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COUNSELING CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 26, 2010

Members Present: Laura de Blank, Katherine Kramer, Paula Artac, Yvonne Fortier, Patrick Goodman
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Doreen Romney, Mary Wilson, Elma Brambila
Staff by telephone: Marc Harris, A.A.G.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on March 26, 2010, at 9:03 a.m., with Ms. de Blank presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Kramer, to approve the general meeting minutes from the February 26, 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.

Ms. de Blank reviewed the procedures for conducting an informal meeting.

A. 2010-0005, Rosemarie Ludwig, LPC-0399

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the Board's 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, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to find that the complaint is without merit, to dismiss it pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1), and to remove it from the professional's complaint history pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-3281(E). The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2010-0083, Russell Bentley, LAC-12855

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

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following discussion by members, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Kramer, to recommend to the Board to find the following violations:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(y), engaging in a dual relationship with a client
- 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)(p), failing to conform to minimum practice standards, as developed by the Board, as it relates to:
 - A.A.C. R4-6-1102, treatment plan
 - A.A.C. R4-6-1103, client record

The motion passed unanimously.

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

- The professional's license shall be placed on probation for 24 months
- The professional shall complete a 3-semester credit hour graduate level course in behavioral health ethics within the first 12 months
- The professional shall receive clinical supervision weekly from a pre-approved independently licensed behavioral health professional
- The supervision shall focus on documentation, client records, ethics, boundaries and meeting own needs
- The supervisor shall submit quarterly reports that include specific updates on the professional's progress
- The professional shall receive therapy from a pre-approved therapist a minimum of every two weeks focused on self-care
- A reduction in the frequency of therapy is available after 12 months upon the therapist's recommendation

The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2010-0054, James Gorton, LPC-1295

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

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following discussion by members, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Kramer, to recommend to the Board to find the following violations:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(v), any sexual contact between a licensee and a client or former client
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(y), engaging in a dual relationship with a client
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(p), failing to conform to minimum practice standards, as developed by the Board, as it relates to:
 - A.A.C. R4-6-1101, consent for treatment
 - A.A.C. R4-6-1102, treatment plan
 - A.A.C. R4-6-1103, client record
 - A.A.C. R4-6-1104, financial and billing records

The motion passed unanimously.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Kramer, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement for the voluntary surrender of the professional's license, and, if not signed, to remand the matter to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 10:33 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:40 a.m.

D. 2003-0045 and 2007-0006, Gaye Adams, LPC-10249

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the professional's communications regarding her pending consent agreement.

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

Members reviewed the stipulations of the consent agreement and the process for timely submissions of required information with the professional.

E. 2009-0007, David Olivarez, LISAC-10277

Ms. de Blank summarized information regarding the vagueness of the continuing education stipulation in the professional's consent agreement.

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Kramer moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to recommend to the Board to accept a modification to the consent agreement that requires 6 clock hours of training in domestic violence/family violence to be completed by September 26, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

The professional verbally agreed to the proposed modified consent agreement.

F. 2010-0051, Beverly McDonald, LPC-2506 and LISAC-0925 suspended

Ms. Rinaudo summarized information regarding the professional's request for release from the pending interim consent agreement.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, 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 10:44 a.m., reconvening its public session at 10:50 a.m.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Kramer, to deny the professional's request for release from the interim consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously. The committee advised the professional that it will not consider additional release requests until she has established a minimum period of 1 year of stability.

G. Anne (Carver) Williams, LPC-11752 and LISAC-10391 suspended

Ms. Rinaudo summarized regarding the professional's request for release from the pending interim consent agreement.

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Kramer, to open a complaint and to deny the professional's request for release from the interim consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously. The committee advised the professional that it will not consider additional release requests until she has established a minimum period of 1 year of stability.

The committee took a break for lunch at 11:45 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:35 p.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. Board direction to committees

Ms. Rinaudo reported regarding the Board's direction to committees to clearly specify the justification for including an early release provision in a proposed consent agreement.

7. Board, committees and subcommittee reports

None

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 status and extension requests

Following review, Ms. Kramer moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Ms. Kramer, granting 60-day extensions to Teresa Hoffmeyer, Kimberly Pele and Kelly Ford and inactive status to Stephen Warner and Lauren Bottner. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Inactive status extension requests: review, consideration and action

A. Nancy Koller

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

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Kramer, to grant the professional's request for an extension of inactive status based on establishment of good cause. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Suzanne Hermes

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

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Goodman moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to grant the professional's request for an extension of inactive status based on establishment of good cause. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Applications for renewal: review, consideration and action

None

13. Applications for reassessment: review, consideration and action

A. Anita Marple

Members reviewed the request for reassessment.

Following review and discussion, members agreed the applicant meets minimum requirements.

B. Monica Paganni

Tabled

14. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action

Independent Contractor

A. Karen Merry (North Pointe Counseling Center)

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

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Artac moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to find that the work experience acquired at the North Pointe Counseling Center as an independent contractor meets minimum supervised work experience requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

School Counselor

A. Jeanette Vogan

Ms. Rinaudo reviewed, and members discussed, information submitted in support of the work experience acquired as a school counselor. Members determined that the professional failed to establish that this work experience involved the provision of psychotherapy.

Appeals

A. Sharon Schule

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Kramer moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Alicen Halquist

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and her husband appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Mr. Goodman, to find that the applicant has a degree in counseling and to deny the appeal based on the continued curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee went off record to review files at 2:12 p.m., reconvening its public meeting 3:50 p.m.

Ms. Kramer moved, seconded by Ms. de Blank, to recommend to the Board to license Anita Marple and Karen Merry as Licensed Professional Counselors upon receipt of the license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to recommend to the Board to approve the following applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of the license issuance fee and a passing score on the required exam:

Melinda Callicoa	Tiffany Pardo	Shari Fernandes
Kelly Brutsch	Amber El-Hoss	

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Artac moved, seconded by Ms. Kramer, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 7 applicants as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of the license issuance fee:

Cynthia Hervey	Amy Mendoza	John Vella	Jeffrey Schill, Jr.
Rachel Bahadar	David Larance	Carrie Thomas	

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kramer moved, seconded by Ms. Artac, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 4 applicants based on their failure to establish that they meet minimum requirements in education and/or supervised work experience:

Mavis Brauer	Jeanette Vogan
Jennifer Walker	Jasmine Cook

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 23, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., at 3443 North Central Avenue, Room 908.

17. Adjournment

Ms. de Blank moved, seconded by Ms. Kramer, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Katherine Bloom
Secretary/Treasurer

Date