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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 9, 2007

Members Present: Cedric Davis, Teresa Menchaca, Douglas Mitchell

Members Absent: John Gutierrez

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

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on March 9, 2007, at 9:11 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 February 9, 2007, meeting, as amended. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Menchaca abstained from the vote.

4. **Review, consideration and action of complaints and other disciplinary matters**

Action by the committee on all disciplinary matters is a recommendation only. All final decisions are made by the Board.

A. *2007-0096, Zachary Busch, LMSW applicant*

Ms. Blatner summarized the results of the Board's investigation. Ms. Blatner reported that the professional left her a voice message indicating that a family emergency had prevented his participation in the meeting.

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

- A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(j), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the behavioral health professional to safely and competently practice the licensee's profession
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(f), active substance abuse

The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion by members, Ms. Menchaca moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to offer the professional a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The applicant will be placed on probation during the twelve months allowed for passage of the exam.
- The applicant shall receive therapy by a therapist pre-approved by the Substance Abuse Credentialing Committee Chair.
- Therapy shall occur twice monthly unless the therapist recommends an increased frequency.
- The applicant shall not work with substance abuse clients or at-risk youth.
- The applicant shall submit to random monthly drug screening to begin within 30 days of the effective date of the consent agreement.

- The applicant shall receive clinical supervision from a supervisor pre-approved by the Social Work Credentialing Committee Chair. The supervisor shall be an LCSW or other behavioral health professional licensed at the independent level.
- The applicant shall receive a minimum of one hour of supervision for every 40 hours worked.
- The focus of the clinical supervision shall relate to boundary issues and section 3 of the NASW Code of Ethics.
- The applicant shall attend a minimum of one 12-step meeting weekly.
- The applicant's sponsor shall report regarding the applicant's attendance and progress to the clinical supervisor.
- The therapist and clinical supervisor shall submit quarterly reports to the Board for review and approval. The clinical supervisor's reports shall include information reported by the sponsor.
- If the applicant passes the required exam within the 12 months allowed, the Board shall approve his license, which will be immediately placed on probation for a minimum of 24 months.
- All terms of the consent agreement shall remain in effect.
- In addition, the applicant shall take and pass a 3-semester credit hour graduate level behavioral health ethics course pre-approved by the Board.
- All costs to be paid by the professional.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2005-0086, Patrick Barrasso, LCSW-2194

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

Mr. Barrasso was available telephonically if needed.

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint. The motion passed unanimously.

C. 2005-0020, Michael Rose, LCSW-3693

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

Mr. Rose was noticed, but did not appear.

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

D. 2005-0050, M.Carmen Andazola, LCSW-11552

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

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Ms. Andaloza and her attorney, Nicole Cantelme, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Mr. Harris explained the Committee's new statutory authority to dismiss complaints without merit and remove them from the licensee's complaint history.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Menchaca moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to dismiss the complaint pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1) and A.R.S. §32-3281(E) as being without merit and to remove the complaint from the licensee's complaint history. The committee noted that the complainant chose not to fully avail himself of the opportunity given to him by the court to challenge the professional's recommendations to the court. Instead, the complainant filed a Board complaint despite the fact that the court was the most appropriate forum for a review of his concerns regarding the professional. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Kathleen Clarke, LCSW-1104

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

Ms. Clarke and her attorney, Neal Harrington, addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to open a complaint and dismiss the complaint with a letter of concern. The committee asked that the letter of concern include a request that the professional complete a HIPPA course. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Jennifer Balistreri, LMSW-12207

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

Mr. Balistreri appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to open a complaint based on a possible violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(x). The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, Ms. Menchaca moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(x), exploiting a client, former client or supervisee, and to offer a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The license will be placed on probation for one year with the potential for release after 6 months if consent agreement terms are completed.
- The professional will complete a 3-semester credit hour graduate level course in behavioral health ethics.
- The professional will complete personal therapy regarding relationship issues for 6 months. The frequency of the therapy shall be recommended by the therapist after an assessment.
- The therapist and therapy plan will be submitted for pre-approval to the committee chair
- The counselor will submit quarterly reports to the committee chair for approval.
- The focus of therapy will be relationship issues and maintenance of professional boundaries.
- The professional will not provide clinical supervision during the term of the consent agreement.
- All costs will be borne by the professional.

The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 10:45 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:00 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. 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. Jay Lambert (Deborah Yancer, LPC/LISAC)

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to approve the clinical supervision hours provided by Deborah Yancer. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Jay Lambert (Karlyn Peters, LPC)

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to approve the clinical supervision hours provided by Karlyn Peters. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Rebecca Bermudez (Beth Kozan, LPC)

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to approve the clinical supervision hours provided by Beth Kozan. 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

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to approve the consent agenda, as reviewed by Ms. Menchaca, granting a 60-day extension to Barbara Erke and inactive status to Rochelle Speare. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Laura Lindsay, exam accommodation

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to grant the requested accommodation based on the paperwork submitted by ASWB. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

A. Zachary Busch

See agenda item 4(A).

Appeals

Marcy Mevorach

Following review of information submitted, members agreed that the applicant meets minimum requirements under licensure.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to approve the following seven applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers after receiving a passing score on the required exam:

Jay Lambert
Rebecca Bermudez

Tonya Thompson
Leannette Henagan

Joanne Gerster
Lorien Nelson

Amal Mullin-Hull

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to approve Karen Gunderson-Goff as a Licensed Master Social Worker upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to approve the following six applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers after receiving a passing score on the required exam:

Carolyn Anderson
Doreen Kees

Natasha Boord
Erin Leedom

Harry Battraw
Alyssa Fagan-Clark

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to approve Kristy LeFevre and Joyce Cummings as Licensed Master Social Workers. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to approve Sharon Dudash as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed files from 11:40 a.m. to 11:53 a.m.

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, April 13, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Teresa Menchaca
Secretary

Date