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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Members Present: Julian Pickens, Libby Howell, Ellen LaBelle

Members Absent: Nancy Groppenbacher, Marlene Buffa

Staff Present: Elma Brambila, Mary Wilson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on April 9, 2008, at 9:02 a.m. with Dr. Pickens presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Tabled due to lack of quorum.

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.

None

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

None

B. Development of reciprocity guidelines

None

C. Training regarding application reviews

Tabled

D. Member attendance

Tabled

7. Committee reports/matters

None

8. National and regional news regarding the profession

None

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

None

10. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for reassessment

None

11. Review, consideration and action of consent agenda for applications for inactive, extension and exam extension requests

Dr. Pickens moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Dr. Howell granting 60-day extension to Elisabeth Sadler and Bruce Somers and a second 60-day extension to Deanna Denver. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Review, consideration and action of requests for exam accommodations and inactive extensions

Carol Fitzsimmons, inactive extension

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

Dr. Pickens moved, seconded by Dr. Howell, to grant the request for an extension to inactive status based on a showing of good cause. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

The committee reviewed files from 9:07 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.

Dr. Howell moved, seconded by Dr. Pickens, to recommend to the Board to approve Maureen Christensen as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Pickens moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board to approve Shilpa Patel as a Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Pickens moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board to deny Cesar Gallegos Gamez, Faye Clark and Amena Rathur as licensed marriage and family therapists based on failure to establish that they meet minimum requirements under licensure. 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 May 14, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor.

17. Adjournment

Dr. Howell moved, seconded by Dr. Pickens, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Libby Howell
Secretary/Treasurer

Date