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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 8, 2013

Members Present: Doug Mitchell, Stephen Lankton, Cedric Davis, Kathryn Sinnott, Gary Robbins (in at 9:15 a.m.)

Staff Present: Patricia Reynolds, Enforcement Manager, Michelle Clinkenbeard, Deputy Director, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Mary Wilson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on March 8, 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 February 8, 2013, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2013, teleconference 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. 2013-0033, Francis Conrad, LCSW-11315

Ms. Reynolds summarized the results of the investigation.

The complainant addressed the committee telephonically.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(ii), violating any federal or state law, rule or regulation applicable to the practice of behavioral health as it relates to
 - A.R.S. §13-3620, mandatory reporting
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice

The motion carried with Mr. Robbins opposed.

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

- The license will be placed on probation for 12 months
- The licensee shall complete a 3-semester credit hour graduate level course on child sexual abuse preapproved by the committee chair

- The licensee shall complete 6-clock hours of preapproved continuing education such as the NASW Staying Out of Trouble course or its equivalent
- The licensee shall receive clinical supervision from a preapproved independently licensed behavioral health professional
- Clinical supervision will be weekly focusing on developing clarity in the treatment approaches to specific diagnoses and mandatory reporting

The motion carried with Mr. Robbins opposed.

B. 2011-0111, Lisa Davison, LMSW-13002

Ms. Reynolds summarized the results of the investigation.

The complainant addressed the committee telephonically.

The professional and her attorney, Randy Yavitz, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2010-0097, Rosemarie Higgins, LCSW-10497

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. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

D. 2012-0151, Calvin Nez, LISAC-11030

Ms. Reynolds summarized the results of the investigation.

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The complainant's supervisor and the Human Resources Director of the Navajo Nation appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

- A.R.S. §32-3251(c)(i), any written misrepresentation of a fact by an applicant or licensee to secure or attempt to secure the issuance or renewal of a license
- A.R.S. §32-3251(c)(ii), any oral misrepresentation of a fact by a licensee in any statements provided during an investigation by the Board

The motion passed unanimously.

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

- The professional's license shall be revoked
- The revocation shall be stayed as long as the licensee is compliant with the consent agreement terms
- Completion of a preapproved 2-4 semester credit hour undergraduate course in behavioral health ethics within 12 months

- Completion of 6-clock hours of preapproved continuing education such as the NASW Staying Out of Trouble course or its equivalent
- Practice restriction to an agency licensed by the Office of Behavioral that provides him supervision if he changes jobs from his current Tribal employment

The motion carried with Mr. Robbins opposed.

E. 2011-0055, Ariel Schulz, LCSW-2622

Ms. Reynolds summarized the results of the investigation.

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional and her attorney, Charles Hover, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Sinnott moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to accept a non-disciplinary consent agreement for completion of 6-clock hours of continuing education in a pre-approved recordkeeping course such as the NASW Staying Out of Trouble course within 6 months. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 11:00 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:10 a.m.

F. 2011-0141, Amy Spriggs, LMSW-13176

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. Robbins moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. 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. Medical Board investigation

Ms. Clinkenbeard provided information regarding the investigation of the medical board.

D. SB1374

Ms. Clinkenbeard and Mr. Harris provided information regarding SB1374.

E. HB2578

Ms. Clinkenbeard and Mr. Harris provided information regarding HB2578.

F. ASWB exam score process

Members reviewed information submitted by ASWB regarding a new process regarding the distribution of exam scores. Due to concerns regarding security of the scores ASWB will no longer send the score to the professional but will only send it directly to the Board.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to change the policy to only receive exam scores directly from ASWB. 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)

A. Report on ASWB training

Ms. Sinnott provided information regarding the ASWB training she attended.

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

A. Benjamin Woodruff (Marleigh Parker, 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 Marleigh Parker, LPC. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Benjamin Woodruff (Monica McCue, LPC)

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

Following review and discussion, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Sinnott, to approve the request for supervisor exemption for hours acquired from Monica McCue, 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

None

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

A. Lauren McCarthy, Exam extension request

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

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the request for an exam extension. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

The committee broke to review files at 12:55 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve Janice Bauer as a Reciprocal Licensed Clinical Social Worker upon receipt favorable fingerprint report and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve Benjamin Woodruff and Keith Bradshaw 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.

Mr. Robbins moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 11 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:

Karen Basilotta	Colleen DeMeo	Katey Weinzimmer	Elizabeth Cruz-Stoughton
Tanisha Girley	Kaitlin McCaffrey	Krista Bergren	Sharla Personey
Elizabeth Schroeder	Caitlin Yost	Jennifer Haws	

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 6 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Karen Friedman	Natalie Webber	Amy Kisner
Melanie Abney	Laura Cartwright	Lauren Bruner

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to deny Pamela Duarte and Katie Golbeck based on their failure to meet minimum licensure requirements. The motion carried with Mr. Robbins opposed.

14. Future agenda items

None

15. Call for public comment

A student from the audience asked questions regarding agency processes. Board staff met with her after the meeting to answer her questions.

16. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 12, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Robbins, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Steve Lankton, Secretary

Date