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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 12, 2010

Members Present: Doug Mitchell, Cedric Davis, Vicki Dawson, Karla Foltz, Stephen Lankton

Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Mary Wilson, Elma Brambila

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on February 12, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. with Mr. Mitchell presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Consideration of the minutes was tabled due to a typographical error on the agenda.

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.

Mr. Mitchell reviewed the procedure for conducting informal meetings.

A. 2009-0085, Lynn Finger, LMSW-12362 and LCSW applicant

B. 2009-0086, Linda Northington, LPC-11945

C. 2009-0087, Veronica Bradley, LCSW-11965

Ms. Dawson recused herself from all matters involving Ms. Bradley.

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

Nancy Davis, complainant, and her CASA supervisor, Ms. Ponce-Maez, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Ms. Finger, Ms. Northington and Ms. Bradley appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to dismiss complaint Nos. 2009-0085, 2009-0086 and 2009-0087. The motion passed unanimously.

D. 2010-0018, Mary Ann Turner, LCSW-10951

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional and her attorney, Michelle Thompson, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(m), engaging in activities that are not congruent with the licensee's professional education, training or experience

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(p), failing to conform to minimum practice standards as developed by the Board, as it relates to the following:
- A.A.C. R4-6-1101, Consent for Treatment
- A.A.C. R4-6-1102, Treatment Plan
- A.A.C. R4-6-1103, Client Record
- A.A.C. R4-6-1104, Financial and Billing Records

The motion passed unanimously.

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

- The professional's license will be placed on probation for a period of 24 months
- The professional shall close her private practice and submit a practice termination plan
- The professional shall complete a pre-approved 3-semester credit hour graduate level ethics course
- The professional shall practice psychotherapy only in an agency licensed by the Office of Behavioral Health licensure
- The professional shall complete 24 months of supervised work experience under weekly clinical supervision provided by an independently licensed behavioral health professional
- The focus of the clinical supervision shall be boundary issues, documentation issues, high conflict custody/divorce issues and scope of practice and expertise issues
- The professional shall pass the ASWB clinical exam prior to release from the consent agreement

and if not signed, invite the professional to participate in a formal interview, and if not accepted, to remand to formal hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 10:23 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:30 a.m.

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

A. Appointment of member to complete DARS reporting

Members discussed DARS and whether there is a benefit of reporting by the Board to that system in addition to HIPDB/NPDB.

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

No report.

B. Review of Arizona Republic article

No report.

C. Discussion of recommendations to the Board regarding possible consent agreement language

Members discussed various phrases used in consent agreements.

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. Alan Nesbit (Kimberly Egan, LPC)

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

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to approve the exemption request for clinical supervision hours provided by Kimberly Egan, LPC. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Kelly Finn (Adalesa Meek, LPC)

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

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to approve the exemption request for clinical supervision hours provided by Adalesa Meek, LPC. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Applications for reassessment

None

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

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. Lankton granting a 60-day extension to Leiann Hawley and inactive status to Mattie Cummins and Patricia Liwanag. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Karen O'Donnel, Inactive status extension request

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the request for an extension of inactive status.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to approve the applicant's request for an extension to inactive status. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Luella Peterson, Exam accommodation request

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the request for an exam accommodation.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to approve the applicant's request for an exam accommodation. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

Appeals

Joy-Melodee Gentry-Bosna

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared and was available for questions.

Following review and discussion, members agreed that the applicant meets minimum requirements.

The committee took a break to review files at 10:55 am., reconvening its public meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Ms. Foltz moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve Lynn Finger as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam, receipt of the required license issuance fee and the Board's dismissal of the pending complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Stephanie Almase, Sulay Tovar and Sarah Kaczynski as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to approve Alina Chertkoff and Leiann Hawley as Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve Kelly Finn and Joy Melodee Gentry Bosna as Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 7 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and upon receipt of the license issuance fee:

Jason Overmyer	Kay Franklin	Christian Johnson
Danielle DeMailo	Elda Luna-Najera	Gina Silva
Carl Bailey		

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, March 12, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Lankton, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Steve Lankton
Secretary/Treasurer

Date