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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, August 12, 2011

Members Present: Douglas Mitchell, Stephen Lankton, Cedric Davis, Karla Foltz
Member Absent: Vicki Dawson
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Executive Director, Mary Wilson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on August 12, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. with Mr. Mitchell presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to approve the general meeting minutes from the July 8, 2011, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Foltz 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. 2010-0123, Lacey Cox LCSW-0115

B. 2010-0122, Jill Goldstein, LPC-13386

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professionals were available for questions.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Foltz moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to dismiss both complaints. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2011-0076, Carol Hirschberg-James, LMSW-12238 and LCSW applicant

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

The complainant was available for questions.

The professional and her attorney, John Gordon, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board 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 secure or attempt to secure a license. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to allow the clinical social worker application to close administratively. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional's license shall be placed on probation
- The professional's license shall be suspended for a period of 2 years
- The suspension is stayed pending successful compliance with the consent agreement
- The professional shall complete a pre-approved 3-semester credit hour graduate level course in behavioral health ethics within 24 months
- The professional shall receive weekly clinical supervision addressing ethics, accurate representations and recordkeeping

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Donna Noriega, LCSW-10959

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

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

The committee took a break at 10:42 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:52 a.m.

E. Frederic Cohen, LBSW applicant

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

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to find the following violations:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(v), any sexual conduct between a licensee and a client or former client
- 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)(c)(i), any oral or written misrepresentation of a fact by an applicant to attempt to secure a license
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(b), use of fraud or deceit in establishing qualifications pursuant to this chapter

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to deny the application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct pursuant to ARS 3275(5) and (6). The motion passed unanimously.

F. Sally M Davis, LCSW applicant

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

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to open a complaint and find the violations noted in the investigative report. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to deny the application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct and failure to meet requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Rayne Norton, LMSW applicant and LMSW-11723 revoked

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

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to open a complaint and deny the application based on the violations noted in the investigative report pursuant to 32-3275(6) and (7). The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Discussion regarding customer service survey responses

Members discussed the customer service survey responses. Members were advised that if a respondent requests information or asks a question Board staff do contact them if they have identified themselves.

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

No report.

B. Discussion regarding application review process requirements

No report.

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. Carol Miller (Julia Mark, LCSW-VG)

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

Following review and discussion, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the request for a supervisor exemption for Julia Mark, LCSW-VG. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Shiloh Lundahl (Laurel Tobey, LPC)

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

Following review and discussion, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the request for a supervisor exemption for Laurel Tobey, LPC. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Shiloh Lundahl (Floyd Godfrey, LPC)

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

Following review and discussion, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the request for a supervisor exemption for Floyd Godfrey, LPC. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Applications for renewal: review, consideration and action

None

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

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. Lankton granting a second 60-day extension to Doris Cagle and inactive status to Carolyn Stewart and Crystal Korosec. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Mary Sewell, Exam extension request

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the request for a an exam extension.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the request for an exam extension. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Celeste Chervenka, Exam extension request

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the request for an exam extension.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to approve the request for an exam extension. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Daphna Gold, Inactive extension request

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the request for an extension of inactive status.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the request for an extension to inactive status. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

Independent Contractor

Shiloh Lundahl (Family Strategies)

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the work experience acquired as an independent contractor.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to find that the work experience acquired as an independent contractor at Family Strategies qualifies as supervised work experience pursuant to A.A.C. R4-6-210(3). The motion passed unanimously.

Appeals

Sophia Crowe

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and her supervisor, Jill Fabian, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

Rena Sabey

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish supervised work experience that meets minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break to review files at 12:22 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to approve Susan Boyles as a Licensed Master Social Worker upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Foltz moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Lisa Jones and Natalie Lucchesi as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Sofia Crowe, Shiloh Lundahl and Susan Favaro as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker upon receipt the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 5 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee.

Dvaora Entin
Jenny Whetten

Lynn Lepore
Shannon Martin

Christiana Moore

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 23 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee:

Ashlyn Crawford
Elizabeth Haugen
Patricia Ferry
Christopher Guerrero
Dale King
Valerie Soza

Becky Blair
John Lynch
Christopher James
Erica Galletta
Kirsten Windolf-Morales
Wendy Walker-Bowers

Jennifer Hopek
Emily Owen Jones
Audrey Hilmoe
Jan Sundquist
Stephanie Lewis-Smale
Danielle Page

Wendy Richard
Ami Moffitt
Amanda Kraker
Michael Greenwell
Kara Thieleman

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 5 applicants based on their failure to meet minimum licensure requirements:

Kirsten Lavin
Luke Johnson

Catherine Danilo
Valerie Ramirez

Trisha Foster

The motion passed unanimously.

14. Future agenda items

Reassign member to attend ASWB Annual Conference

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, September 9, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Steve Lankton, Secretary

Date