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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, July 16, 2010

Members Present: Douglas Mitchell, Stephen Lankton, Vicki Dawson, Cedric Davis
Member Absent: Karla Foltz
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Mary Wilson, Elma Brambila

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on July 16, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. with Mr. Mitchell presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to approve the general meeting minutes from the June 11, 2010, 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.

Mr. Mitchell reviewed the procedure for conducting informal meetings.

A. 2010-0100, Robert Collette, LMSW-12469

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

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to order the professional to obtain a psychiatric evaluation and a psychological evaluation by pre-approved evaluators within 60 days. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2010-0055, Gerald Szymanski, LPC-11595 and LISAC-10674

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the results of the Board's background 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, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2010-0049, Shannon Ryszka, LCSW-12537

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

D. 2009-0118, Cheryl Meloche, LISAC-1451

Ms. Rinaudo summarized the professional's request for modification of her pending non-disciplinary order.

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to issue an amended non-disciplinary order extending the time for completion of the 3-semester graduate level ethics course to July 27, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Amy Preusch, LMSW applicant

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

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to open a complaint for further investigation based on the issues identified in the investigative report. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Kevin Christopher, LSAT applicant

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

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, members agreed no further action is necessary regarding the background issues.

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

No report.

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

None

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

None

10. Applications for renewal: review, consideration and action

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 Dorran Mitchell, a 2nd 60-day extension to Garron Griffiths and inactive status to Sharon Carpenter, Elizabeth Hayward and Kerriane DeWaters. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None

The committee took a break at 10:15 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:25 a.m.

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

The committee took a break to review files at 10:25 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve Kevin Christopher as a Licensed Substance Abuse Technician upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Lou Chilton as a Licensed Master Social Worker upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 14 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report, a passing score on the required exam and the license issuance fee:

Jordan Lopuszanski	Virginia Ortiz	Michelle Laverman	Elizabeth Espinoza
Robert Ouimette	Erin McClain	Melissa Drinkman	Pasha Grant
Danielle Tassielli	Sarah Held	Jennifer Neal	Secora Coleman
Patricia Gillett	Alissa Babcock		

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve Nancy DeVine and Karen Gundersen-Goff as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to recommend to the Board to approve Jamison Cole and Shelley Pajak as Reciprocal Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 5 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Steve Wenzel	Michael Goldman	Susan Bueker
Allison Davis	Tiffany Gallego	

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 21 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Cheridy Clement	Elizabeth Michaelis	Angela Wilson	Reita Juarez
Britt Miller	Mike Wilder	Ashley Gershanov	Tesheba Wadley
Brooke Richards	Kathy Gardner	Jessica Katt	Brianna Johnson
Jessica Cordero	Elizabeth Means	Joydev Chaudhuri	Jeffrey Ainsa
Jessica Lewerke	Petula Oster-McLeod	Monica Kesler	Meghan Van Der Werf
Erika Pearson			

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 4 applicants based on failure to meet minimum requirements:

Rhonda Shakir-Ferguson	Hannah Rawhouser
Joshua Redlin	Kirsten Choubard

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, August 13, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Steve Lankton
Secretary/Treasurer

Date