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SOCIAL WORK CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, October 12, 2007

Members Present: Cedric Davis, Teresa Menchaca, Douglas Mitchell, John Gutierrez (out at 12:55 p.m.)

Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Sherry Blatner, Sheila Perry-Johnson, Lynanne Chapman, Mary Wilson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on October 12, 2007, at 9:03 a.m. with Dr. Davis presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Ms. Menchaca moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to approve the general meeting minutes from the August 10, 2007, meeting, as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to approve the general meeting minutes from the May 13, 2007, meeting, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to approve the general meeting minutes from the October 1, 2007, teleconference, 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.

A. 2008-0014, Sarah House, LMSW-0589 and LCSW applicant

Ms. Blatner 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. Gutierrez, to recommend to the Board to license the applicant pursuant to a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- Probation for 24 months
- LCSW application will be approved pending passage of the required exam
- Clinical supervision for a minimum of 12 months
- Clinical supervisor pre-approved by committee chair
- Focus of supervision is ethics, licensing reporting requirements and anger management issues
- Completion of a pre-approved 3-semester credit hour graduate level ethics course
- Professional can request early release after 12 months if all other terms are met

The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2006-0025, Kathleen Miholich, LCSW-0762

Ms. Perry-Johnson summarized the results of the Board's investigation.

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The complainant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Menchaca moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1) and A.R.S. §32-3281(E) and remove it from the professional's public record. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 10:05 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:11 a.m.

C. 2006-0036, Alexandria Soto, LCSW-10381

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

The complainant addressed the committee telephonically.

The professional and her attorney, Ed Gaines, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

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

Following further discussion by members, Ms. Menchaca moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to recommend to the Board to add an additional finding to Complaint No. 2004-0035 that Ms. Thompson violated A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(bb), harassing, exploiting or retaliating against a client, former client, research subject, supervisee, coworker or witness or a complainant in a disciplinary investigation or proceeding involving a licensee. The motion passed unanimously.

D. 2007-0134, Martha Castaneda, LCSW-11441

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

The complainant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

The professional and her attorney, Howard Baldwin, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Chicanos por la Causa administrative staff appeared on behalf of the professional.

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

E. Jeffrey Jensen, LCSW applicant

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

The professional and his attorney, Judith Berman, appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Menchaca moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to open a complaint, find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(10)(j), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the certified behavioral health professional to safely and competently practice that profession, based on the factors listed in the investigative analysis and to recommend to the Board to license the applicant subject to the terms of a consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to license the applicant pursuant to a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- License will be approved and immediately placed on a minimum of 12 months probation
- Completion of 3 continuing education units addressing duty-to-warn pre-approved by the committee chair of designee
- Completion of 3 continuing education units addressing risk assessment pre-approved by the committee chair of designee
- Full 12 months of monthly clinical supervision focusing on safety and best practices regarding duty-to-warn and risk assessment by a pre-approved LCSW with quarterly reports to the committee chair or designee

- The continuing education is in addition to required continuing education for license

The motion passed unanimously.

F. Nicola Hustleby, LMSW applicant and LISAC applicant

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

The applicant appeared in person.

Following review and discussion by members, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to open a complaint, find violations of the following:

- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(b), use of fraud or deceit in establishing qualifications pursuant to this chapter, based on the applicant's failure to disclose a 2006 shoplifting charge on her LMSW application and misrepresentations regarding her employment in her LMSW and LISAC applications.
- 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, based on a pattern of significant performance issues at several employers.
- A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(b), use of fraud or deceit in connection with rendering services as a licensee, based on the applicant's misrepresentations on employment applications.

and to recommend to the Board to deny the license based on a finding of unprofessional conduct. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Appointment of delegate to attend the ASWB Annual meeting

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to approve Mr. Mitchell to attend the ASWB annual meeting if Ms. Menchaca is unable to attend. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

None

B. Discussion of proposed fee increase

Ms. Rinaudo reviewed information regarding the proposed fee increase.

Ms. Rinaudo will continue to present information to the professional associations and other interested parties regarding the bases for the proposed fee increase.

C. Review, consideration and possible action regarding development of guidelines to review reciprocity.

Karen Talbot

Following review of information submitted, Ms. Menchaca moved, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, to find that 100 hours of clinical supervision by a licensed psychologist in a rural area is the substantial equivalent of 75 hours of clinical supervision by a licensed psychologist and 25 hours of clinical supervision by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Report from the Board and other committees

A. Review of Substance Abuse Process Development Subcommittee recommendation

Tabled

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. Amana Rathur (David Costine, LMSW-MI)

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the clinical supervision hours provided by David Costine. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Julie Dougan (Christine Byrne, LMFT-CA)

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

C. Jeannette Swaim (Steven Wales, LPC)

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

D. Karen Talbot (Charles Powell, PhD-WY)

Mr. Gutierrez moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to approve the clinical supervision hours provided by Charles Powell. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Applications for reassessment

A. Barbara Schaffer

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

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 reviewed by Ms. Menchaca, granting 60-day extensions to Mirela Avila del Pilar, Phyllis Dot Feldman, Melanie Kreiger and Joseph Little and inactive status to Susan Fule, Wendy Weiss, Cherie Holm and Rose Weston. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Michelle Eaglehawk, 2nd exam extension

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to grant the requested extension. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Shirley Hanson, exam extension

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez, to deny the requested extension based on the applicant's failure to show good cause pursuant to A.A.C. R4-6-209. The motion carried with Ms. Menchaca opposed.

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

A. Sarah House

See agenda item 4(A).

B. Jeffrey Jensen

See agenda item 4(E).

C. Nicola Hustleby

See agenda item 4(F).

Appeals

Kathryn Streer-Seidler

Board staff was unable to contact the applicant at the telephone number provided.

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

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

Catherine Grask

Members reviewed information submitted in support of the appeal.

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

Patricia Miles

Members reviewed the 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 Ms. Menchaca, to deny the appeal based on the applicant's failure to establish that she graduated from a program accredited by the Council of Social Work Education. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed files from 12:55 p.m. through 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to approve Tara Thackeray as a Licensed Bachelor Social Worker upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to approve Gil Izraeli as a Licensed Master Social Worker. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to approve Cheryle Orr 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 10 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers after receiving a passing score on the required exam:

Tiffany Gallego	Shruthi Mandyam	Sharon Cummings	Jana Meyer
Kanika Henry	Jessica Santosusso	Leah Wolthausen	Cynthia Lopercio
Peggy Davis	James Jones		

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to approve Karen Talbot, Jeraldine Barrett and Aaron Grigg as Licensed Clinical Social Workers. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Ms. Menchaca, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 8 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers after receiving a passing score on the required exam:

Amena Rathur	Cheryl Phelan	Willie Denard	Barbara Schaffer
Julie Dougan	Jeannette Swaim	Melanie Kreiger	Catherine Grask

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 Monday, November 19, 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 1:33 p.m.

Teresa Menchaca
Secretary/Treasurer

Date