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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Members Present: Nancy Groppenbacher, Gloria Gabler, Mary Doyle, Ellen LaBelle

Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Elma Brambila, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on December 8, 2010, at 9:04 a.m. with Ms. Groppenbacher presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to approve the general meeting minutes from the October 13, 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.

A. *2008-0083 and 2010-0113, Jeffery Larsen, LAMFT-10278*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized information regarding the professional's possible non-compliance with the consent agreement.

Mr. Larsen and his attorney, Larry Cohen, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Labelle, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint with a letter of concern. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Debrah Delos-Santos, LMFT-10229*

Dr. Gabler recused herself from all matters involving Dr. Delos-Santos.

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the information received from the Board of Psychologist Examiners.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Labelle, to open a complaint for further investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

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. *AAMFT Presentation*

Mr. Harris reviewed the need for consideration of the possible appearance of bias for members considering the need to recuse from policy discussions by the committee.

Ms. Doyle recused herself from all matters involving AAMFT based on her professional relationship with an AAMFT officer.

Steve LeGendre, AAMFT President, Alan Archer, past AAMFT President, and Karissa Greving-Mahall, AAMFT President-Elect, addressed the committee regarding potential rule changes. They indicated that they will continue to dialogue with the other state professional associations regarding possible rule changes and will report back to the committee regarding these discussions.

C. Clinical supervisor training standards

Ms. Rinaudo reviewed the Board rule addressing required training for Board licensed clinical supervisors for supervision provided after 2006. She asked the committee to consider whether to adopt a similar standard for out-of-state supervisors submitting clinical supervision hours for applicants seeking licensure in Arizona.

Members discussed whether clinical supervisors providing supervision out-of-state and being considered pursuant to the supervision exemption rule should be required to comply with requirements for supervisors providing supervision in Arizona.

Following discussion, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to interpret A.A.C. R4-6-604(E) as requiring that proposed supervisors complete clinical supervision requirements similar to those required for supervisors providing supervision within Arizona. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Committee reports/matters

None

8. National and regional news regarding the profession

None

9. Review, consideration and action of supervisor exemption requests

None

10. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for reassessment

None

11. Review, consideration and action of consent agenda for applications for deficiency extensions and inactive status

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to approve the consent agenda, as reviewed by Ms. Groppenbacher, granting inactive status to Lola Craer and Leslie McCandless and 60-day extensions to Ashley Rieger, Ashley Southward and Lavarez Harris. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

Appeals

A. Eileen Ashby

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to accept CP670 Psychopharmacology for 3 quarter hours in Marriage and Family Therapy, CP660 Alcohol and Drug Abuse for 1.5 quarter hours in Human Development, and CP699 Lifestyle and Career for 1 quarter hour in Human Development and to deny the appeal based on continuing curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

B. David Sanchez

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to deny the appeal for the reasons previously stated. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee broke to review files at 12:06 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to recommend to the Board to approve Marlisa Owens as a Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapist upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to recommend to the Board to approve Elisa Thomas and Bradley Barnett as Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to recommend to the Board to deny Elisa Pallares-Cadena based on her 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 January 12, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor.

17. Adjournment

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Ellen LaBelle
Secretary/Treasurer

Date