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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, October 13, 2006

Members Present: John Gutierrez, Douglas Mitchell, Teresa Menchaca, Cedric Davis (in at 9:07 a.m.)

Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Amy Shelton, Sherry Blatner, Mary Wilson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on October 13, 2006, at 9:00 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 September 15, 2006, meeting, as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gutierrez 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. 2006-0052, Kathleen Keil, LCSW-2246
Tabled.

B. Rochelle Speare, LCSW-10110
Ms. Shelton summarized the results of the Board's investigation.

Ms. Speare appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to open a complaint and request that the professional submit information within 60 days indicating steps she has taken to separate her private business as a "psychic channeler" from her role as a licensed social worker. The motion carried with Ms. Menchaca opposed.

C. Kathleen Wales, LMSW applicant
Ms. Blatner summarized the results of the Board's investigation.

Ms. Wales addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion, Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to open a complaint and request that the applicant provide the results of a current substance abuse assessment. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to have the applicant submit the results of the substance abuse assessment within 60 days. The motion passed unanimously.

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

No report.

The committee took a break at 10:30 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:37 a.m.

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

Ms. Rinaudo reported regarding the Board's budget request for additional staff which, if approved, will allow the Board to decrease processing times for applications, renewals and complaints. Ms. Rinaudo reviewed the significant increase in the demands for Board services resulting from licensure. Employing additional staff will result in a significant increase in expenses for the Board.

B. Appointment of members for committee established in HB2780 Section 6

Ms. Rinaudo reported that HB2780 included the creation of a committee to review the review specific work experience necessary to meet requirements of the statute as they apply to school and hospital social workers.

Following discussion Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board that the committee consist of Dr. Davis, Mr. Gutierrez, Mr. Mitchell and two members of NASW recommended by NASW. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Guidelines to review reciprocity applications

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. Zachary Bush (Edward Lovejoy, PhD)

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to approve the clinical supervision hours provided by Edward Lovejoy. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Jill Jamie (John Sprinson, PhD)

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, to approve the clinical supervision hours provided by John Sprinson. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Douglas Halpern (David Harvey, LPC)

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Gutierrez, to approve the clinical supervision hours provided by Mr. Harvey, LPC. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Review, consideration and action regarding renewals

None

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

Ms. Menchaca moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the consent agenda, as approved by Ms. Menchaca, granting 60-day extensions to Victor Gilbert, Kristine Hansen-Deller and Kimberly Marshall, a 2nd 60-day extension to Jessica Berrio, inactive status to Jeanine Austin Stotts and a 2nd inactive status to Dodie Yee. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Patricia Lopez

Members reviewed the applicant's request for an exam extension.

Following review by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to deny the applicant's request for an exam extension based on the applicant's failure to establish good cause. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Kathleen Davidson

Members reviewed the applicant's request for an exam waiver.

Following review by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to deny the applicant's request for a waiver of the exam requirement. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for reassessment

None

14. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

Kathleen Wales

See agenda item 4(C).

APPEALS

Marcy Mevorach

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

Ms. Mevorach and her supervisor, Ms. Resseguie, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following discussion by members, Ms. Menchaca moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish supervised work experience in direct practice to support 25 hours of clinical supervision from an LCSW. The motion passed unanimously.

Sharon Smith

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant was noticed but did not appear.

Following discussion by members, Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish supervision that meets requirements pursuant to A.A.C. R4-6-403 and A.A.C. R4-6-404. The motion passed unanimously.

Michelle Nitschke-Barker

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

Ms. Nitschke-Barker appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following discussion by members, Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish supervised work experience in assessment, diagnosis and treatment of behavioral health issues. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee began reviewing files at 11:55 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Susan Gregory as a Licensed Master Social Worker. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Kathleen Woods and Elizabeth Davis as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Kimberly Drogowski	Crystal Garcia-Lindquist	Jocelyn Rechichar	Erika Hand
Siler Murphree	Katherine Bendewald	Kimberly Marshall	Mary Eick
Traci Poe	Criscynthia Lindsey	Kendra Todd	Kelly Gruber
Sara Calandro	Carrie Langford	Dana Delusa	Alexis Romen
Sarah Butler			

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, 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:

Megan Studer	Jonah Gillooly	Jill Jamie	Kristen Taubman-Lee
Dawn Kosnoski	Daniel Stenson	Jillian McManus	

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to approve Douglas Halpern, Rosemary McHugh and Gail Spessert as Licensed Clinical Social Workers. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to deny Ron Basil based on his failure to meet minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Future agenda items

None

15. Call for public comment

The committee entertained public comment.

16. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 9, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Teresa Menchaca
Secretary/Treasurer

Date