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

Members Present: Nancy Groppenbacher , Gloria Gabler, Mary Doyle, Ellen LaBelle
Member Absent: Marlene Buffa
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Elma Brambila, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on October 13, 2010, at 9:05 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 August 11, 2010, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Groppenbacher 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.

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*
No report.

B. *Member and Staff Personal Safety Issues*

Members discussed personal safety issues during public meetings. Ms. Rinaudo advised members that any member with a safety concern should advise the person creating the concern to modify his/her conduct or the Board's security officer will remove them from the meeting room.

C. *Challenges Facing the Agency*

Ms. Rinaudo reported regarding the current challenges facing the agency due to the state budget issues.

7. **Committee reports/matters**

None

8. **National and regional news regarding the profession**

None

9. Review, consideration and action of supervisor exemption requests

A. Jason Jonker (Kellie Allison, LPC)

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

Members discussed supervisor exemption requests from supervisors working at Touchstone Behavioral Health who participate in MST training. Members reviewed and compared three such requests. Members agreed that a supervisor must have a minimum 200 hours of MST training to qualify for a supervisor exemption. Additionally, members agreed that one approved graduate level course in MFT Studies or MFT may be considered in lieu of 45 hours of MST training.

Following review and discussion, members agreed to affirm the committee's August 11, 2010, denial of the request for a supervisor exemption for Kellie Allison.

B. Process for Considering Out-of State Supervisor Exemption Requests

Members agreed that they will continue to consider the out-of-state LMFT supervisor exemption requests individually for the next year and track the reasons for denials. The committee will revisit the issue in one year to consider the information.

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. LaBelle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to approve the consent agenda, as reviewed by Ms. Groppenbacher, granting inactive status to Yvonne Bentle. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Wendy Parslow-Helton, Inactive extension request

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the professional's request for an extension of inactive status.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to deny the request for an extension of inactive status based on the applicant's failure to establish good cause. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

Appeals

A. Barbara Quade

Members reviewed information regarding the applicant's request for a second continuance of her appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to deny the applicant's request for another continuance. The motion passed unanimously.

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

B. Sarah Clark

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 recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to meet clinical supervision requirements as set forth in A.A.C. R4-6-604(B). The motion passed unanimously.

The committee broke to review files at 10:40 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Ms. Groppenbacher moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to recommend to the Board to approve Cheri Lloyd as a Reciprocal Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist 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 approve Kimberly Landero and Jennifer Isom 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. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Dr. Gabler, to recommend to the Board to approve Kiera Kunkel 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. Doyle abstained from the vote.

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to recommend to the Board to approve Marianne Turley and Ronnie Bennett as Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and receipt of the required license issuance fee. 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 10, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor.

17. Adjournment

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Doyle, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Ellen LaBelle
Secretary/Treasurer

Date