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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, April 11, 2008

Members Present: Cedric Davis, Douglas Mitchell, John Gutierrez
Members Absent: Teresa Menchaca
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Kami Thur, Sherry Blatner, Lynanne Chapman, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on April 11, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. with Dr. Davis presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to approve the general meeting minutes from the March 14, 2008, meeting, as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Pending complaints represent unproven allegations. On investigation, many complaints are found to be without merit or not of sufficient seriousness to merit disciplinary action against the licensee and are dismissed. Action by the committee on all disciplinary matters is a recommendation only. All final decisions are made by the Board.

A. 2006-0077, Grace Brown, LCSW-11437 (suspended)

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

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to dismiss the complaint as being without merit pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1) and A.R.S. §32-3281(E), and to remove it from the professional's complaint history. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2008-0004, Zona Pacheco, LCSW-0274

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

The professional and her attorney, Denton Casey, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to dismiss the complaint as being without merit pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1) and A.R.S. §32-3281(E), and to remove it from the professional's complaint history. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2006-0076, D. Christine Armstrong, LPC-12005

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

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

D. 2007-0027, Julie Petersen, LPC-11777 and LISAC-10974

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

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 10:07 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:17 a.m.

E. 2008-0005, Steve Brinton, LCSW-1699

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

The professional and his attorney, Charlie Hover, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The complainant appeared in person and was available for questions.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to find the following violations of unprofessional conduct:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(p), failing to conform with minimum practice standards as developed by the Board, as it relates to A.A.C. R4-6-1101, consent for treatment; A.A.C. R4-6-1102, treatment plan; and A.A.C. R4-6-1103, client record
- 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
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(y), engaging in a dual relationship with a client that could impair the licensee's objectivity or professional judgment or create a risk of harm to the client.
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(z), engaging in physical contact between a licensee and a client if there is a reasonable possibility of physical or psychological harm to the client as a result of that contact

The motion passed unanimously.

Members discussed the level of discipline from requesting the voluntary surrender of the professional's license to accepting the continuing education already completed. Following that discussion, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional's license will be placed on probation for a period of 24 months with the ability to request early release after 12 months upon the recommendation of the clinical supervisor
- The professional will receive clinical supervision monthly by a pre-approved clinical supervisor
- The professional will complete a 6-clock hour continuing education seminar focusing on recordkeeping
- The professional will complete a 3-semester credit hour graduate level course in ethics
- The seminar and graduate level course will be pre-approved by the committee chair or designee
- The clinical supervision will focus on establishing and maintaining appropriate boundaries with clients, dual relationships, transference and counter-transference issues, clinical assessment and treatment planning, use of professionally recognized behavioral health treatment methods, use of clinical consultation and client referrals, and clinical recordkeeping and shall include monthly documentation reviews
- The clinical supervisor will submit quarterly reports to the committee chair or designee
- Professional cannot provide clinical supervision while on probation

The motion passed unanimously.

F. Jacqueline Hartman, LCSW-2613

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

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to open a complaint based on the information in the investigative report and to order the professional to obtain a substance abuse assessment by an addictionologist and to provide the report within 60 days of the date of the letter requesting the evaluation. 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

None

B. Update regarding HB2325

Ms. Rinaudo reported regarding HB2325.

C. Review, consideration and possible action regarding development of guidelines to review reciprocity.

None

D. Member attendance

No report

7. Report from the Board and other committees

None

8. National and regional trends and news regarding the profession(s)

Dr. Davis informed members there will be a national training this summer regarding assertive community treatment teams.

Dr. Davis reminded members that, if they have not attended the governor's public service training, one will be held at the end of the month.

9. Review, consideration and action of supervision/work experience and/or exemptions

A. Laura Blackman (Mary Perdue, LPC)

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the request for a supervisor exemption.

Following review, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to grant the request for a supervisor exemption for the clinical supervision hours provided by Mary Perdue, LPC. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Cristina Culhane (Jill Killeen, LPC)

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the request for a supervisor exemption.

Following review, Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to grant the request for a supervisor exemption for the clinical supervision hours provided by Jill Killeen, LPC. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Cristina Culhane (Emily Hoese, LPC)

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the request for a supervisor exemption.

Following review, Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to grant the request for a supervisor exemption for the clinical supervision hours provided by Emily Hoese, LPC. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Applications for reassessment

None

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

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the consent agenda, as reviewed by Dr. Davis, granting a 60-day extension to Richard Gates, second 60-day extensions to Lorena Lashway, Mirella Avila del Pilar and Joseph Little, and inactive status to Polliana Peterson. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Review, consideration and action regarding exam accommodations and extensions

None

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

The committee reviewed files from 11:50 a.m. through 12:13 p.m.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Virginia Bagby, Susan Needle and Rebecca Mullen as Licensed Master Social Workers. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Richard Janney and Clara Crookston as Licensed Clinical Social Workers. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve the following ten applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers after receiving a passing score on the required exam:

Jennifer Stalteri	Michelle Shea	Mirella Avila del Pilar	Ashley Herod
Janice Freidman	Erin Curtright	Cheryl Wendt	Roberta Whelan
Sally Jaffe	Venessa de la Cruz		

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Laura Blackman, Stephanie Cotcher and Cristina Culhane as Licensed Clinical Social Workers after receiving a passing score on the required exam. 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 Friday, May 9, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Teresa Menchaca
Secretary/Treasurer

Date