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COUNSELING CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, May 28, 2004

Members Present: Susan Jernigan, Carolyn Brown, William Martin, Laura Waterman
Member Absent: Diane Pruetz
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Jason Martin, Kami Thur, Doreen Romney, Becky Edstrom
Public Present: Paul Hudson, Lisa Stromberg, SueAnn Atkerson, Carolyn McDonald, Brian Mathieson, Clyta West, Patricia Kempker, Virginia Garner, Tara Ross, Catherine Penn, Anne Parker, Joe Ackley, Irma Perez, Lisa Clapp, Susan Barrette-Mozes, Theo Miller, Kristy Mills, David Ouimette, Diane Mote, Paul De Visme, Jane Santa Cruz
Public present telephonically: Lisa Whittington, Mike Kufeld

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on May 28, 2004, at 9:03 a.m. with Ms. Jernigan presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Brown, to approve the general meeting minutes from May 12, 2004, as amended. Ms. Pruetz was absent. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Review, consideration and action of complaints and other disciplinary matters**

A. *Carole Rasco, CPC Applicant*

Ms. Thur reviewed the results of her investigation. The professional was noticed, but did not appear.

After review and discussion, Ms. Brown moved, seconded by Dr. Waterman, to deny the application based on the following violations:

- a. A violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(d), obtaining a fee by fraud or misrepresentation, based upon the professional's falsification of documentation at Community Counseling Centers.
- b. A violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(j), any condition that impairs the ability of the certified behavioral health professional to safely and competently practice that profession, based upon the professional's written statements indicating she suffers from an impaired mental condition.
- c. A violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(f), making use of statement of a character tending to deceive or mislead the public, based upon the professional misrepresenting herself as a Ph.D.
- d. A violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(b), use of fraud or deceit in establishing qualifications pursuant to this chapter, based upon the professional's misrepresentation of her work history to the Board.
- e. A violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(b), use of fraud or deceit in establishing qualifications pursuant to this chapter, based upon the professional's failure to disclose her termination at Southeastern Arizona Behavioral Health Services to the Board on her certification application.
- f. A violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(f), making use of statement of a character tending to deceive or mislead the public, based upon the professional's misrepresentation of her work history to Southeastern

g. A violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(b), use of fraud or deceit in establishing qualifications pursuant to this chapter, based upon the professional's submission of forged reference letters to the Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. JoMarie Estrada

No additional information was required with regard to the background investigation of this applicant.

C. Lisa Stromberg

Mr. Martin reviewed the results of his investigation.

Ms. Stromberg appeared in person and addressed the Committee. Ms. Stromberg's current supervisor, Ms. Atkerson, appeared in person and addressed the Committee.

After review and discussion, Ms. Brown moved, seconded by Dr. Waterman, to open a complaint against the professional based upon evidence presented of unprofessional conduct and to deny the application based on a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(j), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the certified behavioral health professional to safely and competently practice that profession, based upon information provided by Ms. Stromberg's previous employers indicating her continuing failure to practice in accordance with minimum standards of care and her failure to progress despite continuing supervision over several years. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Report from the Chair and items for review, consideration, and possible action**

A. Review, consideration, and action regarding rescinding the May 12, 2004 motion to recommend to the Board to certify Rebecca Currie as a Certified Professional Counselor.

Ms. Brown moved, seconded by Dr. Martin, to rescind the motion recommending to the Board to certify Rebecca Currie as a Certified Professional Counselor. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Brown, to recommend to the Board to certify Rebecca Currie as a Certified Associate Counselor. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review, consideration, and action regarding rescinding the February 27, 2004, motion to deny Kathryn Hart's Certified Professional Counselor Application.
Matter was tabled.

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

A. General Agency Operations

Agency resources are being concentrated on the timely processing of certification applications. Any certification applications pending as of July 1, 2004, will be automatically transferred to pending licensure applications. Those applicants will be required to meet licensure requirements.

B. Review, consideration and action regarding development of licensure rules

The public comment period for the draft rules has ended. The rules subcommittee has reviewed all of the comments submitted to the Board. The Board will review and take action on the final draft of the licensure rules at its meeting on June 4, 2004.

C. Legislative update

No report.

D. Review, consideration and action regarding applicability of A.A.C. R4-6-501(F) to applicants with pre-1989 degrees whose practicum contained fewer than 3-semester credit hours.

After review and discussion, the Committee agreed to interpret the rules to allow applicants with a practicum containing fewer than 3 semester credit hours to qualify under A.A.C. R4-6-501(F).

7. **Board and committee reports (discussion and possible action)**

None.

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

None.

9. **Review, consideration and action of applications for renewal**

None

10. **Review, consideration and action of consent agenda for inactive, extension and exam extension requests**

A. *Jonathan Heilner, 60-day extension*

Dr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Jernigan, to approve the consent agenda reviewed by Ms. Jernigan, granting a 60-day extension to Jonathan Heilner. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **Review, consideration and action regarding exam accommodation requests**

None.

12. **Review, consideration and action on applications for reassessment.**

None

13. **Review, consideration and action of applications for certification**

A. *JoMarie Estrada*

No additional information was required with regard to the background investigation of this applicant.

