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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, March 11, 2011

Members Present: Douglas Mitchell, Stephen Lankton, Cedric Davis (in at 9:07), Vicki Dawson, Karla Foltz

Staff Present: Patricia Reynolds, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Mary Wilson, Elma Brambila

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on March 11, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. with Mr. Mitchell presiding.

**2. Roll Call**

See above.

**3. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to approve the general meeting minutes from the February 11, 2011, 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.*

Mr. Mitchell reviewed the procedure for conducting informal meetings.

*A. Marisa Spletter, LMSW applicant*

Ms. Reynolds summarized the results of the Board's background investigation.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to go into executive session to review 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 9:09 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, 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 9:21 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Following further discussion, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to open a complaint, direct the applicant to have a substance abuse evaluation by an addictionologist within 60 days and remand the matter to the Substance Abuse Credentialing Committee for further action. The motion passed unanimously.

*B. 2011-0042, Danielle Tassielli, LMSW applicant*

Ms. Reynolds summarized the investigation results.

The professional and her attorney, Craig Logsdon, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

- 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)(n), failing to comply with or violating any provision of this chapter, as it relates to A.R.S. §32-3286(B), a person not licensed pursuant to this chapter shall not use any designation that indicates licensure status

The motion carried with Ms. Foltz opposed.

Following further discussion, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement with an order of censure and completion of 6 continuing education hours of the NASW Staying Out of Trouble course or an equivalent course within 6 months of licensure. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to refer information obtained during the investigation to the Office of Behavioral Health Licensure. The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee took a break at 10:15a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:25 a.m.*

**5. Report from the Chair and items for review, consideration, and possible action**

*A. Report from ASWB Delegate meeting*

Dr. Davis reported regarding the new company that ASWB has contracted with to administer the exam. The company uses retina identification of potential test takers.

*C. Annual Election of Officers*

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to nominate Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Lankton to continue to serve as Chair and Secretary of the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff**

*A. General Agency Operations*

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. Garron Griffiths (Floyd Godfrey, LPC)*

Tabled

*B. Carrie Burns (Kimberly Egan, LPC)*

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

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to approve Kimberly Egan, LPC, as a qualified supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

*C. Carrie Burns (Kellie Allison, LPC)*

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

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to approve Kellie Allison, LPC, as a qualified supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

*D. Carrie Burns (Elizabeth Clipper, LCSW-MN)*

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

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to approve Elizabeth Clipper, LCSW-MN, as a qualified supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

*E. Jessica Elder (Virginia Walther, LCSW-NY)*

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

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to deny the request for clinical supervision hours provided by Virginia Walther, LCSW-NY, based on the applicant's failure to establish that the supervisor meets requirements under A.A.C. R4-6-212(J). The motion passed unanimously.

*F. Delia Donaldson (Kathleen O'Shea, LCSW-CO)*

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

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to deny the request for clinical supervision hours provided by Kathleen O'Shea, LCSW-CO, based on the applicant's failure to establish that the supervisor meets requirements under A.A.C. R4-6-212(J). The motion passed unanimously.

**10. Applications for renewal: review, consideration and action**

None

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

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. Lankton granting a 60-day extension to Lynda Bigelow and a 2<sup>nd</sup> 60 day extension to Susan Silversmith. 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

*Kelly Kelley*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person addressed the committee.

Ms. Foltz moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that she completed qualifying clinical supervision hours. The motion passed unanimously.

The applicant submitted a written request to change the level of her application to Licensed Master Social Worker.

Ms. Foltz moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to rescind the previous motion based on the applicant's request to change the level of her application. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Foltz moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to license Kelly Kelley as a Licensed Master Social Worker upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

*Carrie Burns*

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. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that she completed required clinical supervision hours. The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee took a break to review files at 11:25p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:25 p.m.*

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Serena Lavor as a Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Nancy Sanchez as a Licensed Master Social Worker upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report, a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell 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:

Bruce Larkin                      Kelly Kelley                      Charles Rimmel

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 18 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and upon receipt of the license issuance fee:

Patricia Thompson	Sofia Philips	Dawn Staples	Lisa Fortino
Katherine Mommaerts	Delitha Livingston	Sara Hanyen	Talia Paz
Talaisha Bracken	Susan Gonzales	Tara Duffy	Marjolein Sieczkowski
Nikia Jenkins	Harry Matthies	Rebecca Moreno	Jamie Nolting
Heather Wall	Michelle Layman		

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Foltz moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 8 applicants based on their failure to meet minimum licensure requirements:

Jessica Elder	Rebecca Lehn	Rena Sabey	Carol Melim
Delia Donaldson	Dawn Massani	Natalie Andersen	John Lardy

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, April 8, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.

**17. Adjournment**

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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Steve Lankton, Secretary

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Date