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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, October 18, 2012

Members present: Kirk Bowden (in at 9:35 a.m.), Gerald Szymanski, Nikole Hintz-Lyon, David Rick Campbell

Staff present: Patricia Reynolds, Deputy Director, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Michelle Clinkenbeard, Board Investigator, Elma Brambila, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on October 18, 2012, at 9:06 a.m. with Mr. Szymanski presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the general meeting minutes from the September 20, 2012, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Szymanski abstained from the vote.

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the 9:10 a.m. executive session minutes from the September 20, 2012, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Szymanski abstained from the vote.

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the 10:50 a.m. executive session minutes from the September 20, 2012, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Szymanski abstained from 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. *2012-0032, Janet Carpentier, LISAC-10475 (suspended)*

Ms. Reynolds summarized information regarding the background investigation.

The professional's attorney, Larry Cohen, addressed the committee telephonically.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following further discussion, Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, to recommend to the Board to deny the professional's request for release from the interim consent agreement. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Following further discussion, Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to recommend to the Board to deny the professional's request for release from the interim consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Martin Lara, LASAC-13061*

Ms. Reynolds summarized information regarding the investigation.

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

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

*C. Esther Williamson, LMSW applicant*

Ms. Reynolds summarized the results of the background investigation.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following discussion by members, Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to open a complaint and 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 discussion by members, Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(c)(i), any oral or written misrepresentation of a fact by an applicant to attempt to secure the issuance of a license. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Szymanski moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- After passing the exam and upon issuance, the applicant's license will be placed on probation for 24 months
- The professional shall receive individual clinical supervision focusing on substance abuse triggers, cravings and relapse prevention, in- person one hour for every 40 hours worked
- Clinical supervisor will be a LISAC pre-approved by the committee chair and will submit quarterly reports
- Early release is available after 12 months upon recommendation of the clinical supervisor

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

*D. Alexandra Yassi, LAMFT applicant*

Ms. Reynolds summarized the results of the background investigation.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following discussion by members, Ms. Hintz-Hintz moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to open a complaint and 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. Szymanski moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement with the following stipulations:

- After passing the exam and upon issuance, the applicant's license will be placed on probation for 24 months
- The professional shall receive individual clinical supervision focusing on substance abuse triggers, cravings and relapse prevention, in-person one hour for every 40 hours worked
- Clinical supervisor will be a LISAC pre-approved by the committee chair and will submit quarterly reports
- The professional shall complete monthly MADD for 24 months
- Early release is available after 12 months upon recommendation of the clinical supervisor and completion of at least 12 MADD meetings

The motion carried unanimously.

*The committee took a break at 10:43 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:55 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. Training regarding dismissal of complaints pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1)*

Ms. Clinkenbeard provided information regarding the policy adopted by the Board regarding areas where the credentialing committees can dismiss complaints pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1).

*D. Discussion regarding medical practitioners for consent agreements*

Tabled

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

No report.

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

No report.

**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**

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Dr. Bowden, granting inactive status to Charles Carr. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None

**13. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action**

Appeals

*A. Veronica Jeffus*

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.

*B. Danielle Vince*

Mr. Szymanski disclosed that he co-authored an article with the TA from one of the applicant's courses but there is nothing in that relationship to prevent him from making an unbiased decision in this matter.

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. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

*C. Pamela White*

Tabled

*D. Donald Paterson*

Mr. Szymanski recused himself from all matters involving the applicant.

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. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to accept COPS221, COPS207, COPS240 and COPS206 as counseling related coursework and to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

*E. Patricia Ryder*

Members reviewed information.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

*The committee reviewed files from 11:46 a.m. through 1:04 p.m.*

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to recommend to the Board to license Esther Williamson as a Licensed Master Social Worker upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam, receipt of the required license issuance fee and the Board's acceptance of the recommended consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to recommend to the Board to license Alexandra Yassi as a Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam, receipt of the required license issuance fee and the Board's acceptance of the recommended consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to recommend to the Board to license Thomas Blake as a Licensed Substance Abuse Technician upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Szymanski, to recommend to the Board to approve Veronica Jeffus as a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to recommend to the Board to deny Kathleen Prichard-Hickerson based on her failure to meet minimum licensure requirements. 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 November 15, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central, Room 908.

**17. Adjournment**

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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Cynthia Pio-Padilla  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date