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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, April 18, 2003

Members Present: Jim Roth, Diane Pruetz, Del Worley, Geri Sosa  
Members Absent: Michael Salazar  
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Patricia Reynolds, Tina Zepeda, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Mary Wilson

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on April 18, 2003, at 9:07 a.m. with Ms. Sosa presiding.

**2. Roll Call**

See above.

**3. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to approve the general meeting minutes from March 21, 2003. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to approve the Duran executive session minutes from March 21, 2003. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to approve the Stewart executive session minutes from March 21, 2003. The motion passed unanimously.

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

*A. Ed Newton, SA-10404*

Ms. Reynolds reported that the agency has become aware of a possible dual relationship between Mr. Newton and a client.

Following discussion by committee members, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to open a complaint to investigate an alleged violation of A.R.S. 32-3251 (10)(h), gross negligence in the practice of a behavioral health profession by a certified behavioral health professional, and A.R.S. 32-3251(10)(i), any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics in the behavioral health profession that constitutes a danger to the health, safety or welfare of a client, based on a dual relationship with a client. The motion carried with Ms. Worley opposed.

To allow further discussion, Mr. Roth and Ms. Pruetz withdrew their motion to open a complaint.

Members further discussed options and the inconsistency in the client's statements. Members agreed that it appears that the client began to deny the relationship only after realizing the possible negative consequences to the therapist. The committee fully discussed their responsibility to protect the public.

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to open a complaint to investigate an alleged violation of A.R.S. 32-3251 (10)(h), gross negligence in the practice of a behavioral health profession by a certified behavioral health professional, and A.R.S. 32-3251(10)(i), any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics in the behavioral health profession that constitutes a danger to the health, safety or welfare of a client, based on a dual relationship with a client. The motion passed unanimously.

**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 that the Governor's office is considering sweeping the funds of the 9-10 agencies, as well as possible consolidation of the 90-10 boards.

*1. Travel reimbursement form training*

Ms. Rinaudo reported that any member submitting a claim for mileage reimbursement needs to follow the sample form provided today.

*B. Update on licensure*

Ms. Rinaudo reported that HB2206 was signed by Governor Napolitano yesterday. The agency has received positive feedback regarding passage of the bill. The agency will post information regarding licensure on its website and begin planning for the transfer from certification to licensure

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

*A. Board*

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**

None

**10. Review, consideration and action regarding renewals**

*A. Donice Green, SA-1553*

Ms. Worley recused herself from all matters involving Ms. Green.

Ms. Green could not be reached at the phone number she provided or at her home phone number.

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the renewal. Ms. Green answered background questions (g), (j), (m), and (o) "yes" on her renewal application. Ms. Reynolds noted that there were inconsistencies in the way Ms. Green answered the background questions on her applications and renewals. In addition, Ms. Green's explanation of her termination was not consistent with information in her personnel file.

Members were concerned regarding the professional having clients complete paperwork meant for the counselor to complete, misleading supervisors, falsifying timesheets and providing misleading information to the Board.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to continue consideration of this matter so the professional can attend the next meeting to answer questions. Members also requested information from the professional's therapist regarding the information made available to her by the professional. The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee took a break from 10:15 to 10:21 a.m.*

*B. David Lopez, SA-0647*

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the renewal. Mr. Lopez answered background questions (g), (j), (m), and (n) "yes" on his renewal application. Ms. Reynolds provided information regarding Mr. Lopez's multiple relapses. This matter was tabled in March to allow Mr. Lopez to provide additional information regarding his rehabilitation efforts.

Members were concerned with the frequency of his relapses, his inability to accept responsibility for poor decisions, and the vague nature of his therapist's letter of support.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to continue consideration of this matter to allow the professional, the therapist and the professional's AA sponsor to appear at the next meeting to answer questions and provide information regarding his rehabilitation. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to approve the consent agenda reviewed by Ms. Sosa, granting a 60-day extension to Mari Hill and inactive status to Tomas Cano. The motion passed unanimously.

**12. Review, consideration and action of applications for reassessment**

*Sandra Murdock*

Members reviewed additional information and agreed that Ms. Murdock meets requirements.

**12. Review, consideration and action of applications for certification**

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to recommend the following twelve applicants to the Board for certification:

David Eichler	Meagan Kassner	Rene Raimondi Lee
Miguel Flores, Jr.	Shirley Ali	Carolyn Merrick
Melinda Van de Water	Carol Preuitt	Sandra Murdock
Lauren Lauder	Marco Cuyar	Keith Press

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to recommend Diane Van Cornewal, Terra Rush-Martinez, Marie Tsosie and Juanita Carey to the Board for certification after receiving a passing score on the required examination. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to deny Darin Uhrich based on uncorrectable deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

**12. Future agenda items**

None

**13. Call for public comment**

None

**14. Establishment of future meeting date(s)**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. in room B-2.

**15. Adjournment**

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

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Geri Sosa  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date