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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, February 8, 2008

Members Present: Cedric Davis, Douglas Mitchell, John Gutierrez, Teresa Menchaca

Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Kami Thur, Sherry Blatner, Mary Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on February 8, 2008, 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 January 11, 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. 2005-0040, Mary Hennessey Pierce, LCSW-10373 and LISAC-0579*

Dr. Davis reviewed the procedure for conducting informal meetings.

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

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The professional 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.

*B. 2006-0062, Awilda Dinon, LMSW-11340*

Dr. Davis reviewed the procedure for conducting informal meetings.

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

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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.

*C. Elizabeth Kale, LMSW applicant*

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

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to open a complaint and make the following findings of unprofessional conduct:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(b), use of deceit in connection with rendering services as a licensee or in establishing qualifications as it relates to A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 33.
- 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

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, recommend to the Board to deny the application pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3275(6) based on a finding of unprofessional conduct. The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee took a break at 10:21 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:33 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. Discussion of proposed legislation*

Ms. Rinaudo reported regarding HB2325.

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

None

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

None

**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. Nicole Valdez-Strickland (Douglas Albrecht, PhD)*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the exemption request. Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to approve the request for clinical supervision hours provided by Douglas Albrecht, PhD. The motion passed unanimously.

*B. Nicole Valdez-Strickland (Lorenzo Azzi, PhD)*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the exemption request. Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to approve the request for clinical supervision hours provided by Lorenzo Azzi, PhD. The motion passed unanimously.

*C. Deborah Mayer (Sean Derry, LPC)*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the exemption request. Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to approve the request for clinical supervision hours provided by Sean Derry, LPC. The motion passed unanimously.

*D. Jennifer Turek (John Campo, MD)*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the exemption request. Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to approve the request for clinical supervision hours provided by John Campo, MD. 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. Gutierrez, to approve the consent agenda, as reviewed by Ms. Menchaca, granting 60-day extensions to Yvonne Fife and Lorena Lashway and inactive status to Mui-Joo Wee. The motion passed unanimously.

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

*A. Nicole Early, exam accommodation*

Following review of the information submitted, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to approve the request for an exam accommodation. The motion passed unanimously.

*B. Dawn Toth, Inactive extension*

Following review of the information submitted, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to approve the request for an inactive status extension. The motion passed unanimously.

*C. Jennifer Eldridge, exam extension*

Following review of the information submitted, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to deny the request for an exam extension based on the applicant's failure to establish good cause. The motion passed unanimously.

**13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure**

*A. Elizabeth Kale*

See agenda item 4(C).

Appeal

*Michelle Barker*

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that the work experience obtained was assessment, diagnosis and treatment. The motion passed unanimously.

*The committee reviewed files from 10:57 a.m. through 11:25 a.m.*

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Kathryn Lynd and Susan Hawfield as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Angela LoPresti and Charles Kennedy as Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Clarice Lowe as a Licensed Master Social Worker. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Yvonne Fife, Camielle Derricotte and Faith Eidson 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 10 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers after receiving a passing score on the required exam:

Nicole Valdez-Strickland	Maria Fidalgo	Jennifer Turek	Jaime Janes
Cherie Berndt	Jeffrey Thomas	Phyllis Feldman	Adrienne Weede
Noelle Mejia	Deborah Mayer		

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve the Tiffany Delbridge, Alison Nelson, Serani Wijesinghe, Ana Chavez and Shirley Hanson as Licensed Master 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 Monday, March 14, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> floor conference room.

**17. Adjournment**

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Teresa Menchaca  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date