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

Members Present: Stephen Lankton, Karla Foltz, Cedric Davis
Member Absent: Douglas Mitchell, Vicki Dawson
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Jenny Lubben, Mary Wilson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on September 10, 2010, at 9:05 a.m. with Mr. Lankton presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the general meeting minutes from the August 13, 2010, meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously. 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. Lankton reviewed the procedure for conducting informal meetings.

A. 2010-0014, Kenneth Geans, LMSW-2289

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, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to find that the complaint is without merit and to dismiss it and remove it from the professional's complaint history pursuant to A.R.S. §32-3281(D)(1) and (E). The motion passed unanimously.

B. Ashley Piturro, LMSW applicant

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

The applicant appeared in person and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to license the applicant as a Licensed Master Social Worker upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam, receipt of the required license issuance fee, and subject to the recommendation of the Substance Abuse Credentialing Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Michelle Ruttinger, LCSW-10994

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, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to open a complaint and find a violation of A.R.S. §32-3251(12)(1), any conduct, practice or condition that impairs the ability of the licensee to safely and competently practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further review and discussion, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to recommend to the Board to accept a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- The professional's license will be placed on probation
- The professional shall complete 6-clock hours of pre-approved continuing education in social work practice, such as the NASW Staying Out of Trouble course or an equivalent course within 12 months
- The course must be completed in person
- The professional shall complete a pre-approved 3-semester graduate level course in behavioral health ethics with 12 months
- The professional can request early release after completing the required education

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Molly Magee-Ivie, LCSW-10840

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

The professional was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to open a complaint based on the information presented in the investigative report. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further review, Dr. Davis moved to recommend to the Board to dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of concern addressing the need to honestly disclose and represent information as a professional. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to subpoena the professional to appear before the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break at 10:55 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 11:05 a.m.

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

A. Discussion regarding the Board's customer satisfaction survey

Dr. Davis reviewed comments from the Board's customer satisfaction surveys. Members made suggestions regarding ways to better convey information regarding the Board's processes to the public and the regulated community.

B. ASWB Annual Meeting

Ms. Wilson reminded members of their previous decision appointing Mr. Mitchell as the Board's delegate and Dr. Davis as the alternate for the ASWB Annual meeting in November.

6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General Agency Operations

None

B. Application review training

Postponed

C. Challenges facing the agency

Ms. Rinaudo reported regarding the current challenges facing the agency due to the state budget issues.

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. Foltz, to approve the consent agenda as reviewed by Mr. Lankton granting a 60-day extension to Elaine John-Jacques and inactive status to Donna Caswell and Amy Nielsen. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Ronni Musumeci, inactive status extension request

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

Following review and discussion, Mr. Lankton moved, seconded by Dr. Davis, to grant the request for an extension based on a showing of good cause. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Review, consideration and action regarding applications for licensure

Appeals

A. Stephanie Norwood-Thompson

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 Mr. Lankton, to deny the appeal based on the professional's failure to establish that her supervised work experience was in psychotherapy. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Rhonda Shakir-Ferguson

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 Mr. Lankton, to deny the appeal based on the professional's failure to establish that she has a master's degree in social work from a program accredited by CSWE. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Kirsten Choubard

Members reviewed the information submitted in support of the appeal.

The applicant addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion by members, Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Lankton, to deny the appeal based on the professional's failure to establish that her supervised work experience was in psychotherapy. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee took a break to review files at 12:45 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to approve Denise Selvey and Polly Lee as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to approve Glendine Soiseth and Phyllis Rabine as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report and the required license issuance fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 4 applicants as Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Selena Burgess	Jeffery Taylor
Randall McBride	Patricia Gillen

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 21 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and upon receipt of the license issuance fee:

Tsong Morales	Rena Quijada	Jessica Spector	Elaine John-Jacques
Kimberly Leverage	Liana Cohen	Benjamin Woodruff	Andrea Hernandez
Holli Adsit	Bridget Pranke	Carol Colmenero	Toni Van Doren
Vivian Watson	Melissa Koski	Mary Sewell	Selina Telles
Rosalinda Duarte	Mark Joaquin	Amelia Munoz	Mary Catron
Lyndsey Perotti			

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 11 applicants as Licensed Master Social Workers upon receipt of a favorable fingerprint report, a passing score on the required exam and the required license issuance fee:

Erin Rosenfeld	Ernest Nsawir	Rachel Craigie	Nancy Barkley
Sarah Klawans	Katherine Sandler	Elma Dawahoya	Lisa Miller
Melissa Rice	Erin Good	Rebecca Williams	

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to recommend to the Board to approve the following 3 applicants as Licensed Bachelor Social Workers upon receipt of the required license issuance fee:

Janine Affeldt	Sylvia McLeod
Stephene Berger	

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, October 8, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. at 3443 North Central Avenue, 9th floor conference room.

17. Adjournment

Dr. Davis moved, seconded by Ms. Foltz, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Steve Lankton, Secretary

Date