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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Members Present: Nancy Groppenbacher, Gloria Gabler, Mary Doyle, Ellen LaBelle  
Members Absent: Marlene Buffa  
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Marcus Harvey, Elma Brambila, Mary Wilson

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on September 9, 2009, at 9:10 a.m. with Ms. Groppenbacher presiding.

**2. Roll Call**

See above.

**3. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to approve the general meeting minutes from the July 8, 2009, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Gabler 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.*

Ms. Groppenbacher reviewed the procedures for conducting informal meetings.

*A. 2008-0026, Micki Kloss, LMFT-0157*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the professional's request for early release from her pending consent agreement.

The professional and her attorney, Kelly McDonald, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Mr. McDonald withdrew the professional's request for early release.

*B. 2009-0125, Ellen Brennan, LMFT-10087*

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

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The professional and her attorney, Faren Akins, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Doyle moved, seconded by Ms. LaBelle, to find the complaint is without merit pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1), and remove it from the professional's complaint history pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(E). The motion passed unanimously.

*C. Ellen Brennan, LMFT-10087*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the information received from another licensee expressing concerns regarding the professional's conduct while providing services in a highly contested divorce case.

The professional and her attorney, Faren Akins, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to open a complaint for further investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee took a break at 11:00 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:05 a.m.*

**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.

**7. Committee reports/matters**

None

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

None

**9. Review, consideration and action of supervisor exemption requests**

*A. Bambi Denton (Alexis Grae, LPC)*

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

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

Following further review, 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 work experience and training specific to marriage and family therapy. 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. LaBelle, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Ms. LaBelle granting inactive status to Susanne Kramperth. 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**

Appeals

*Morris Barkan*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

*The committee broke to review files at 11:10 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:25 a.m.*

Ms. LaBelle moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 5 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:

Ryan Darrow  
Paige Dewett

Glaser Burkhardt  
Amy Hesler

Bambi Denton

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 October 14, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> floor.

**17. Adjournment**

Dr. Gabler moved, seconded by Ms. Groppenbacher, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

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Ellen LaBelle  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date