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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, November 15, 2002

Members Present: Michael Salazar, Jim Roth, Diane Pruetz, , Del Worley (9:10)
Members absent: Geri Sosa
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Patricia Reynolds, Tina Zepeda, Mary Wilson
Public Present: Robert Feinberg, Robert Sonenschein, Donna Sonenschein
Public by telephone: Jacqueline Meehan, Patricia Rzonca

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on November 15, 2002, at 9:03 a.m. with Mr. Salazar presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to approve the general meeting minutes from October 18, 2002. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to approve the executive session minutes from October 18, 2002. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Jacqueline Meehan, SA-10020

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the renewal. Ms. Meehan addressed the committee by telephone.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to approve the renewal subsequent to receipt of a letter from the professional's current supervisor stating that she is in good standing in her employment. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2002-0020, Ellen Bolcko, SA-0938

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the complaint. Mr. Feinberg, Ms. Bolcko's attorney, appeared on her behalf stating that she was too ill to attend.

Ms. Reynolds reported regarding possible violations of 32-3251(9)(e), breach of confidentiality, and 32-3251(9)(i), conduct or practice contrary to recognized standards of ethics as it relates to providing any type of payment or remuneration to obtain referrals.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz to continue this matter for 60 days to allow the professional to respond to possible violations not identified in the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Robert Sonenschein, SA-0530

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the renewal. Mr. Sonenschein appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to approve the renewal. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Patricia Rzonca, Applicant

Mr. Salazar recused himself from all matters involving Ms. Rzonca.

Ms. Reynolds summarized the information provided by the applicant regarding her answers to background questions. Ms. Rzonca addressed the committee by telephone regarding her relapse, rehabilitation and current sobriety.

Members requested completion of treatment documentation from Banner Health, feedback from her current supervisor and an evaluation from her therapist.

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

A. Re-evaluation of licensure scope of practice

No report.

B. Nominating committee

Members interested in serving as Chair or Secretary-Treasurer should notify Ms. Rinaudo.

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

B. Update on licensure

Ms. Worley presented an e-mail she received questioning new graduates not being able to practice until they are licensed. Ms. Rinaudo explained that the temporary license section in the bill allows new graduates to practice for up to one year while a licensure application is pending. The e-mail also questions cultural competency requirements and the possibility that the bill will restrict rural areas from being able to employ a culturally diverse staff.

Ms. Rinaudo reported that the licensure bill is limited to ensuring competence for individuals providing psychotherapy. There are many other behavioral health positions available that do not require licensure.

Mr. Roth reported that two people attended the Flagstaff Town Hall.

Ms. Rinaudo reported that the sunrise hearing is November 21st at 3:30 pm. Ms. Rinaudo has met with each member of the sunrise committee. It is important that professionals attend the hearing to support the bill even though the agency is not expecting organized opposition.

Ms. Rinaudo reported that legislative council requested that the draft bill be reformatted to maintain the Board's current statute structure as much as possible.

C. Acceptance of supervision provided by supervisor not employed by applicant's employer

No report

7. Report from the Board and other committees

A. Board

Mr. Roth reported that the Board agreed at the November meeting to accept an ABCAC member in good standing for the time period after licensure passes and before it becomes effective. All such applicants must complete the application process. Ms. Rinaudo will work with legislative council regarding the best way to accomplish this.

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 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 Mr. Salazar granting 60-day extensions to Gigi Touchon-Grebb, Catherine Paddock and Jeanie Manson. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Review, consideration and action of applications for reassessment

None

12. Review, consideration and action of applications for certification

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

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| Elizabeth Tilousi | Laurence Leff | Myron Schwartz | James Morrow |
| Leslie Connell | Victoria Hale | Mary Strasser | Larry Villano |

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to recommend the following four applicants to the Board for certification after receiving a passing score on the required examination:

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| Chad Close | Julie Johnson | Frances Buwen | Amaechi Akpa |
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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 December 20, 2002, 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 12:07 p.m.

Geri Sosa
Secretary/Treasurer

Date