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

Members Present: Doug Mitchell, Stephen Lankton, Kathryn Sinnott
Members absent: Cedric Davis, 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 July 13, 2012, at 9:04 a.m. with Mr. Mitchell presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to approve the general meeting minutes from the June 8, 2012, 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. Except as provided by A.R.S. §§32-3281(D)(1) and 32-3281(E), action by the committee on all disciplinary matters is a recommendation only. All final decisions are made by the Board.

A. 2011-0014, Lyn Christophersen, LISAC-0751

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the investigation.

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to find the following violations:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(k), any conduct or practice that constitutes a danger to the health, welfare or safety of a client
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(t), disclosing a professional confidence or privileged communication except as otherwise permitted by law or valid written release
- 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 a licensee to secure or attempt to secure the issuance or renewal of a license
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(n), failing to comply with or violating any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter, as it relates to A.A.C. R4-6-205, change of address

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement for the voluntary surrender of the professional's license and, if not signed, to remand the matter to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2011-0051, Shannon Gamache, LMSW-12836

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the investigation.

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional appeared in person and was available for questions.

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

C. 2012-0138, Darren Miller, LMSW-12959

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the investigation.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to find the following violations:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(k), any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics in the behavioral health profession, as it relates to:
 - The NASW Code of Ethics, 4.04 Dishonest, Fraud and Deception
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(b), use of fraud or deceit in connection with rendering services as a licensee
- 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 the issuance or renewal of a license

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement with an order of censure and, if not signed, to invite the professional to participate in a formal interview and, if not accepted, to remand the matter to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Kimberly Sayles, LMSW-13071

The matter was disposed of at the Board meeting on July 12, 2012.

E. 2011-0012, Lee Zohaunnie-Russell, LASAC-13135

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

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

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

The committee took a break at 9:51 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:02 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. Update/report regarding Sunset Review audit

Ms. Rinaudo provided an update regarding the performance audit.

D. Update regarding Board development and distribution of an informational letter regarding the Board's standards for clinical supervision documentation

Members reviewed an informational letter Board staff prepared addressing Board standards for clinical supervision documentation. The letter was sent to the RBHAs and the Council of Human Service Providers for distribution to its member agencies.

E. Review, consideration and action regarding revised process for limiting complaint presentations by the complainant and the licensee

Ms. Rinaudo reported regarding a request received during the ongoing stakeholder discussions that the Board allow the complainant and the licensee to have the same amount of time to address a committee as that used by Board staff to present a case. Staff agreed to try this process for a limited time period to assess whether it has a significant impact on the committees' ability to process complaints.

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

None

10. Applications for reassessment

None

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

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. Lankton granting 60-day extensions to Lori Wilson and Pamela Duarte. 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

G. Buffy Slaff

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

Charles Coleman

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and was available for questions.

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

Erin Wilkinson

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. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish she completed qualifying supervised work experience. The motion passed unanimously.

Troy Loosle

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and his supervisor, Margaret J. Fugate, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

Amy Finn

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared addressed the committee telephonically.

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

Darren Powell

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

The committee broke to review files at 11:32 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:23 p.m.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 4 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report and the required license issuance fee:

Alyssa Ross Kristen Maldonado Marianne Curtis Teresa Hawkinson

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to approve Stephanie Despina-Daly as a Reciprocal Licensed Clinical Social Worker upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, 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.

Valerie Piacitelli Allison Walsh Charles Coleman Katherine Hammans

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Cassandra Rondel-Ascencio as a Licensed Master 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 the following 26 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Katherine Perkins	Jennifer Jackson-Brown	Jessica Hinton	Melinda Grigg
Durianna Keyonnie	Abbicumbie Barnard	Zenette Ikner	Megan Young
Mary Ellen Hays	Carlee Kipley	Necole Bell Harper	An Lee
Rebecca Gabriel	Laura Liette	Scott Kohner	Sean Herziger
Michaela Hickman	Amy Burnside	Jessica Plummer	Sarah Swonder
Kimberly Murphy	Katherine Zepeda	Jennifer Flack	Emilie Schubert
Stephanie Erickson	Patricia Hoops		

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to deny Amy Peca 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 Friday, August 10, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

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

Steve Lankton, Secretary

Date