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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, July 12, 2013

Members Present: Doug Mitchell, Stephen Lankton (out at noon), Cedric Davis, Kathryn Sinnott
Members Absent: Gary Robbins
Staff Present: Michelle Clinkenbeard, Deputy Director, Marc Harris, A.A.G.; Lyanne Chapman,
Board Investigator, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on July 12, 2013, at 9:10 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 14, 2013, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to approve the general meeting minutes from the June 21, 2013, teleconference as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to approve the general meeting minutes from the February 8, 2013, meeting as amended. 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. 2011-0142, Suzanne Schunk, LCSW-10194

B. 2011-0143, Alyssa Fagen-Clark, LMSW-12382

C. 2011-0144, Kelly Brutsch, LAC-13551 suspended

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to go into executive session to review confidential behavioral health records exempt from public inspection pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2). The motion passed unanimously and the committee went into executive session at 9:30 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:44 a.m.

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

The complainant and his attorney, Jennifer Kupiszewski, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The professionals' attorney, Larry Cohen, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The committee took a break at 10:15 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Ms. Brutsch addressed the committee. Ms. Fagan-Clark was available for questions.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to go into executive session to receive legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3). The motion passed unanimously and the committee went into executive session at 11:44 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to go into executive session to review confidential behavioral health records exempt from public inspection pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2). The motion passed unanimously and the committee went into executive session at 11:52 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:05 p.m.

2011-0142 Schunk

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to find the following violations based on the reasons identified in executive session:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(k), any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics as it relates to the NASW Code of Ethics
 - Section 1.06(d), clarity in conflicting roles

The motion passed unanimously.

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

- The professional's license shall be placed on probation for 6 months
- The professional shall complete 6-clock hours of pre-approved continuing education in the NASW Staying Out of Trouble or its equivalent
- The professional can request early release when the course is completed

The motion passed unanimously.

2011-0143 Fagan-Clark

Following review, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to dismiss complaint number 2011-0143. The motion carried with Ms. Sinnott opposed.

2011-0144 Brutsch

Following review, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to dismiss complaint number 2011-0144. The motion carried with Ms. Sinnott opposed.

D. 2012-0059, Robin Byrne, LCSW-11820

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional and her attorney, Faren Akins, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Sinnott moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of concern that identifies the continuing education that the professional completed on her own. The motion passed unanimously.

E. 2011-0116, Howard Rockett, LCSW-11050

Ms. Clinkenbeard summarized the results of the investigation.

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to find the violations in the investigative report. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- The professional's license shall be placed on probation for 24 months
- The professional shall complete 6-clock hours of pre-approved continuing education such as Staying Out of Trouble or its equivalent
- Practice restriction to supervised practice setting approved by the committee chair
- The professional shall complete a 3-semester credit hour graduate level course in ethics

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement for the voluntary surrender of the professional's license. The motion passed unanimously.

F. 2013-0075, Deborah Schuler, LCSW-10288

Ms. Clinkenbeard summarized the results of the investigation.

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The co-complainant addressed the committee telephonically.

The professional 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 find the following violations:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(k), any conduct, practice or condition that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics as it relates to:
 - NASW Code of Ethics 1.06(c), dual or multiple relationships
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(d), any false, fraudulent or deceptive statement connected with the practice of behavioral health as it relates to CRN
- 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. R4-6-1102, treatment plan
 - A.A.C. R4-6-1103, client record

The motion passed unanimously.

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

- The professional's license shall be placed on probation for 24 months
- Practice restriction to supervised practice setting approved by the committee chair
- The professional shall complete 6-clock hours of pre-approved continuing education such as Staying Out of Trouble or its equivalent within 12 months
- The professional shall complete a 3-semester credit hour graduate level course in ethics within 12 months
- The professional can request early release after the education is has been completed

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. Discussion regarding paperless system for meeting materials

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. Janet Brito (Joseph Giannasio, MD-HI)

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

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

B. Melanie Taussig (Amy Wasserbauer, PhD)

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

Following review and discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, 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

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the consent agenda as submitted granting inactive status to Mary Savage and Rebecca Crow and a 60-day extension to Stephanie Wolf. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Yanick Carpenter, Exam accommodation request

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

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the request for an exam accommodation. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Carla Flood, Exam accommodation request

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

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the request for an exam accommodation. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Betty Thornton Rounds, Exam accommodation request

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

Ms. Sinnott moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the request for an exam accommodation. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

The committee reviewed files from 1:57 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to approve Laurie Maringer as a Reciprocal Licensed Clinical Social Worker upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to approve Linda Silva as a Reciprocal Licensed Clinical Social Worker upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to approve Janet Brito as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to approve Cheryl Stevens Morning as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 4 applicants as Licensed Bachelor Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee.

Brenda Reyes	Jurixie Lopez-Elizalde
Katherine Harrison	Brittney Smith

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 35 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:

Carrie Kray	Ashleigh Henneberger	Debra Hobaica	Robin Strauss
Julia Pulick	Andrea McClimon	Stephanie Ashland	Angela Interrante
Terry Mellott	Kathryn Gleason	Nicole Mielke	Julie Leonard
Mia Eriksson	Mallory Sapiano	Christie Kramer	Danielle Delgado
Laura Senften	Ashley Carroll	William Golding	Dorothy Stoops
Evony Maldonado	Desiree Matlock	Annie Franzmeier	Anne Cook
Bernardo Peralta	Bethany Riley	Monica Torres	Jessica Monroe
Brenda Neeley	Emily Furrier	Julie Yeoman	Jenelle Staub
Cheryl Armstrong	Thomas Puckett	Jennifer Franco-Rodriguez	

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Shaleena Carlisle and Deborah Webster as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to deny Cara Barton based on failure to meet minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Future agenda items

None

15. Call for public comment

No one was present to respond to the call for public comment.

16. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 9, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Steve Lankton, Secretary

Date