



STATE OF ARIZONA
BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS
3443 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE, SUITE 1700
PHOENIX, AZ 85012
PHONE: 602.542.1882 FAX: 602-364-0890
Website: www.az.gov
Website: www.bbhe.state.az.us
E-mail address: azbbhe@bbhe.state.az.us

JANET NAPOLITANO
Governor

KATHLEEN PHILLIPS
Board Chair

DEBRA RINAUDO
Executive Director

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Members Present: Marlene Buffa, Dan Wright
Member by phone: Steve LeGendre
Members absent: Libby Howell
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Doreen Romney, Mary Wilson
Public Present: Debrah Delos-Santos

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on November 2, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. with Mr. Wright presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Buffa moved, seconded by Mr. Wright, to approve the general meeting minutes from October 5, 2005, as submitted. The motion carried with Mr. LeGendre abstaining.

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

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

Ms. Rinaudo reported there were no public comments regarding the proposed change to the marriage and family therapy supervision rule. The rule will be submitted to GRRC for final approval. If approved, it should become effective in February 2006.

B. Development of guidelines to review reciprocity applications

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Mr. LeGendre, to allow consideration under reciprocity of an internship of less than 300 hours after review of the content, timeframe and quality of the work experience and supervision. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further review and discussion, Mr. LeGendre moved, seconded by Ms. Buffa, to allow consideration under reciprocity of an internship supervised by a non-LMFT supervisor after review of the supervision setting, the time period the internship occurred, the focus of the supervision and any additional training completed by the supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further review and discussion, Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Buffa, that under reciprocity a California accredited school will be considered the substantial equivalent of a regionally accredited school. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Report from the Board and other committees**

No report

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

None

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

A. JoAnne Chiariello

Following review of information submitted by the applicant, Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Mr. LeGendre, to deny the clinical supervision hours provided by Ms. Jones based on her lack of education, training and experience in marriage and family therapy. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Review, consideration and action regarding renewals

None

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

Mr. LeGendre moved, seconded by Ms. Buffa, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. Wright, granting a second 60-day extension to Deidre Bliss, inactive status to Carol Swagel and an exam extension to Pam Cerski. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

Appeals

Susan Lutz

Tabled

The committee reviewed files from 9:20 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Buffa, to recommend to the Board to approve Debrah Delos-Santos and Andrew Greene as Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. LeGendre moved, seconded by Ms. Buffa, to recommend to the Board to deny Joanne Chiariello 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 December 7, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Buffa, to move the committee's regular meeting date to the second Wednesday of each month in 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Adjournment

Ms. Buffa moved, seconded by Mr. LeGendre, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Libby Howell
Secretary/Treasurer

Date