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BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS
RULES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 8, 2014

Members Present: Kirk Bowden (absent from meeting 10:15 am - 10:30 am), Yvonne Fortier, Jerri Shields, Laura Masters (in at 9:15 am), Shiloh Lundahl, Nikole Hintz-Lyon

Members by Phone: Patricia Dobratz (left call at 10:00 am), Del Worley (joined call at 9:45 am)

Members Absent: Jessica Thomas

Staff Present: Tobi Zavala, Interim Executive Director, Donna Dalton, Assistant Director, Elizabeth Campbell (in at 9:40 am), Assistant Attorney General

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order on May 8, 2014, at 9:05 am with Dr. Bowden presiding.

2. **Roll call**

See Above.

3. **Review and approval of minutes**

A. Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Shields to approve the general meeting minutes from the April 24, 2014 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Hintz-Lyon abstained from the vote.

4. **Report from the Chair**

Dr. Bowden expressed to the stakeholders that they would be called for their report prior to the subcommittee discussing each discipline under agenda item 6A.

5. **Report from Staff**

None

6. **Discussion and possible action regarding development of proposed rule changes**

A. Members reviewed draft versions of all curriculum and exam rules by discipline.

- From article 4 (social work), members reviewed R4-6-401 and R4-6-402.

Mr. Lundahl moved, seconded by Ms. Masters, to approve the rules as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

- From article 6 (marriage and family therapy), members reviewed draft versions of R4-6-601 and R4-6-602. Ms. Dobratz expressed the Marriage and Family Therapy Credentialing Committee's desire to keep the specificity in the Professional Studies and Research core requirements. The subcommittee recommended that "in marriage and family therapy" be removed from R4-6-601(e). Ms. Dobratz stated she would discuss the recommendation with AZAMFT and the MFTCC.

Ms. Hintz-Lyon moved, seconded by Ms. Masters to approve the proposed rules as presented with modifications requested by members pending feedback from AZAMFT and MFTCC.

The motion passed unanimously.

- From article 5 (counseling), members reviewed draft versions of R4-6-501 and R4-6-502.

Richard Poppy, representing the Therapeutic Practitioner's Alliance, commented on the intent of the 32 quarter hour requirement in the core content areas. Several stakeholders shared that they intended for a four quarter hour class to be equivalent to a three semester credit hour course and recommended the proposed language reflect that.

Mr. Poppy and Sharon Kirpius-Robinson, representing ASU, commented on the remaining coursework outside the core content areas. They recommended adding applied research to D, and not limiting it to a list of specific counseling related subjects, by adding "such as but not limited to" to R4-6-501(C)(1-8).

Ms. Kirpius-Robinson discussed the intent of the academic review committee and the possibility of new national accreditation models. Dr. Bowden recommended agendaizing the subject at a future meeting.

Mr. Poppy expressed concern with specifying a percentage requirement to count embedded coursework. After discussion with the stakeholders, the subcommittee recommended a requirement of accepting a core content subject in not more than two courses when embedded in both. For tracking purposes, the Board may develop a form the applicant would submit to demonstrate the embedded coursework.

The subcommittee took a break at 10:00 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Keith Cross, representing Prescott College, recommended removing the descriptors under each core content area. After much discussion with the stakeholders, the subcommittee felt the descriptors were important to retain, but agreed to accept proposed additions/deletions to the draft language. The subcommittee also agreed each definition should add the language "including but not limited to" or "which may include" before the descriptors. Several stakeholders agreed to submit suggestions.

The subcommittee discussed the counseling credentialing committee's recommendation to tier the NBCC exams approved for LAC/LPC licensure. After stakeholder input, it was tabled until a future meeting. The subcommittee requested that staff do some additional research to bring to the next meeting.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Masters to approve the proposed rules as presented with the modifications recommended by members.

The motion passed unanimously.

- From article 7 (substance abuse), members reviewed rules R4-6-701, R4-6-702, R4-6-703, and R4-6-704.

Lori Howell, representing Mohave Community College, commented on R4-6-702 (E) the extra coursework need not be post graduate. Recommended language was "completing additional coursework at a regionally accredited ...".

The subcommittee recommended the language and form drafted for accepting embedded coursework in the counseling discipline be added to the substance abuse curriculum rules as well.

Ms. Worley stated she would discuss the proposed substance abuse curriculum changes at the upcoming meeting of the southern chapter of AZAADAC.

Members reviewed R4-6-701 and recommending splitting the work experience from the curriculum rule.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Shields, to approve the proposed rules as presented with modifications recommended by members.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Stakeholders' report**

See above.

8. **Future agenda items**

Members requested that the discussion of clinical supervision, curriculum, and exams continue at the next meeting.

9. **Call for public comment**

Rory Hays, representing the Arizona Council of Human Services Providers requested clarification on the next meeting and topics to be discussed.

Richard Poppy, representing Therapeutic Practitioner's Alliance, commented that he appreciated the meeting and felt the subcommittee and stakeholders were making great progress.

10. **Establishment of future meeting date(s)**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 9 a.m., at 3443 N Central Ave, Room 908.

11. **Adjournment**

Ms. Shields moved, seconded by Ms. Hintz-Lyon, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Jessica Thomas
Secretary

Date