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SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, October 18, 2002

Members Present: Michael Salazar, Jim Roth, Diane Pruetz, Geri Sosa, Del Worley  
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Terry Zenoff, A.A.G., Patricia Reynolds, Tina Zepeda, Mary Wilson  
Public Present: Dewey Thompson, Carl Cooke, Gordon Lewis, Mary Erhart, Tim Martinson, Margie Frost

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on October 18, 2002, at 9:12 a.m. with Mr. Salazar presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to approve the general meeting minutes from August 16, 2002. The motion carried with Ms. Pruetz and Ms. Worley abstaining.

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to approve the executive session minutes from August 16, 2002. The motion carried with Ms. Pruetz and Ms. Worley abstaining.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to approve the general meeting minutes from September 20, 2002. The motion carried with Ms. Sosa and Ms. Worley abstaining.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to approve the executive session minutes from September 20, 2002. The motion carried with Ms. Sosa and Ms. Worley abstaining.

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

*A. 2002-0016, Mary Erhart, SA-0874*

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the complaint and reported that the Motor Vehicle Department allows an intern or assistant to complete some paperwork and conduct interviews. The evaluation form must be completed by a CSAC. Ms. Erhart appeared in person and addressed the committee. The complainant was noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to recommend to the Board to dismiss this complaint as unfounded. The motion passed unanimously.

*B. 2001-0040 and 2001-0041, Carl Cooke, Applicant*

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the complaint and explained that the Board remanded this complaint to the committee for review of additional information not previously reviewed by the committee. Mr. Cooke and his attorney, Mr. Lewis, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The committee discussed the professional's pattern of problems in dealing with staff and peers, usually ending with resignations from his positions, based on continued anger management problems and other employment issues.

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of receiving legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3). The motion passed unanimously and the Committee went into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened its regular meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to recommend to the Board to approve certification with the signing of a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- One year probation;
- Clinical supervision for the year of probation;
- Clinical supervision will focus on recordkeeping, interaction with clients, peers, co-workers and employers;
- Clinical supervisor to be pre-approved by the committee chair;
- Clinical supervisor will be inside the agency where Mr. Cooke is employed;
- Clinical supervision will be monthly;
- Clinical supervisor will provide monthly reports to the committee chair;
- Clinical supervisor will provide a recommendation for completion of supervision at the end of the year;
- Mr. Cooke will request release from the consent agreement when terms have been met; and
- All costs will be borne by Mr. Cooke.

The motion passed unanimously.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth to recommend to the Board, to dismiss the complaints as unsubstantiated, as they are part of the consent agreement, and approve certification. The motion passed unanimously.

*C. Marjorie McClure, SA-0890*

Tabled

*D. Jacqueline Meehan, SA-10020*

Tabled

*E. Dewey Thompson, Applicant*

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the application regarding background history and the committee's request at the September meeting for more information. Mr. Thompson appeared in person. Mr. Martinson, Director of Black Family Child Services, and Ms. Frost, Director of the East Valley Men's Center, addressed the committee on behalf of Mr. Thompson as his current supervisors.

Following review and discussion committee members had no further questions regarding Mr. Thompson's rehabilitation.

*F. 2002-0038, Richard Slechta, Applicant*

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the facts of the complaint and referred members to her investigation summary. Dr. Amy Stone addressed the committee regarding the basis of her letter to Ms. Wilson indicating that Mr. Slechta's "spells" did not affect his ability to practice as a substance abuse counselor. Dr. Stone indicated that her opinion was based solely on her examination of Mr. Slechta on June 5, 2002. During that examination, Mr. Slechta made no mention of ever having experienced a life-threatening seizure. Dr. Stone does not have a clear diagnosis for Mr. Slechta to explain the spells he describes.

Mr. Slechta addressed the committee and answered questions with regard to his conduct in written and verbal communications with the committee and Dr. Miller and his associates. He indicated that he has been unable to work full-time at times because of a disability.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Ms. Sosa moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to recommend to the Board to find a violation of A.R.S. 32-3251(9)(j), any conduct which impairs the ability of the professional to safely and competently practice his profession. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Worley moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to deny the application for certification based on the finding of unprofessional conduct. The motion passed unanimously.

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

*A. Re-evaluation of licensure scope of practice*

Tabled

**6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff**

*A. General Agency Operations*

*B. Value Options request for licensure to allow LISAC s to provide general mental health counseling*

Tabled

C. *Update on licensure*  
Tabled

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

A. *Board*

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 Ms. Sosa, granting inactive status to James Eckert. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None

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

A. *Rene Doehrer, September 16, 2002, initial denial*

Tabled

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

Judith Anderson	Anissa Andrews	Danielle Cain	Tonia Ironfield
Patricia Hernandez	Pamela Smith	George Evashwick	Ed Newton
Timothy Farrelly	Christine Johnson	Cynthia Lisse	Dewey Thompson
Elizabeth Murphy	Pamela Boyle		

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Christopher Wood	Gerardo Angulo	Robert Steele	Bradley Eggers
Sharon Praytor	Helen Levathes	Debra Burklund	Cheryl Reid

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Worley recused herself from matters involving Mary McFarland. Mr. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to recommend to the Board to approve Mary McFarland for certification. 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 November 15, 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 1:10 p.m.

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Gerri Sosa, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date