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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, May 8, 2009

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on May 8, 2009, at 9:06 a.m. with Mr. Mitchell presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes were considered by invoking the rule of impossibility.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to approve the general meeting minutes and the executive session minutes from the April 10, 2009, meeting, as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Foltz and Mr. Mitchell abstained from the vote.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2009, teleconference, as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lankton and Ms. Foltz abstained from the vote.

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. 2009-0029, Elissa Thompson, LCSW-10384

Ms. Rinaudo 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 Ms. Dawson, to recommend to the Board to find the following violations:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(p), failing to conform to minimum practice standards as developed by the Board, as it relates to A.A.C. R4-6-1102(1), treatment plan requirements
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(p), failing to conform to minimum practice standards as developed by the Board, as it relates to A.A.C. R4-6-1103(B)(6)(9) and (10), client record requirements
- 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 motion passed unanimously.

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

- The license will be placed on probation for a period of 24 months
- The professional will practice only at an agency licensed by OBHL
- The professional will complete a 3 semester credit hour graduate level behavioral health ethics course within the first 12 months of probation
- The professional will complete 6 contact hours regarding clinical documentation requirements, such as the NASW Staying Out of Trouble: Legal and Clinical Documentation course, within the first 12 months of probation
- The professional will receive clinical supervision by a pre-approved independently licensed behavioral health professional
- During the first six months of probation, clinical supervision will be weekly with monthly reports
- For the balance of probation, clinical supervision will be every two weeks with quarterly reports
- Early release is available after 12 months upon the supervisor's recommendation if all other terms have been met

The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item 4(D)

2008-0051, Jeffrey Wheatley, LCSW-1328

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

The complainant's attorney, Nina Caples, addressed the committee telephonically.

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

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

The committee took a break at 10:30 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Agenda item 4(C)

2009-0067, James Corrington, LCSW-0463

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

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

The professional and his attorney, Christine Cassetta, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to find the following violations:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(z), engaging in physical contact between a licensee and a client if there is a reasonable possibility of physical or psychological harm to the client as a result of that contact
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(y), engaging in a dual relationship
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(x), exploiting a client or a former client
- 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, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to offer a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The license will be placed on probation for a period of 24 months
- The professional will receive clinical supervision from a pre-approved independently licensed behavioral health professional
- At a minimum, supervision shall address all female clients the professional treats and shall focus on appropriate professional boundaries and transference/counter-transference issues

- Clinical supervision will be weekly and the supervisor will submit quarterly reports for pre-approval
- The professional shall receive therapy from a pre-approved therapist weekly for the first six months and then every two weeks for the remainder of the probation
- The therapist shall submit quarterly reports for approval
- The professional will complete an in-person 3-semester hour graduate level course in behavioral health ethics
- The professional will complete 6 clock hours of continuing education focusing on appropriate professional boundaries, such as the NASW Staying Out of Trouble course, or an equivalent course in person
- Early release is available after 12 months upon the therapist's and supervisor's recommendations if all other consent agreement terms have been met

The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item 4(B)

2008-0104, Donna Hodax, LCSW-2013

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. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint subject to a non-disciplinary consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional will complete 6 clock hours of pre-approved continuing education focusing on current professional practice, such as the NASW Staying Out of Trouble course or an equivalent course
- The professional will complete 6 clock hours of continuing education focusing on current clinical documentation requirements, pre-approved by the committee chair

The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 12:25 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Agenda item 4(E)

2009-0081, Jesse Hash, LCSW applicant

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, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item 4(F)

Valerie Piacitelli, LMSW-11401 and LCSW applicant

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

The professional and her attorney, Lisa Miles, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to go into executive session to review medical/behavioral health information exempt from public inspection pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2). The motion passed unanimously. The committee went into executive session at 12:36 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to open a complaint based upon the professional's failure to report required information to the Board while her LCSW application was pending and possible impairment. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to defer action pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(S), subject to a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional will allow her LCSW application to close based on her failure to take and pass the required exam
- 24 months of probation
- The professional's treating physician shall submit monthly reports for six months and quarterly reports for the remainder of probation addressing the professional's compliance with treatment and medication recommendations

The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item 4(G)

Cheryl Meloche, LCSW-10945

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

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following discussion by members, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to open a complaint based on possible misrepresentations by the professional on clinical supervision forms she completed. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of concern addressing the professional's failure to verify the accuracy of all information submitted to the Board under penalty of perjury. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item 4(H)

Aaron Grigg, LCSW-12377

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

The professional addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to open a complaint based on possible false statements by the professional on his licensure application and impairment. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to order the professional to have a psychosexual evaluation by a pre-approved licensed professional within 60 days. The motion passed unanimously.

Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

Appeal

Nicole Delgado

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to deny the appeal based on continuing deficiencies in supervised work experience. The motion passed unanimously.

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

7. Report from the Board and other committees

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 reassessment

None

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

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to approve the consent agenda, as reviewed by Mr. Lankton, granting 60-day extensions to Julie Cheetham, Amanda Siebold, Valerie Westbrooke and Gail Laurendeau and inactive status to Alice Elmer and Kim Couderc. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Elizabeth Avila (exam extension)

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

Following discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to approve the request for an exam extension. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Reshawna Chapple (exam extension)

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

Following discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the request for an exam extension. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Mary Powers (exam accommodation)

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

Following discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to approve the request for an exam accommodation. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

The committee reviewed files from 2:25 p.m. through 3:05 p.m.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Maria Richards and Cheryl Wingate as Licensed Master Social Workers 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 Bonnie Mora and Jan Canning as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve Erika Martinez as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker 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 Gail Laurendeau as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker upon receipt of 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 12 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee:

Kathleen Schildbach	Noelle Campbell	Xochitl Gaxiola	Lisa Olson
Joseph Gieber	Michelle Burns	Jamie Capobres	Michelle Cabanillas
Kate Gillpatrick	Lynette Thun-Buell	Erika Sotelo-Martin	Melanie Gotcher

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, June 12, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Steve Lankton
Secretary/Treasurer

Date