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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Members Present: Nancy Groppenbacher, Gloria Gabler, Mary Doyle, Ellen LaBelle
Members Absent: Marlene Buffa
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G.(out at 9:25), Doreen Romney, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on January 13, 2010, at 9:02 a.m. with Ms. Groppenbacher presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to approve the general meeting minutes from the October 14, 2009, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2009, teleconference as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Groppenbacher and Ms. LaBelle abstained from the vote.

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. William A. Steiniger, LPC-1391 inactive

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher to open a complaint based on information received by the Board. 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. AzAMFT request for rule change

Ms. Doyle recused herself from all matters involving AzAMFT as she sits on an AzAMFT committee.

Ms. Rinaudo informed members that AzAMFT is requesting that the Board accept the California exam in addition to the PES exam for reciprocal license applications.

Members discussed various problems that may arise if any of the committees begin to accept state exams and the reasons the Board originally decided to accept the national exam only.

C. November 24, 2009, Notice of Claim

Ms. Rinaudo reported regarding a Notice of Claim filed against the Board by a complainant in a disciplinary matter alleging that the Board inappropriately approved a license application.

D. Arizona Republic article

Ms. Rinaudo reviewed an article that was in the Arizona Republic regarding the Appraisal Board.

7. Committee reports/matters

None

8. National and regional news regarding the profession

None

9. Review, consideration and action of supervisor exemption requests

A. David Sanchez (Katherine Ahearn Edwards, LCSW-CA)

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the supervisor exemption request.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to deny the request for a supervisor exemption based on the professional's failure to establish that the supervisor has appropriate marriage and family therapy experience, training and education. The motion passed unanimously.

A. David Sanchez (Shelley Falconer, LCSW-CA)

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the supervisor exemption request.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to deny the request for a supervisor exemption based on the professional's failure to establish that the supervisor has appropriate marriage and family therapy experience, training and education. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to approve the consent agenda, as reviewed by Ms. LaBelle, granting 60-day extensions to Karen Jones and Karim Moabi and inactive status to Monica Olsen. 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

Independent Contractor

Brandon Henline (Juniper Hill Counseling)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the work experience acquired at Juniper Hill Counseling.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to find that the work at Juniper Hill Counseling was not supervised work experience based on a review of the original contract, agency forms and clinical supervision notes. The motion passed unanimously.

Appeals

Rocio Cordova

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

William Gorback

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

Minion Maier

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant and her attorney, Larry Cohen, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that the clinical supervisor has training, education and experience specific to marriage and family therapy. The motion passed unanimously.

Following additional discussion regarding supervision provided by Rachel Thomas, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to deny clinical supervision hours Ms. Thomas verified because she did not have access to the applicant's clinical records and so was unable to comply with A.A.C. R4-5-212(F)(7). The motion passed unanimously. The applicant will be allowed another opportunity to address the committee on this issue if she chooses to do so.

Carol Signore

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 based on the applicant's failure to establish that she meets reciprocal licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Heather Wilsdon

Members reviewed the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that she meets minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 11:00 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:10 a.m.

The committee broke to review files at 11:15 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board to approve Christopher Bateman as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist upon receipt of the license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 8 applicants as Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Rocio Cordova	Jennifer Curran	Chase Kerrey	Ryan Poulson
William Gorback	Samara Adi	Gary Tupper	Rochelle Aguila

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to recommend to the Board to deny Branden Henline, David Sanchez, Barbra Quade and Linda Weaver based on failure to establish that they meet 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 February 10, 2010, 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 12:05 p.m.

Ellen LaBelle
Secretary/Treasurer

Date