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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 11, 2013

Members Present: Doug Mitchell, Stephen Lankton, Cedric Davis, Gary Robbins (in at 9:12)
Members absent: 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 January 11, 2013, 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 December 14, 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. 2013-0038, Susan Kullman, LCSW-2411

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 Dr. Davis, to find the following violations:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(y), dual relationships
- 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)(k), any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics, as it relates to:
 - The NASW Code of Ethics 3.04 client records
- 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
 - A.A.C. R4-6-1103(B) and (H), client record

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Mr. Lankton 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 suspended for a period of 24 months
- The suspension shall be stayed as long as the professional is compliant with the stipulations of the consent agreement
- The professional's license will be on probation for a period of 24 months
- The professional shall inform the Board within 30 days if she will work at an agency licensed by the Office of Behavioral Health Licensure and submit a practice termination plan OR if she will hire a practice monitor and continue her private practice
- The professional shall receive clinical supervision in person weekly from a pre-approved clinical supervisor focusing on boundary issues and related aspects of countertransference and clinical recordkeeping and standards of practice
- The professional shall complete a pre-approved in-person 3-credit hour graduate level course in behavioral health ethics within 12 months
- The professional shall complete 6-clock hours of continuing education, pre-approved by the committee chair, in NASW Staying Out of Trouble or its equivalent within 12 months

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Marci Kyle, LMSW applicant

Ms. Reynolds summarized the results of the investigation.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to open a complaint and recommend to the Board to find violations of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(c)(i), any oral or written misrepresentation of a fact and A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), impairment. The motion carried with Mr. Robbins opposed.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement for an order of censure and issue the professional's license. The motion carried with Mr. Robbins opposed.

C. 2012-0130, Michael Rubel, LISAC-10320 (suspended)

Ms. Reynolds summarized the results of the investigation.

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint without prejudice. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 10:38 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:50 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. ASWB 2013 meeting schedule and appointment of member to attend training

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to send Ms. Sinnott to ASWB Board member training and, if she cannot attend, to send Mr. Robbins. The motion passed unanimously.

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. *Monica Kesler (Edward Lovejoy, PhD)*

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

Following review and discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the request for supervisor exemption for hours acquired from Edward Lovejoy, PhD. 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. Robbins, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. Lankton granting 60-day extensions to Patricia DeMeroto and Teresa Hawkinson. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. *Blanche Russell, exam extension request*

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

Following review and discussion, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to approve the request for an exam extension based on the applicant's establishment of good cause. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure**

Appeals

A. *Christian Sanders*

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.

The committee broke to review files at 11:00 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve Marci Kyle as a Licensed Master Social Worker upon the Board's acceptance of the consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Jessica Avalos and Andree Sidwell as Licensed Bachelor Social Workers upon receipt a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins, 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:

Tejal Toprani	Christina LeMarque-Denison
Monica Kesler	Melissa Starkel

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 9 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:

Danielle Yalden	David Hunts	Michael Kaufman
Melissa Huber	Courtnee Leyba	Camila Bhagwan
Gelyce Connelly	Desiree Firle	Christopher Brinkerhoff

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to recommend to the Board to approve Gail Edgerton and Anna Duffey as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt the required license issuance fee. 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, February 8, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Steve Lankton, Secretary

Date