will terminate his practice, will not practice under his license until it expires and that he will not reapply for a license for at least 5 years. 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.

B. Discussion regarding application review process requirements

No report.

C. Member discussion regarding paperless system for meeting materials

No report.

D. Annual election of Chair and Secretary

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to nominate Ms. Pio-Padilla to serve as Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to nominate Mr. Campbell to serve as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Department of Health Services request for confidential complaint records
Tabled

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

No report.

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

None

9. Supervisor exemption requests: review, consideration and action

None

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

A. Ann Satori, Inactive extension request

Tabled

13. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action

Appeals

A. Alanya Smith

Members received information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to accept SS630 and to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Nancy Bailey

Members received 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. Campbell, to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Carolina Taylor

Members received information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed files from 11:36 p.m. through 1:25 p.m.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to recommend to the Board license Zach Duran, Lawrence Siple and Frederick Westby as Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to recommend to the Board license Bethany Bond as a Licensed Substance Abuse Technician upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to approve Regan Smith, Sheila Dill and Katheryn Fredman as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to recommend to the Board to approve William Baird and Katherine Nisbet as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to recommend to the Board to deny Michael Burnett and Christina Griffin based on their failure to meet minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to recommend to the Board to deny Darrin Belford based on his failure to establish that he meets minimum licensure requirements and to reserve the right to review the background issues if he qualifies 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 July 18, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central, Room 908.

17. Adjournment

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

David Rick Campbell
Secretary/Treasurer

Date