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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 8, 2006

Members Present: Dan Wright, Nancy Groppenbacher, Libby Howell, Marlene Buffa

Members by telephone: Steve LeGendre

Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Amy Shelton, Mary Grossi, Doreen Romney, Mary Wilson

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on November 8, 2006, at 9:06 a.m. with Mr. Wright presiding.

**2. Roll Call**

See above.

**3. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Howell moved, seconded by Ms. Buffa, to approve the general meeting minutes from the August 9, 2006, meeting, as submitted. The motion carried with Mr. LeGendre and Ms. Groppenbacher abstained.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to approve the general meeting minutes from the September 13, 2006, meeting, as submitted. The motion carried with Dr. Howell and Ms. Buffa abstained.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to approve the general meeting minutes from the October 11, 2006, meeting, as amended. The motion carried with Ms. Buffa and Mr. LeGendre abstained.

Ms. Buffa moved, seconded by Mr. Wright, to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2006, teleconference, as submitted. The motion carried with Dr. Howell and Ms. Groppenbacher abstained.

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

*Action by the committee on all disciplinary matters is a recommendation only. All final decisions are made by the Board.*

*A. 2003-0054, Steve Johnson, LAMFT-10075 (suspended)*

Ms. Shelton summarized the results of the Board's investigation.

The professional was noticed, but did not appear.

Following discussion by members, Mr. LeGendre moved, seconded by Dr. Howell, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of concern. The motion carried with Mr. Wright and Ms. Groppenbacher opposed.

The committee's concern was regarding the professional's disclosure of confidential information without a written release to do so and his failure to comply with state mandated child abuse reporting requirements.

*B. 2004-0013, Felice Goff, LCSW-0749*

Ms. Grossi summarized the results of the Board's investigation.

Ms. Goff and her attorney, Charlie Hover, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The complainant and the client appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following discussion by members, Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Buffa, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

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

*A. Appointment of designee to receive AAMFT materials*

Mr. LeGendre moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to appoint the committee chair as the representative to receive materials from the AMFTRB and to attend its meetings when possible.

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

*A. General agency operations*

Ms. Rinaudo requested feedback regarding the need for a security guard at every committee meeting.

The consensus of the committee is that it is not necessary to have a guard always present. Members are comfortable with staff determining the necessity based on individual agendas.

*B. Development of reciprocity guidelines*

None.

**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**

*A. Paul Gibson*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

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

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

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to approve the consent agenda, as approved by Dr. Howell, granting 60-day extensions to Maryanne McKowen, Christina McGraw and Ann Jackson. 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

*Rachel Thomas*

Members reviewed the information submitted in support of the appeal.

Ms. Thomas and her attorney, Larry Cohen, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Mr. LeGendre moved, seconded by Ms. Buffa, to approve the supervisor exemption request. The motion passed unanimously.

*Phillip Mitchell*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

Mr. Mitchell and his attorney, Charles Hover, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that he has education and supervised work experience that meets minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

*Ann-Margaret McIntosh*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

Ms. McIntosh and her supervisor, Ms. Umble, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that her clinical supervisor had qualifying training, education and experience in marriage and family therapy. The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee reviewed files from 11:30 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:45 a.m.*

Dr. Howell moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to approve Paul Gibson as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to recommend to the Board to approve Rachel Thomas and Jill Vermeiere as Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Buffa, to recommend to the Board to approve Catherine McNaughton, Erica Cover and Michelle Fenton as Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Groppenbacher was recused from the vote.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Dr. Howell, to deny Kori Sonderland and Meredith Roberts based on their 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 December 13, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> floor.

**17. Adjournment**

Dr. Howell moved, seconded by Ms. Buffa, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

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Libby Howell  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date