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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 11, 2005

Members Present: Cedric Davis, John Gutierrez, Teresa Menchaca, Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil (in at 9:35 a.m.)

Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Becky Edstrom, Mary Wilson

Public Present: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on February 11, 2005, at 9:02 a.m. with Dr. Davis presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to approve the general meeting minutes from January 14, 2005, as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None

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

ASWB Spring Education Meeting

Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil expressed interest in attending the meeting in Boston.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to appoint Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil to attend the ASWB Spring Education Meeting in April. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

General Agency Operations

Ms. Rinaudo reported regarding pending legislation.

A. Work experience acquired as a behavioral health technician

Ms. Rinaudo reported that the Board needs to address whether it will accept work experience obtained by unlicensed professionals working as behavioral health technicians. Each committee will make a recommendation to the Board regarding this issue. Ms. Rinaudo reviewed the discussions between the Board and the Department of Health Services (DHS) when DHS requested the licensure exemption for behavioral health technicians.

Ms. Rinaudo reported that the Board has received applications from individuals whose education qualifies them for the Associate level of licensure. These professionals are working without a license and submitting this work experience to obtain an independent license based on the licensure exemption for behavioral health technicians.

After discussion, the consensus of the committee was to recommend to the Board to adopt a rule to exclude work experience acquired by unlicensed professionals after July 1, 2005.

B. Failure to appropriately disclose criminal history

Ms. Rinaudo reported that the statute requires a fingerprint check for each application and for the first renewal of a professional's license submitted after July 1, 2004.

Ms. Rinaudo described a number of pending licensure and renewal applications where the professionals did not appropriately disclose their criminal history.

The Board will review this issue and develop a procedure for processing such applications at its March meeting.

Following discussion, members agreed to recommend to the Board that no action is necessary where the professional failed to disclose criminal history that would not have affected the professional's eligibility for certification or renewal.

The committee took a break from 10:08 a.m. reconvening its public meeting at 10:12 a.m.

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

A. Jonathan Kendell

Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to approve the hours provided by Dr. Joseph Hasler. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Gail Jaffe

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil, to approve the hours provided by Dr. Winifred Christ. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Kelley Yee

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil, to approve the hours provided by Frances Izzo. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Leanne Millsap

Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to approve the hours provided by Dr. William Jenkins. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Trudy Stransky

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to approve the hours provided by Dr. Scheinbaum as substantially meeting requirements under reciprocity. The motion passed unanimously.

F. William Gerber

Tabled

10. Review, consideration and action regarding renewals

None

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

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to approve the consent agenda, as reviewed by Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil, granting 60-day extensions to Dolores Reid, Amy Littler, and Patricia Lopez, second 60-day extensions to Sloane Smith, Sharon Smith, Brenda Pastrana, Miriam Korobkin, Maria Esposito and Gail Garcia, and inactive status to Jill Peterson. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Review, consideration and action regarding exam accommodations

None

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for certification

Ms. Rinaudo reviewed licensure rules regarding work experience required for Licensed Clinical Social Worker applicants. Acceptable work experience under licensure is limited to assessment, diagnosis and treatment only.

Heidi Zinda

The applicant submitted a published job description for her position as a medical social worker. Following discussion and based on the job description, members agreed that the work experience does not meet licensure requirements.

Kelly Yee

While the applicant submitted a published job description for her positions as a senior clinical social worker and clinical social worker at the Los Angeles County Department of Human Resources, her work experience evaluation is for her position as a senior clinical social worker. Following discussion, members requested additional information regarding her experience in both positions.

Deborah Woodard

The applicant submitted a published job description for her position as a program coordinator. Following discussion, members agreed this work experience does not meet licensure requirements.

Leonard Sanchez

The applicant submitted a published job description for his position as a youth and family counselor for the Town of Gilbert. Following discussion, members agreed this work experience does not meet licensure requirements.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil, to recommend to the Board to approve Jean Rocco, Jonathan Kendall, Kristen Lindberg and Leanne Millsap as Licensed Clinical Social Workers after receiving a passing score on the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Clay Cavness	Lillian Martinez	Sandra Beck	Patrick Wood
Erin Wiltier	Lindsey Arendt	Tricia Coleman	Jill Kerr
Jennifer Ivers			

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to recommend to the Board to approve Annette Hall and Laura Townsend as Licensed Master Social Workers. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to recommend to the Board to approve Carla Court, Joan McCarthy and Truda Stransky as Licensed Clinical Social Workers. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to deny the following ten applicants based on uncorrectable deficiencies:

Mary Francis Aragon	Danielle Reed	Heidi Zinda	Leonard Sanchez
James Orr	Dorothy Anderson	Deborah Woodard	Phillip Cieplinski
Gabriel Russo	Brenda Cochran		

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 March 11, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in room B-2.

17. Adjournment

Ms. Sawyer-Sinkbeil moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Traci Sawyer-Sinkbeil
Secretary/Treasurer

Date