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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, December 14, 2012

Members Present: Doug Mitchell, Stephen Lankton, Cedric Davis, Gary Robbins, Kathryn Sinnott

Staff Present: Patricia Reynolds, Enforcement Manager, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Mary Wilson

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on December 14, 2012, at 9:02 a.m. with Mr. Mitchell presiding.

**2. Roll Call**

See above.

**3. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the general meeting minutes from the November 9, 2012, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to approve the general meeting minutes from the October 12, 2012, meeting as amended. 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. 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. 2011-0102, Mary Hennessey-Peirce, LCSW-10373 and LISAC-0579

Ms. Reynolds summarized the results of the investigation.

Board staff could not contact the complainant at the telephone number provided.

The applicant and her attorney, Faren Akins, 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)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the behavioral health professional to safely and competently practice
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(ii), violating any federal or state law or rule applicable to the practice of behavioral health as it relates to
  - A.R.S. §13-3620, mandatory reporting
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(p), failing to conform to minimum practice standards as developed by the Board, as it relates to the following
  - A.A.C. R4-6-1101, consent for treatment
  - A.A.C. R4-6-1102, treatment plan

The motion carried with Mr. Robbins opposed.

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 licenses will be placed on probation for a period of 12 months
- The professional shall receive clinical supervision in person bi-weekly focusing on recordkeeping relating to consents to treat and treatment plans, scope of practice and professional language regarding clients in written information, and mandatory reporting requirements
- The professional shall complete 6-clock hours of continuing education, pre-approved by the committee chair, such as NASW Staying Out of Trouble or its equivalent
- The professional can submit continuing education completed after the date of the complaint
- Early release is available after 6 months if all other stipulations are completed and upon recommendation of the clinical supervisor

The motion passed unanimously.

*B. 2011-0078, Marla Riney, LMSW-12786*

Ms. Reynolds summarized the results of the investigation.

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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)(ii), violating any federal or state law or rule applicable to the practice of behavioral health as it relates to
  - A.R.S. §13-3620, mandatory reporting
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(k), any conduct, practice or condition that constitutes a danger to the health, welfare or safety of a client

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement for a decree of censure. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to recommend to the Board to forward the consent agreement to the agency with a cover letter informing them that the professional was disciplined due to the lack of supervision she received during an internship at the agency. 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. Training regarding consent agreement development and making motions in disciplinary matters*

Members received training regarding making motions to develop consent agreements and in disciplinary matters.

*D. Presentation by the Blake Foundation regarding psychotherapy with very young children*

Laura Waterman and Sheila May presented information regarding psychotherapy with small children that is provided at the Blake Foundation.

After a brief discussion, committee members thanked Dr. Waterman and Ms. May for their presentation.

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

None

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

None

*The committee took a break at 10:50 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:07 a.m.*

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

A. *Janice Friedman (King Randell, 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 supervisor exemption for hours acquired from King Randell, LPC. 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**

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. Lankton granting inactive status to Dianna Suslo. 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

A. *Jeannine Stotts*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

B. *Norma Williams-McCarty*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Ms. Sinnott moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to approve the request for a supervisor exemption for Pamela Kinder, LPC. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to approve the request for a supervisor exemption for Celeste Spane, LPC. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to deny the appeal based on failure to establish at least 50 hours of individual clinical supervision, at least 10 hours of clinical supervision by direct observation and not to accept the work from Jewish and Family Services until an investigation into the supervisor's below average and poor evaluations of the professional's skills is completed. The motion carried with Mr. Robbins opposed.

C. *Amy Finn*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to grant an extension. The motion passed unanimously.

The SWCC initially recommended the denial of the application in March 2012. The applicant has requested and been granted 2 extensions in the past 9 months. The applicant had been notified that any information for the December meeting should be submitted by November 30, 2012. The Board received a third request for additional time at 3:13 p.m. on December 12, 2012.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to rescind the previous motion. The motion carried with Mr. Robbins opposed.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to deny the appeal based on the reasons previously denied. The motion carried with Mr. Robbins opposed.

*D. Ruth Weintraub*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

*The committee broke to review files at 11:27 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:05 p.m.*

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Tiffany Curiel 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.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Janet Williams, Ruth Claire Weintraub and Jeanine Stotts as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Judy Knobbe as a Reciprocal Licensed Clinical Social Worker upon receipt 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 Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee.

Penita Pratcher	Janice Friedman
Gina Marianetti	Venessa De La Cruz

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 14 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Otoniel Roman	Tikeisha Pendleton	Salina Hancock	Lauren Katz
Lo Sanders	Amber Hoch	Elise Schonberger	Susan Buseck
Molly Meng	David Tafuna	Gina Bowser	Sophiena Stevenson
Bethany Kingston	Roxanna Reid		

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, January 11, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.

**17. Adjournment**

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

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Steve Lankton, Secretary

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Date