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COUNSELING ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 22, 2024

Members Present: Patricia Kerstner, Angel Branch Moore, and Janet O'Connor

Staff Present: Elma Brambila, Assistant Director, Karime Gordillo, Credentialist

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on March 22, 2024, at 10 a.m. at 1740 West Adams Street, Board Room C, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 with Dr. Kerstner presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. January 12, 2024, general meeting minutes

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Ms. Branch Moore, to approve the general meeting minutes for the January 12, 2024, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report from Chair

A. Discussion regarding Program evaluation pursuant to R4-6-501(C)(8)(b).
Tabled

5. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General agency operations

B. Discussion regarding staff's 2023 accomplishments.

Ms. Brambila gave a presentation regarding the Board's 2023 accomplishments and goals for 2024.

C. Introduction of new Deputy Director, Polly Knape.

Ms. Brambila shared that Ms. Zavala hired a new Deputy Director, Polly Knape, who started on March 18th.

6. Assistant Attorney General's Report:

No report.

7. Supervisor exemption requests: review, consideration, and action

None

8. Consent agenda: review, consideration, and action regarding requests for deficiency

extensions and examination

A. *Yvonne Perez-Agosto, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)*

B. *Sheila Bucalo, LAC Applicant (90-day exam extension)*

Ms. Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O’Connor, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Exam accommodation: review, consideration and action

A. *Jaime Tarango, LAC Applicant*

Ms. O’Connor moved, seconded by Ms. Dr. Kerstner, to approve the Exam Accommodation. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Applications for licensure: review, consideration, and possible action

A. *Review, consideration, and possible action regarding applications for licensure*

Ms. O’Connor moved, seconded by Ms. Branch Moore, to recommend to approve the following 6 as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

Carolina Rivas
Michael Farnum

Ryan Clark
Jayni Borek

Natasha Wright
Stacey Vinson

Ms. O’ Connor moved, seconded by Ms. Branch Moore, to recommend to approve Amanda Wild and Yolscie Corona as Licensed Associate Counselors. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Branch Moore moved, seconded by Ms. Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to approve Sara Garcia as a Licensed Associate Counselor upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam and the board’s disposition of the background investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O’Connor, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 9 on their failure to establish that they meet the minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Angela Castro
Nicole Surran
Douglas Winter

Tate Parce
Rashayne Hogeland
Dorothy Saunders-Perez

Attiya Awadallah
Kimberly Wimbush
Stephanie Newman

Following review, members requested additional information on the following applications:

Cristian Torres-Ramirez
DaQuana Carter
Kanukayi Jacobsen

Pamela Judd
Ruthie Gloyd

Nickolas Garcia
Abigail Clark

The Committee took a lunch break at 12:26 p.m., reconvening its public meeting at 1:12 p.m.

B. *Appeals*

None

11. Applications for educational programs: review, consideration, and possible action.

None

12. Future agenda items

13. Call for public comment

No one was present to respond to the call for public comment.

14. Establishment of future meeting dates

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at 1740 West Adams St., Board Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

15. Adjournment

Ms. Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Janet Lee O'Connor, EdS
Janet Lee O'Connor, EdS (May 29, 2024 10:13 PDT)

Janet O' Connor
Acting Secretary

May 29, 2024

Date