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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, May 11, 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 May 11, 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 Mr. Robbins, to approve the general meeting minutes from the April 13, 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. Action by the committee on all disciplinary matters is a recommendation only. All final decisions are made by the Board.*

*A. 2011-0023, Matthew Boetcher, LCSW-3456*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the investigation.

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

Following further discussion, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

*B. Ann Claw, LPC-10014*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the information received indicting the professional may have engaged in unprofessional conduct.

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

The matter was tabled until the professional can resubmit records to the Board that she previously mailed to an incorrect address.

*C. Jean Collins-Stuckert, LISAC-10022*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized information indicating the professional may be practicing outside her scope of practice as a LISAC.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing medical 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 10:52 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to open a complaint for further investigation. The motion carried with Mr. Robbins opposed.

*D. 2011-0033, Amy Duemler, LMSW-10596*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the investigation.

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

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(I), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice, as it relates to the professional's failure to review a client's physical chart. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Ms. Dawson 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 18 months
- The professional shall complete a pre-approved 3-semester credit hour graduate level course in behavioral health ethics
- The professional shall complete 6 clock hours of the NASW Staying Out of Trouble course or an equivalent course
- The professional can request early release when the required education is complete

The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee took a break at 10:10 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:22 a.m.*

*E. 2011-0029, Damian Kirwan, LCSW-3839*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the investigation.

The complainant addressed the committee telephonically.

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

Following further discussion, Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

*F. Courtney Landsdowne, LMSW applicant*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the background investigation.

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

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing medical 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 10:23 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Following review and discussion, members agreed that no further action is necessary regarding the background investigation.

*G. 2011-0026, T. Dianne Macpherson, LCSW-4104*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the investigation.

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell 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.

*H. Darren Miller, LMSW-12959*

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

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

*I. 2010-0018, Mary Ann Turner, LCSW-10951*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized information regarding the professional's failure to pass the clinical examination as ordered in her pending consent agreement.

The professional appeared and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to accept an amended consent agreement stipulating that the professional shall pass the ASWB clinical exam within 12 months or two attempts and, if the exam is not passed as stipulated, the license will be immediately revoked and, if the consent agreement is not accepted, to remand the matter to formal hearing for revocation of the license.

**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*

No report.

*D. Recognition of former committee members*

Mr. Mitchell presented Ms. Foltz with a certificate of appreciation for her service as a public member on the committee.

**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. Lynne MacNeil (Lauren Levy, LPC)*

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

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

*B. Melvin Taylor (David Larimer, LPC)*

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

Following review and discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, 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 Karen Briley-Balkan and Rebecca Mullen and a 60-day extension to Beth Pries. 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**

Independent Contractor

*Lynne MacNeil*

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

Following review and discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to find that the work experience acquired as an independent contractor at the Tucson Center for Counseling and Psychotherapy meets supervised work experience requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Outside Clinical Supervisor

*Melvin Taylor (Ralph Martinez, LCSW)*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the outside clinical supervisor.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to deny the clinical supervision hours provided by an outside clinical supervisor based on the applicant's failure to establish:

- Compliance with A.A.C. R4-6-212(F)(3)
- He obtained written authorization to disclose confidential client information to his outside clinical supervisor
- Compliance with A.A.C. R4-6-212(F)(4)

The motion passed unanimously.

Appeals

*Catherine Danilo*

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. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish supervised work experience that meets minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

*Victoria Cannon*

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. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish supervised work experience that meets minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee broke to review files at 12:10 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:46 p.m.*

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to recommend to the Board to approve Steve Vorseth 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. Dawson, to recommend to the Board to approve Adam Menchaca as a Licensed Bachelor 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 the following 3 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee.

Lisa Hamilton-Clark      Rhonda Talaswaima      Lynne MacNeil

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 8 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:

Michael Orr                      Rajani Rastogi                      Michael Cotton  
Erin Zius                              Barbara Curry                      Courtney Lansdowne  
Laura Gomez-Ferreira      Brianne Provost

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 3 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of the required license issuance fee.

Ami Tnakuwala                      Gregory Lyle                      Kelly Johnson

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to deny Caroline Vidal and Melvin Taylor 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, June 8, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.

**17. Adjournment**

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

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Steve Lankton, Secretary

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Date