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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 20, 2004

Members Present: Michael Salazar, Jim Roth, Del Worley, Geri Sosa
Members Absent: Diane Pruetz
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Mary Wilson, Kami Thur, Rebecca Edstrom
Public Present: Josephine Rial, Lee Pioske, Art Smith, Shareef Muhammad
Public by Telephone: Ana Finley, Marinez Niskey

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on February 20, 2004, at 9:07 a.m. with Mr. Salazar presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to approve the general meeting minutes from January 16, 2004, as submitted. The motion carried with Ms. Sosa abstaining.

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

A. 2004-0001, Marinez Niskey, SA-10586

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the facts of the complaint. Ms. Niskey appeared telephonically and addressed the committee.

The committee accepted the consent agreement stipulations as modified to specify that the supervisor must be a licensed or certified substance abuse counselor. Ms. Niskey agreed that Mr. Harris can make the modification.

Following review, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to recommend to the Board to accept the consent agreement as modified. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Patricia Rzonca, SA-10428

Continued

C. Eugene Dawson, SA-0827

Ms. Thur summarized her investigation and reviewed the document that was anonymously submitted to this Board regarding the professional's conduct in sending letters to behavioral health agencies to generate referrals to him for substance abuse evaluations. Mr. Dawson appeared telephonically and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Worley moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to open a complaint based on a possible violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(i), any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics in the behavioral health profession, as it relates to the NAADAC Code of Ethics, Principle 1(C), the member will not engage in fee splitting, send or receive any commission or rebate or any other form of remuneration for referral of clients for professional services. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to recommend to the Board to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(i), any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics in the behavioral health profession, as it relates to the NAADAC Code of Ethics, Principle 1(C), the member will not engage in fee splitting, send or receive any commission or rebate or any other form of remuneration for referral of clients for

professional services, based on the professional's conduct in sending letters to behavioral health agencies to generate referrals to him for substance abuse evaluations and to accept a signed consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional will complete a 3-semester graduate level course in counseling ethics in a classroom setting within one year of the effective date of the order,
- The course will be pre-approved,
- The cost will be borne by the professional.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Lee Pioske

After committee review, members agreed that no action is required.

E. Josephine Rial

After committee review, members agreed that no action is required.

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

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to rescind the committee's previous motion to recommend certification at the masters level per the applicant's request. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

No report

B. Development of licensure rules

Ms. Rinaudo reported regarding the public comment period on the draft licensure rules.

C. Update on licensure

Ms. Rinaudo reported that none of the bills introduced that could affect licensure have been scheduled for hearing.

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

None

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

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to approve the consent agenda reviewed by Ms. Worley, granting 60-day extensions to Michael Magarinos, Marcello Lee, Marlene Lopez, Catherine Reres-Kanelso, Christopher Card, Josephine Rial, LaLee Stevens and Kathryn Wilde, and 2nd 60-day extensions to Debi McKinney and Patrick Dorsey. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Review, consideration and action of applications for reassessment

None

13. Review, consideration and action of applications for certification

A. Lee Pioske

Ms. Thur summarized the results of her investigation regarding the professional's "yes" answers to background questions. Mr. Pioske appeared in person and addressed the committee. Art Smith, member of Crossroads Board of Directors, addressed the committee on Mr. Pioske's behalf.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Worley moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, that no further action is required regarding the background information. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Josephine Rial

Ms. Thur summarized the results of her investigation regarding the professional's "yes" answers to background questions. Ms. Rial appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Worley moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, that no further action is required regarding the background information. The motion passed unanimously.

C. J.W. Brantley

Ms. Rinaudo reported that this matter was agendaized because Mr. Brantley requested in writing to address the committee. Mr. Brantley was noticed, but did not appear.

Appeals

Shareef Muhammad

Members re-reviewed the masters degree curriculum that was denied in December and explained to Mr. Muhammad the reasons the criminal justice degree was not accepted.

Following review of additional documentation regarding the professional's bachelor's degree, Ms. Worley moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to deny the appeal based on the fact that there are not 30 hours of counseling-related courses in the bachelor's program. The motion passed unanimously.

Ana Finley

Ms. Finley appeared telephonically and addressed the committee. She requested that the committee waive the 48 months of supervised work experience requirement based on her individual circumstances.

Mr. Harris advised the committee that they do not have the authority to waive minimum requirements.

Following review by the committee, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to deny the appeal based on the fact that the committee lacks the authority to waive the supervised work experience requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to recommend the following thirty-six applicants to the Board for certification:

Peter London	Linda Schoten	Linda Burggraff	Daisy Puffer
Pilar Vargas-Brya	Sarina Begay	Robert Fry	Kay Stoddard
Frank Leonardo	Amy Shiner	Gale Logan	Lloyd Walters
Jan Gravestock	Jennifer Sielaff	Thomas Herbst	Robert North
Nanci Nelson	Thomas Roach	Gregory Pulice	Ana Antone
Lonny Davis	Albert Potter	Fern Duffey	Adolfo Jaurequi
Patricia Higdon	Donella Arrow	Sharon Dunn	Norma Benedict
Leena Hemmady	Marlene Lopez	Alexandra Chesley	Robert Hahn
Arley Bindschadler	Melissa Longe	Cheryl Bolte	Lakshmi Nolletti

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Worley recused herself from the vote.

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to recommend the following eleven applicants to the Board for certification after receiving a passing score on the required exam:

Paul Darling	Sheila Ruling	Alvin Lewis	Joseph Henry
Aworra Gonzales	Lidia Shumway	Cara Merker-Alster	Joseph Hill
Phyllis Russell	Teresa Maier	Glenn Murrietta	

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to recommend to the Board to certify GiGi Veasey as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Sosa recused herself from the vote.

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to recommend to the Board to certify Judy Hogan as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Worley recused herself from the vote.

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to deny Jennifer Young, Kerstin Muller and Laura Canizo-Spiro based on uncorrectable deficiencies. 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 March 19, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. in room B-2.

17. Adjournment

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Del Worley
Secretary/Treasurer

Date