B. *Lisa Stromberg*

Mr. Martin reviewed the results of his investigation.

Ms. Stromberg appeared in person and addressed the Committee. Ms. Stromberg's current supervisor, Ms. Atkerson, appeared in person and addressed the Committee.

After review and discussion, Ms. Brown moved, seconded by Dr. Waterman, to open a complaint against the professional based upon evidence presented of unprofessional conduct and to deny the application based on a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(j), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the certified behavioral health professional to safely and competently practice that profession, based upon information provided by Ms. Stromberg's previous employers indicating her continuing failure to practice in accordance with minimum standards of care and her failure to progress despite continuing supervision over several years. The motion passed unanimously.

Independent Contractors

A. *Mercedes Benthien*

Matter was tabled

B. *Tyler Woods*

Matter was tabled.

School Counselors

A. *Susan Barrette-Mozes*

Ms. Barrette-Mozes appeared in person and addressed the Committee.

After review and discussion, the Committee tabled further review of the application until the substantive review of the applications.

B. *Brian Mathieson*

Mr. Mathieson appeared in person and addressed the Committee.

After review and discussion, the Committee requested that the applicant provide the informed consent to treat and treatment plan documentation for client records already provided to the committee.

C. *Elisa Medrano*

Matter was tabled.

D. *Jennifer Lux*

Matter was tabled.

E. *Barbara Grady*

Matter was tabled.

F. *Barbara Pendegraft*

Matter was tabled.

Appeals

A. *Patricia Kempker, Appeal*

Ms. Kempker appeared in person and addressed the Committee.

After review and discussion, the Committee recommended certification.

B. *Clyta West, Appeal*

Ms. West appeared in person and addressed the Committee.

After review and discussion, the Committee agreed the professional has established that she meets minimum requirements for certification.

C. *Jane Santa Cruz, Appeal*

Ms. Santa Cruz appeared in person and addressed the Committee.

After review and discussion, Dr. Waterman moved, seconded by Dr. Martin, to deny the appeal due to the lack of a practicum and required supervision.

D. *Lisa Whittington, Appeal*

Ms. Whittington appeared telephonically and addressed the Committee.

After review and discussion, Ms. Brown moved, seconded by Dr. Martin, to accept the class submitted for content area Human Growth and Development, but deny the appeal based on the lack of the required Ethics course. The motion passed unanimously.

E. *Irma Arenas Perez, Informal*

Ms. Perez appeared in person and addressed the Committee.

After review and discussion, the Committee agreed that the professional has established that she meets curriculum requirements.

F. *Tara Ross, Informal*

Ms. Ross appeared in person and addressed the Committee.

After review and discussion, Dr. Waterman moved, seconded by Dr. Martin, to deny the informal appeal due to lack of supervised work experience. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break from 12:40 p.m. to 6:06 p.m. to review files.

Dr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Brown, to recommend the following nineteen applicants to the Board for certification as Certified Associate Counselors.

Denise Bowman	Sarita Hemmady	Todd Parker
Tammi Branden	Heidi Koopman	Lilly DePalma
Elizabeth Goleman	Kimberly Amos	Delwyn Ray
Kimberly Hawkins	Kathryn Briggs	Catherine Martin
Liz Plotkin	Trisha McMahan	Pamela Good
Beth Marie Elia	Bernadette Boschert	Lisa Bravo-Hankins
Patricia Drawert		

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Brown, to recommend the following fifteen applicants to the Board for certification as Certified Associate Counselors after passing the required exam.

Debra Kaplan	Marbi Gallaway	Jennifer Lyons
Tiffany Smith	Lindsey Kalish	John Hinson
Wendy Celoria	Roya Sadreddini	Patricia Jesse
Carol Corsica	Laura Zermeno	Tia Utrera
Lynda King	Karen Huebner	Susan Lawrence

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Brown, to recommend the following seventeen applicants to the Board for certification as Certified Professional Counselors.

Clyta West	Patricia Kempker	Gerald Syzamanski
Paul Hudson	Catherine Penn	Kristin Ingebrigtsen
Debra Cox-Howard	Mylda Carrillo	Jeanne Tomaszewiczki
Laura Pearson	Rhonda Pruitt	Jeffrey Harvey
Robert Claassen	Kevin Moler	Kimberly Chaves
JoMarie Estrada	Amy Brown	

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Brown, to recommend the following four applicants to the Board for certification as Certified Professional Counselors after passing the required exam.

Marianne Smith	Alan Brozik	Kari Froelicher
Irma Arenas Perez		

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Brown, to deny the following nine applicants for uncorrectable deficiencies.

Lisa Clapp	Susan Codega	Diane Mote
Paul DeVisme	Carolyn McDonald	Susan Barrette-Mozes
Michael Kufeld	Nancy Ryan	Aimee Maklin

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Brown to recommend Noreen Conroy to the Board for certification as a Certified Professional Counselor. Dr. Waterman recused herself. The motion carried.

14. **Future agenda items**

None

15. **Call for public comment**

None

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

The next meetings are scheduled for June 11, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. and June 25, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in room B-2.

17. **Adjournment**

Dr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Brown, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Susan Jernigan
Secretary/Treasurer

Date