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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, December 10, 2010

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

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

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on December 10, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. with Mr. Mitchell presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to approve the general meeting minutes from the November 12, 2010, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Davis and Ms. Dawson 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. *2011-0010, Amy Preusch, LMSW applicant*

Ms. Reynolds summarized the committee's October 8, 2010, review of this matter.

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to rescind this committee's October 8, 2010, motion to deny the professional's application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lankton abstained from the vote.

Following further discussion, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to find a violation of the following:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(l), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability to safely and competently practice
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(c), any misrepresentation of a fact

and to recommend to the Board to deny the professional's application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3275. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Lankton abstained from the vote.

B. *Laura Lindsay, LMSW-12305, LISAC-11541 and LCSW applicant*

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

The professional appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to go into executive session to receive legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3). The motion passed unanimously and the committee went into executive session at 9:55 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to open a complaint, find a violation of A.R.S. § 32-3251(12)(1), and recommend to the Board to deny the LCSW application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct pursuant to 32-3275(6) and failure to meet minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to open a complaint, find a violation of A.R.S. § 32-3251(12)(1), and recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional's license will be suspended for a period of 3 years
- The suspension is stayed as long as the professional is compliant with the consent agreement
- A 3-year practice restriction requiring that the professional work only at an OBHL licensed agency
- The professional shall not provide clinical supervision while subject to the consent agreement
- The professional shall not practice independently as a LISAC while subject to the consent agreement

The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 10:30 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:40 a.m.

C. Kimberly Rezarch, LCSW applicant, LISAC applicant

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

The professional appeared telephonically and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by the Dr. Davis, to open a complaint, find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(b), and to recommend to the Board to deny the application based on a finding of unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3275 and failure to meet minimum requirements in work experience and clinical supervision. 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

No report.

B. Supervisor exemption request standards

Ms. Rinaudo reviewed the Board rule addressing required training for Board licensed clinical supervisors for supervision provided after 2006. She asked the committee to consider whether to adopt a similar standard for out-of-state supervisors submitting clinical supervision hours for applicants seeking licensure in Arizona.

Members discussed whether clinical supervisors providing supervision out-of-state and being considered pursuant to a supervision exemption rule should be required to comply with requirements for supervisors providing supervision in Arizona.

Following discussion, Ms. Dawson moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to adopt a consistent interpretation across all disciplines to interpret the Board's supervisor exemption rules as requiring that proposed supervisors complete clinical supervision requirements similar to those required for supervisors providing supervision within Arizona. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Dawson, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. Lankton granting 60-day extensions to Barbara Tracer and Andrea Craig and inactive status to Stephanie Gotcher, Janice Cheatham and Jennifer Turek. The motion passed unanimously.

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

None

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

Appeals

Dorran Mitchell

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared telephonically and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that she completed supervised work experience in accordance with the requirements set forth in A.A.C. R4-6-403(A). The motion passed unanimously.

Anita Miller

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that she completed supervised work experience in accordance with the requirements set forth in A.A.C. R4-6-403(A). The motion passed unanimously.

Kirsten Choubard

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

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

The committee took a break to review files at 12:40 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 1:21 p.m.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve Stormie Rollins-Menniti and Erin Leach as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 18 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and upon receipt of the license issuance fee:

Robert Wilkins	Albin John	Jennifer Soltis	Travis Webb
Beth Todd	Danielle Wright	Stephanie Rogers	James John
Jill Andersen	Jennifer Rasso	Elda Valera	Jennifer Hewitt
Ashley Piturro	Lonica Even	Emma Hertzell	Luciana Shomela
Emelinda Diaz	Michelle Driffill		

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend to the Board to approve Peggy Davis as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and 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 Mary Krawczyk and Kirsten Choubar as Reciprocal Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to deny Carrie Burns and Kelly Kelley based on failure to meet minimum requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Future agenda items

Delegate report from the ASWB annual meeting

15. Call for public comment

None

16. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 14, 2011, 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 1:25 p.m.

Steve Lankton, Secretary

Date