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

Members Present: Jim Roth, Diane Pruetz, Del Worley  
Members Absent: Michael Salazar, Geri Sosa  
Staff Present: Patricia Reynolds, Tina Zepeda, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Mary Wilson  
Public Present: Geoffrey Dewhurst, Ed Newton  
Public by telephone: Marquerite Harmon, Marjorie Coffaro

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on July 18, 2003, at 9:10 a.m. with Mr. Roth presiding.

**2. Roll Call**

See above.

**3. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to approve the general meeting minutes from June 20, 2003. The motion passed unanimously.

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

*A. 2003-0013, Geoffrey Dewhurst, SA applicant*

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the complaint and results of her investigation. Mr. Dewhurst appeared in person and addressed the committee. The complainants addressed the committee telephonically.

Following discussion by committee members, Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to recommend to the Board to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(b), the use of fraud or deceit in rendering services as a certified behavioral health professional, based upon Mr. Dewhurst's admission that he misrepresented his credentials on his resume, on his application and in a written memo to his supervisor, and to deny certification. The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee took a break from 10:17 a.m. reconvening at 10: 23 a.m.*

*B. 2003-0015, Ed Newton, SA-10404*

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the complaint and results of her investigation. Mr. Newton appeared in person and addressed the committee. The complainant was noticed, but did not appear.

Following discussion by committee members, Ms. Worley moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to recommend to the Board that it remand the matter to formal hearing. The committee concluded that based upon its review of the investigative materials and Mr. Newton's testimony, that Mr. Newton may have violated A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(h), gross negligence in the behavioral health profession by a certified behavioral health professional, A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(i), any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics or that constitutes a danger to the health, welfare or safety of a client, as it relates to the NAADAC Code of Ethics 9(C), the professional shall not exploit a relationship for personal gain, and the NAADAC Code of Ethics 9(D), the professional shall not engage in a sexual relationship with a current or former client, and A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(j), any conduct that impairs the ability of a behavioral health professional to safely and competently practice, based upon the fact that he engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with his client and subsequently lied to his employer and the Board regarding his 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. Reynolds reported that the agency has hired a new investigator.

*B. Development of licensure rules*

Members received draft copies of the rules that have been written to comply with the licensure statute. Ms. Rinaudo has requested that members review the draft rules carefully and provide feedback.

*C. Review of HB2361*

Mr. Harris reported that HB2361 takes effect on September 18, 2003. The bill requires that all certified or licensed professionals and applicants report to their regulatory board within 10 days of being charged with a felony or a misdemeanor that could affect client safety. Boards will make independent determinations regarding whether to take action or to wait to see if a conviction results. If a professional fails to provide appropriate notice, it is an act of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Harris is developing a list of misdemeanors that will need to be reported. The agency will publish the list when it is complete by notifying the professional organizations, putting it on the website and adding advisory language to the certification and renewal applications.

**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**

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to approve the consent agenda reviewed by Mr. Roth, granting a 60-day extension to Josette Rossi. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None

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

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to recommend the following fourteen applicants to the Board for certification:

Jennifer Cataleta	Ann Patton	Joann Marik	Mary Jane Spartz
Tereesa Mouw	Geraldine King	Michelle Belongia	Lynn Sack
Kevin Ingram	Lisa Kaufman	Sheilah Wilson	Marjory Tebbe
Shawna Bevers	Joseph Reynolds		

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to recommend Rodney Boudreaux to the Board for certification after receiving a passing score on the required examination. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to deny Alice Sowards 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 August 15, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. in room B-2.

**17. Adjournment**

Ms. Worley moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

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Geri Sosa  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date