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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 9, 2012

Members Present: Doug Mitchell, Stephen Lankton, Vicki Dawson

Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Executive Director, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Mary Wilson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on March 9, 2012, 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 January 13, 2012, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to approve the general meeting minutes from the February 10, 2012, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to rescind the motion to approve the general meeting minutes from the January 13, 2012, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to invoke the rule of impossibility to approve the January minutes based on the replacement of members who were present for that meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to approve the general meeting minutes from the January 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. 2010-0019, Andrea Flores, LMSW-12912

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the investigation.

The complainant addressed the committee telephonically.

The professional appeared in person and was available for questions.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Dennily Lerner, LMSW applicant

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the investigation.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

C. 2012-0047, Donna Noriega, LCSW-10959

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the investigation.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(c)(i), any oral or written misrepresentation of a fact by a licensee to secure or attempt to secure the issuance of a license. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- An order of censure
- Completion of 6-clock hours of continuing education in clinical supervision to be completed within one year
- Completion of a minimum of 6-clock hours of NASW Staying Out of Trouble or its equivalent to be completed within one year
- Early release is available upon completion of the required education

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Pamela Sypersma, LMSW applicant

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the investigation.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to open a complaint and 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)(s), terminating behavioral health services to a client without making an appropriate referral for continuation of care
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(c), any oral or written misrepresentation of a fact by an applicant in an attempt to secure a license

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to deny the license based on a finding of unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3275(6). The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 10:50 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:55 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

Ms. Rinaudo provided information regarding current discussions in the community regarding whether the Board's statute should be changed to allow psycho-education and case management hours to be accepted as supervised work experience in the practice of psychotherapy.

B. Discussion regarding application review process requirements

Ms. Rinaudo reminded members that each application must be independently reviewed by two members. Each member is responsible for reviewing all required sections of the application.

C. Update/report regarding Sunset Review audit
Ms. Rinaudo provided an update regarding the audit.

D. Update regarding the Board's FY13 budget
Ms. Rinaudo provided information regarding the Board's budget request.

E. Recommendation regarding allowing increased number of supervisees in group clinical supervision
Ms. Rinaudo informed members that the Board has been asked whether a group clinical supervision session can have 12 supervisees if there are 2 clinical supervisors present. She asked that the committee provide input to the Board regarding this issue.

The consensus of the committee was that it would not be appropriate to allow a clinical supervision session to exceed 6 group members regardless of how many supervisors were present.

F. Open Meeting Law training
Mr. Harris provided training regarding the open meeting law.

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. Zachary Ross (Jon McCaine, PhD)

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.

10. Applications for re-review of A.A.C. R4-6-212(J) and (K)

None

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

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. Lankton granting a 60-day extension to Indra Culmback and inactive status to Elizabeth Bell-Zinn. 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

Cathy Harris (Tucson Center for Advancement)

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

Following review and discussion, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to accept the work experience acquired at Tucson Center for Advancement as meeting supervised work experience requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Janice Zahner (Midwest Center for Personal and Family Growth)

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

Following review and discussion, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to find that the applicant failed to establish that the work experience acquired as an independent contractor meets minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Outside Supervisor

Troy Loosle (Margaret Fugate, LCSW)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding clinical supervision hours provided by a supervisor who was not employed by the same entity as the applicant.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to find that the applicant failed to establish that the clinical supervision hours provided by an outside clinical supervisor meets minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Amy Finn (Sheila Bonnett, LCSW)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding clinical supervision hours provided by a supervisor who was not employed by the same entity as the applicant.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to find that the applicant failed to establish that the clinical supervision hours provided by an outside clinical supervisor meets minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Appeal

Catherine Danilo

Tabled

The committee took a break to review files at 12:10 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Nikole Kelly-Gordon as a Licensed Master Social Worker upon receipt favorable fingerprint report and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Solee Butler as a Licensed Master Social Worker upon receipt the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Jennifer Curiale and Laura cousins as Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 13 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:

Susan Eder	Joanne McDonald	Karissa Kater	Dennily Lerner
Cynthia Latella	Tia Allen	Lauren McCarthy	Chandya Wijeweera
Brianna Henderson	Jessica Lapid	Danelle Wood New	Marshneil Lal-Shane
Brandon Thayn			

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Magdalena Kaspari 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. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 7 applicants based on their failure to establish that they meet minimum licensure requirements:

Troy Loosle	Amy Finn	Janice Zahner	G. Buffy Slaff
Matjorie Cady	Darren Powell	Erin Wilkinson	

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Cathy Harris and Leanette Henagan as Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Future agenda items

Schedule a lunch for replaced members

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 13, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Secretary

Date