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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, August 10, 2007

Members Present: Cedric Davis, Teresa Menchaca, Douglas Mitchell, John Gutierrez (in at 11:55 a.m.)

Staff Present: Mary Grossi, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Sherry Blatner, Sheila Perry-Johnson, Patricia Reynolds, Mary Wilson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on August 10, 2007, at 9:05 a.m. with Dr. Davis presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to approve the general meeting minutes from the July 13, 2007, meeting, as submitted. 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. 2007-0106, Kathleen Miholich, LCSW-0762

Ms. Perry-Johnson summarized the results of the Board's investigation.

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

B. 2007-0075, Eric Cuestas-Thompson, LCSW applicant

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

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Menchaca moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3275(3), good morale character and A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(j) and A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the certified/licensed behavioral health professional to safely and competently practice. The motion failed with Ms. Menchaca in favor.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(j) and A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the certified/licensed behavioral health professional to safely and competently practice, for the reasons outlined in the investigative summary. The motion carried with Ms. Menchaca opposed.

Following further discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- Probation for a minimum of 12 months
- The professional's LCSW application is approved pending passage of the required exam
- Monthly clinical supervision by a masters level or higher independently licensed behavioral health professional
- The clinical supervisor will submit quarterly reports
- The focus of the clinical supervision is substance abuse and public morality
- Random bodily fluid testing on a monthly basis
- All costs will be borne by the professional

The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 9:50 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 9:55 a.m.

C. 2004-0031, Joan Leshner, LCSW-10163

Ms. Perry-Johnson summarized the results of the Board's investigation.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to find violations of the following:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(e), betraying a professional confidence,
- A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(i), any conduct or practice that is contrary to recognized standards of ethics in the behavioral health profession, as it relates to the NASW Code of Ethics, Sections 1.03.a and 1.06.d.
- A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(j), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the certified behavioral health professional to safely and competently practice that profession.

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- Probation for a minimum of 12 months
- Completion of a 3-semester credit hour graduate level ethics course pre-approved by the committee chair or designee
- Completion of a 3-6 clock hour HIPPA seminar pre-approved by the committee chair or designee
- Training and education is in addition to required continuing education
- Monthly clinical supervision will be by a masters level or higher independently licensed behavioral health professional
- Clinical supervision will focus on documentation, boundary issues and clinical issues associated with couples counseling
- The clinical supervisor will submit quarterly reports

The motion passed unanimously.

D. 2004-0024, Wanda Chiles, LCSW-2920

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

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

E. 2005-0042, Cyndie Dolegowski, LCSW-2197

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

The professional and her attorney, Larry Cohen, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

F. Steven Wenzel, LMSW applicant

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

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion, members reviewed the rule regarding felony convictions and agreed that it does not preclude this application.

G. Sarah House, LCSW applicant and LMSW-0589

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

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to open a complaint and to recommend to the Board to find violations of the following:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice,
- A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(b) and (12)(b), use of deceit in establishing qualifications pursuant to A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 33, and
- A.R.S. §32-3208(A), a professional who has been charged with a misdemeanor involving conduct that may affect patient safety must notify the health professional's regulatory board in writing within 10 working days after the charge is filed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Dr. Davis moved, seconded Ms. Menchaca, to have the professional undergo an evaluation by addictionologist pre-approved by the committee chair or designee. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 11:00 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:12 a.m.

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

None

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

None

B. Sunset review

Ms. Wilson reported regarding the Board's ten-year Sunset Review. Members reviewed a letter submitted by the Arizona Behavioral Health Professionals' Coalition on behalf of the Board.

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

Katherine Grask

Following review, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to find that an applicant's private practice work is not the substantial equivalent of supervised work experience. The motion passed unanimously.

David Klein

Following review, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to find that under reciprocity 23 months of supervised work experience with at least 100 hours of clinical supervision that meet requirements may be considered the substantial equivalent of 24 months of supervised work experience that meets requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Report from the Board and other committees

None

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

Dr. Davis reported that the ASWB Annual Meeting is in San Antonio in November.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to appoint Ms. Menchaca as a delegate to attend the meeting with Dr. Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Denise O'Connell (Daniel Levinson, MD)

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to approve the clinical supervision hours provided by Daniel Levinson. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Denise O'Connell (Anne Middaugh, PhD)

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to deny the clinical supervision hours provided by Anne Middaugh as she is not a licensed behavioral health professional. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Christina Hart (Leonard Medoff, PhD)

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to approve the clinical supervision hours provided by Leonard Medoff. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Patricia Miner (Kenneth Adams, PhD)

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to approve the clinical supervision hours provided by Kenneth Adams. 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

Ms. Menchaca moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the consent agenda, as reviewed by Ms. Menchaca, granting a 60-day extension to Julie Dougan and inactive status to Balasz Batyka, James Nagi and Daniel Craig. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

A. Eric Cuestas-Thompson

See agenda item 4(B).

B. Steven Wenzel

See agenda item 4(F).

C. Sarah House

See agenda item 4(G).

The committee reviewed files from 11:30 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Rena Scarberry as a Licensed Bachelor Social Worker. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Christina Hart as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Denise O'Connell, David Klein and Michael Jokich as Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Laura Nauman
Kirsten Weiss
Yolanda Munoz
Lyn Finger

Jill Retzlaff
Cassandra Tracey
Stacy Linder
Danitza Valle

Ysela Craig
Julie Pasquale
Ryan Sheade
Sonja Barnett

Ronald Paul
Danielle Langel
Steve Wenzel

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to deny Catherine Grask's and Patricia Miles' applications based on their failure to establish that they meet minimum licensure requirements in supervision. 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, September 14, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Teresa Menchaca
Secretary/Treasurer

Date