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SUBSTANCE ABUSE ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Members present: Cynthia Pio-Padilla, Ray Johnson, Kirk Bowden (in at 9:54)

Staff present: Tobi Zavala, Executive Director; Marc Harris, A.A.G.; Zuri De Lucio, Credentialing Specialist

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on January 27, 2016, at 9:11 a.m. with Ms. Zavala presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Dr. Bowden, to approve the minutes from the November 29, 2015, meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Report from the Chair**

No report.

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

No report.

6. **Assistant Attorney General's Report: Marc Harris, A.A.G.**

A. *Discussion regarding open meeting law*

Mr. Harris provided information regarding Open Meeting Law.

7. **Board, committee and subcommittee reports (discuss and possible action)**

No report.

8. **National and regional trends and news regarding the profession(s)**

None

9. **Supervisor exemption requests: review, consideration and action**

None

10. **Consent agenda: review, consideration and action of requests for inactive and deficiency extensions**

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the consent agenda as presented granting a 60-day extension to Sharon Epley, a 2nd 60-day extension to Selina Perea, an exam extension to Bradley Harris and inactive status to Elizabeth Cruz-Stoughton. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **Applications for inactive and exam extension requests: review, consideration and action**

None

12. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action

Appeals

A. *Mary Dallmann-Schaper*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to accept HS834 Ethics and Cultural Awareness and to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on not meeting requirements in education, work experience, and clinical supervision. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Richard Schaper*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Ms. Pio-Padilla, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on not meeting the educational requirement of a master degree in behavioral health services. The motion passed unanimously.

C. *Christie Blanda*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and her friend, Dick Geusland, addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on not meeting the endorsement requirement of having an equivalent license in another state. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 11:01 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:04 a.m.

D. *James Loftin*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to accept 13 semester credit hours and to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed files from 12:04 p.m. through 2:14 p.m.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board to approve Naomi Esparza and Douglas White as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board to approve Gwendolyn Horton as a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor by endorsement upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board to approve Jennifer Sobel as a Licensed Substance Abuse Technician upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board to approve Jeffrey Schwartz as a Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam, the required license issuance fee, and the Board's disposition of the background investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board to approve Benjamin Bleck-Owens as a Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report, a passing score on the required exam, the required license issuance fee, and the Board's disposition of the background investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 6 applicants as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the license issuance fee:

Holly Betzer	Kathleen Gjevre	Michael Snyder
Robert Lettieri	Mercedes Hernandez	Stephanie Cohen

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 8 applications based on failure to establish they meet minimum licensure requirements:

Octavia Marshall	Angela Goettl	Yolanda Beltran	Nancy Bailey
Tonya Reed	Shawn Breeden	Tahonna Surrell	Tiffany Green

The motion passed unanimously.

The committee requested additional information on the following application:

- Jordan Houtz

13. Applications for educational programs: review, consideration and action

A. *Grand Canyon Masters in Addictions*

Tabled

B. *Grand Canyon Bachelors in Counseling*

Tabled

14. Future agenda items

Meeting schedule

15. Call for public comment

No one responded to the call for public comment.

16. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at 3443 N Central Avenue, Conference Room 1705.

17. Adjournment

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Cynthia Pio-Padilla
Secretary/Treasurer

Date