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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, October 11, 2006

Members Present: Dan Wright, Nancy Groppenbacher, Libby Howell  
Members Absent: Marlene Buffa  
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Mary Grossi, Doreen Romney, Mary Wilson

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on October 11, 2006, at 9:05 a.m. with Mr. Wright presiding.

**2. Roll Call**

See above.

**3. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Consideration of the minutes for August and September was tabled due to lack of quorum.

**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. 2006-0158, Gary Hees, LPC-12141*

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

Mr. Hees and his attorney, Diane Lindquist, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

*B. 2006-0159, Todd Call, LMFT-10240*

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

Mr. Call and his attorney, Diane Lindquist, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following discussion by members, Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Howell, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

*C. 2007-0002, Holly Hathcock, LAMFT-10194 (expired) and LMFT applicant*

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

Ms. Hathcock and her attorney, Diane Lindquist, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following discussion by members, Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, 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**

None

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

*A. General agency operations*

Ms. Rinaudo reported regarding the Board's budget request for additional staff which, if approved, will allow the Board to decrease processing times for applications, renewals and complaints. Ms. Rinaudo reviewed the significant increase in the demands for Board services resulting from licensure. Employing additional staff will result in a significant increase in expenses for the Board.

*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**

None

**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 Mr. Wright, granting a 60-day extension to Holly Hathcock. 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

*Deborah Ardolino*

The applicant withdrew her appeal.

*Isabella Moreno*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that she has a degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. The motion passed unanimously.

*Linda Raber*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that she has a degree from a regionally accredited college or university and her failure to establish that she has supervised work experience and clinical supervision that meets minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

*Diane Kusek*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

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

*The committee reviewed files from 9:43 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 9:47 a.m.*

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Howell, to recommend to the Board to approve Diane Kusek as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wright moved, seconded by Ms. Howell, to recommend to the Board to approve Deanna Wahlheim and Mary Jo Polimeni as Licensed Associate Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam. 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 November 8, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> floor.

**17. Adjournment**

Ms. Howell moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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Libby Howell  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date