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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, April 13, 2012

Members Present: Doug Mitchell, Stephen Lankton, Vicki Dawson, Kathryn Sinnott, Gary Robbins

Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Executive Director, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Mary Wilson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on April 13, 2012, at 9:09 a.m. with Mr. Mitchell presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to approve the general meeting minutes from the March 9, 2012, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Sinnott and Mr. Robbins 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. Chad Metz, LMSW applicant

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the background investigation.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to open a complaint and find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(b), use of fraud or deceit in connection with rendering services or establishing qualifications pursuant to this chapter. The motion carried with Mr. Mitchell opposed.

Following further discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, 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 failed with Ms. Dawson and Ms. Sinnott opposed.

Following further discussion, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to recommend to the Board to license the applicant pursuant to a consent agreement that stipulates a decree of censure and, if not signed, to deny the application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct. The motion carried with Ms. Dawson opposed.

B. 2011-0020 and 2010-0132, Tara Nolan, LCSW-10372

Ms. Rinaudo summarized information regarding the status of the investigation and the applicant's refusal to provide therapy records.

The complainants were properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional's attorney, Jonathan Collins, appeared and addressed the committee. He indicated that his client is willing to submit the requested records.

The committee accepted Mr. Collins representation that the records will be provided in a timely manner.

The committee took a break at 10:40 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:53 a.m.

C. Gary Strauss, LCSW-3663

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

The professional appeared telephonically.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to open a complaint for further investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

D. 2011-0011, Terri Lynn Vasquez, LCSW-110131 and LISAC-10749

Ms. Dawson recused herself from all matters involving Ms. Vasquez.

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the investigation.

The complainant appeared telephonically.

The professional's attorney, Stephen McCaffery, appeared telephonically.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to find the complaint is without merit pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1), and to remove it from the professional's complaint history pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(E). 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. Update/report regarding Sunset Review audit

Ms. Rinaudo provided an update regarding the audit.

D. Update regarding the Board's FY13 budget

No report.

E. Independent license applications where the documentation does not meet Board standards or is presented in a way that it is unlikely/impossible for clients to understand

Following discussion, the Committee recommended the following:

- Supervised work experience will not be accepted to qualify an applicant for independent licensure where the forms the supervisee used in his/her practice do not meet the Board's minimum practice standards.
- The Board should pursue the rule changes needed to ensure that information clients are entitled to receive must be presented in a way that is reasonably understandable.

F. Discussion regarding formation of a work group by the professional associations to review issues raised by the Council of Human Service Providers

Ms. Rinaudo provided information regarding the formation of a work group by the state behavioral health professional associations to review concerns raised by the Council of Human Service Providers.

G. *Appointment of member to serve on the Clinical Supervisor Continuing Education Review Subcommittee*
No action.

7. **Board, Committee and Subcommittee reports (discussion and possible action)**

None

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

None

9. **Review, consideration and action of supervision/work experience and/or exemptions**

A. *Connie Forrester (Heath Kilgore, LPC)*

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

Following review and discussion, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to approve the request for a supervisor exemption. The motion passed unanimously.

10. **Applications for reassessment**

None

11. **Review, consideration and action of consent agenda for applications for inactive status and deficiency extension requests**

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. Lankton granting inactive status to Julie Biaggi, Emily Cox, Brenda Pastrana, Alison Rogers and Rosalind Brooks. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **Review, consideration and action regarding exam accommodations, exam extensions and inactive extensions**

None

13. **Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure**

Appeals

Kelly Klugheit

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared telephonically and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that she completed qualifying supervised work experience. The motion passed unanimously.

Alyssa Leonard

Mr. Mitchell 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, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that she completed qualifying supervised work experience. The motion carried with Mr. Robbins opposed.

Mr. Robbins moved to direct staff to provide specific written information to the applicant regarding the application deficiencies. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Ron Paul

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

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared telephonically.

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

Susan Boyles

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal for the reasons stated. The motion passed unanimously.

Robert Moriarty

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal for the reasons previously stated. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee broke to review files at 1:32 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 2:31 p.m.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to approve Chad Metz as a Licensed Master Social Worker upon the Board's acceptance of the signed consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Shelia Greene as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Stephen Sandler as a Reciprocal Licensed Clinical Social Worker upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Renel Johnson as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 4 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee.

Jessica Woodruff Olivia Mora Connie Forrester Ron Paul

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 9 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee:

Susan Grundy Kirsten Rathjen Aaron Nelson
Indira Culmback Sara Paxton Chelsea Gigstad
Amy Gillespie Clyde Winfield, Jr. Everett Neace

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Victoria Kline and Angela Tate as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sinnott moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to deny Shirley Hanson and Ari Blechner based on their 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 Friday, May 11, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Ms. Sinnott moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Steve Lankton, Secretary

Date