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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 12, 2010

Members Present: Doug Mitchell, Cedric Davis, Vicki Dawson, Karla Foltz
Member Absent: Stephen Lankton
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 12, 2010, at 9:01 a.m. with Mr. Mitchell presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the general meeting minutes from the January 15, 2010, meeting, as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to approve the general meeting minutes from the February 12, 2010, 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. 2010-0003, Stacy Adler, LCSW-3628

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional and her attorney, Matthew Cates, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

The committee consensus is that this is a case they would have dismissed without merit and removed from the professional's record if legally possible. Mr. Mitchell will explain this case to the Board when the discussion regarding change of legislation to allow additional dismissals without merit is considered.

B. 2008-0021, Robyn Theuer, LCSW-2763 suspended

Dr. Davis recused himself from all matters involving the professional.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, 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 10:15 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Ms. Reynolds summarized the professional's request for release from the interim consent agreement.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to deny the request for release from the interim consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2009-0043, 2009-0121 and 2010-0019, Alfred Dodini, LCSW-11040 and LAMFT-10257

Ms. Reynolds indicated that the Board has returned consideration of this matter to the committee for recommendations regarding stipulations during suspension and probation of the professional's licenses.

The complainant in Complaint No. 2009-0043 appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The professional and his attorney, Stephen Myers, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional's license will be suspended for a period of 24 months under a stayed revocation
- During the period of suspension the professional shall:
 - Complete a 3-semester credit hour in-person graduate level course in ethics
 - Complete 3-clock hours of in-person continuing education addressing clinical practice issues
 - Complete 3-clock hours of in-person continuing education addressing behavioral health recordkeeping requirements, including HIPPA requirements
 - Complete 6-clock hours of in-person continuing education addressing high conflict cases
 - The professional shall submit a treatment summary to date and proposed treatment plan from his current therapist and physician within 30 days for pre-approval
 - The professional shall submit progress reports from his therapist and physician every six months and final summary reports
 - The professional shall submit a request for release from suspension for pre-approval by the Chair or designee
- After suspension, the professional's license shall be placed on probation for a period of 24 months
- During the period of probation the professional shall:
 - For the first 12 months, work in an agency licensed by OBHL with weekly clinical supervision by a pre-approved supervisor
 - For the second 12 months, work in an agency licensed by OBHL with continued weekly supervision or at his private practice with weekly clinical supervision by a pre-approved supervisor and monitoring by a pre-approved practice monitor
 - The professional shall submit a proposed treatment plan from his current therapist and physician within 30 days for pre-approval
 - The professional shall submit progress reports from his therapist and physician every six months and final summary reports

and, if not signed, to remand the matter to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 10:30 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:35 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

No report.

B. Notice to employers of Board letters of concern

Members discussed whether employers should be notified of the issuance of a letter of concern.

Following discussion, members agreed that the information is available on the Board's website for employers to access.

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

None

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

None

10. **Applications for reassessment**

None

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

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. Mitchell granting inactive status to Cheryl Mirto. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Ilane Leff, Exam extension request

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

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to approve the applicant's request for an exam extension. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Michael Joseph, Inactive status extension request

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

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to deny the applicant's request for an extension of inactive status based on the professional's failure to establish good cause. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure**

A. Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapy applicants

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to license Ashley Royal, Amanda Palumbo and Megan Conrad as Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break to review files at 10:55 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve Laura Good as a Licensed Bachelor Social Worker upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Foltz moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 4 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Denise Preuss	Melissa Styles
Billy Kyles	Shannon Martin

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 8 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and upon receipt of the license issuance fee:

Laura Bradbury	Richard Kim	Pamela Wagner	Carmen Heredia
Norma Barkley	Amanda Overson	Erin Aiken	Lore Christnesen

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Foltz moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve Alice Alibrio and Elizabeth Stevens as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Foltz moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve Clare Sommers and Laura Gates as Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Foltz moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to deny Jennifer Brdlik based on the applicant's failure to establish that she meets minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Future agenda items

None

15. Call for public comment

None

16. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 9, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Steve Lankton
Secretary/Treasurer

Date