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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 20, 2006

Members Present: Del Worley, Geri Sosa, John Hogeboom
Members absent: Delbert Thomas
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Sherry Blatner, Kami Thur, Mary Wilson, Karen Zilkie
Public Present: Lanelle Brasfield (Crist), Polly Williams, Michelle Donaldson
Public by phone: Michael Roll

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on January 20, 2006, at 9:45 a.m. with Ms. Worley presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Sosa moved, seconded by Mr. Hogeboom, to approve the general meeting minutes from December 16, 2005, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Michael Roll, LASAC applicant

Ms. Thur summarized the facts and results of the Board's investigation.

Mr. Roll addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Sosa moved, seconded by Mr. Hogeboom, to open a complaint, find a violation of the following and to recommend to the Board to deny the application:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(a), conviction of a felony, based upon the professional's 1994 conviction for a DUI related vehicular homicide.
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(o), failing to furnish information within a specified time to the Board or its investigators, based upon his failure to respond to several written requests for information by a Board investigator.
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice the licensee's profession, based on the professional's failure to provide information regarding his status and compliance with his criminal sanctions and information regarding his treatment, recovery and relapse prevention history, which makes it impossible to determine his ability to safely and competently practice.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Lanelle Brasfield, LISAC applicant

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

Ms. Brasfield appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Hogeboom moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to table further consideration of this matter to allow the professional to submit a written request for her application to be considered as a LASAC application and to provide a letter from her physician addressing her current ability to safely and competently practice. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None

The committee took a break at 10:45 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:00 a.m.

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

B. Update on legislation

Ms. Rinaudo reviewed proposed legislation changing the Board's authorizing statute.

C. Guidelines for reciprocity

None

7. Report from the Board and other committees

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

Marcy Mevorach

Following review of the supervisor exemption request, Mr. Hogeboom moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to approve the clinical supervision hours provided by Dr. Witkin. The motion passed unanimously.

Clara Balluff

Following review of the supervisor exemption request, Mr. Hogeboom moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to approve the clinical supervision hours provided by Nancy Baker. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Review, consideration and action regarding exam extensions

Rosita Smith

Following review of documentation submitted, Ms. Sosa moved, seconded by Mr. Hogeboom, to grant a second extension authorizing Ms. Smith to pass the required exam by April 1, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Sosa moved, seconded by Mr. Hogeboom, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Ms. Worley, granting a 60-day extension to Christine Walsh and inactive status to Janice Baughman and Marjorie Pleasant-Wietzema. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Review, consideration and action on applications for reassessment

A. Debi McKinney

Tabled

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

Certification appeals

Jennifer Becenti

Ms. Wilson summarized the information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was noticed, but did not appear.

Following review, Mr. Hogeboom moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that she passed the required exam or qualified for the exam waiver prior to July 1, 2004. The motion passed unanimously

Licensure appeals

Clara Balluff

Ms. Wilson summarized the information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was noticed, but did not appear.

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

Polly Williams

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the information submitted in support of the appeal.

Ms. Williams appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review, Mr. Hogeboom moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that her degree meets minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed files from 11:53 a.m. to 12:03 p.m.

Mr. Hogeboom moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to recommend to the Board to approve Jamal Hasan as a Licensed Substance Abuse Technician. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hogeboom moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to recommend to the Board to approve Shanna Arias and Marcy Mevorach as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hogeboom moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to recommend to the Board to approve Clara Balluff as a Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Future agenda items

1. Development of standard language regarding substance abuse dependency assessment requests.
2. Standard consent agreement guidelines regarding substance abuse dependency issues.

15. Call for public comment

None

16. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central, Room 908.

17. Adjournment

Mr. Hogeboom moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Geri Sosa
Secretary/Treasurer

Date