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BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS
RULES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 12, 2014

Members Present: Jessica Thomas, Yvonne Fortier, Jerri Shields, Laura Masters, Shiloh Lundahl
Members by Phone: Patricia Dobratz, Kirk Bowden (left call at 9:55 am, rejoined at 10:40 am)
Members Absent: Del Worley, Nikole Hintz-Lyon
Staff Present: Tobi Zavala, Interim Executive Director, Donna Dalton, Assistant Director, Elizabeth Campbell, Assistant Attorney General

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order on June 12, 2014, at 9:09 am with Ms. Thomas presiding.

2. **Roll call**

See Above.

3. **Review and approval of minutes**

A. Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Shields to approve the general meeting minutes from the May 8, 2014 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Thomas abstained from the vote.

4. **Report from the Chair**

None.

5. **Report from Staff**

A. Ms. Dalton presented written feedback from Grand Canyon University, Mohave Community College, AZAMFT, and the Therapeutic Practitioner's Alliance.

Courtney Glenny, representing Grand Canyon University, commented on allowing courses that the universities have accepted into the masters program to count toward licensure. Ms. Glenny also shared Grand Canyon University's recommendation that the practicum for non-CACREP programs include 240 direct client contact hours.

Alan Asher, representing AZAMFT, commented on their recommendation to lower the clinical supervision requirement for LMFT applicants to 100 hours from 200 hours. Ms. Dalton reminded the subcommittee that the 200 hour requirement is found in statute, not rule, so a legislative change would be required to lower it. Mr. Asher also shared that AZAMFT supported removing the marriage and family specificity for the research class required in the curriculum rule R4-6-601.

Mr. Asher discussed the timing of the exams for marriage and family applicants. The subcommittee discussed the possibility of extending a temporary license to allow for additional testing time. Mr. Asher also presented a proposal which would allow applicants attending therapy to be granted indirect client contact hours for their sessions with a marriage and family therapist. The subcommittee felt that this could not be administered equitably across the four disciplines, and Ms. Campbell advised the subcommittee that it would be outside the statutory authority to allow.

Richard Poppy, representing the Therapeutic Practitioners' Alliance and Arizona Counselors

Association, commented on their proposal to remove the descriptors of the eight core content areas. Mr. Poppy also shared a recommendation that 3 quarter hours in a core content area would be equivalent to 3 semester credit hours. The subcommittee felt that 4 quarter hours in a core content area could be considered equivalent to 3 semester credit hours, and accepting 3 quarter hour classes would be further diluting the curriculum in the core content areas.

The subcommittee took a break at 10:12 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 10:23 a.m.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding development of proposed rule changes

A. Members reviewed a proposed version of R4-6-502.

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Shields to accept the rule as presented. The motion carried with Ms. Fortier opposed.

Members reviewed a proposed version of R4-6-704.

Dr. Bowden moved, seconded by Ms. Shields to accept the rule as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Fortier abstained from the vote.

B. Members continued the discussion of clinical supervision. Ms. Dalton shared feedback from the Social Work and Marriage and Family Therapy credentialing committees.

Members discussed having a minimum amount of independent practice prior to being allowed to provide clinical supervision.

Rory Hays, representing the Arizona Council for Human Service Providers, commented on proposed language they submitted. Ms. Zavala requested that Ms. Campbell confirm what the Board's statutory authority is for the following items:

- The Board requiring that supervision be provided by a supervisor on the registry.
- Requiring additional criteria (other than education) to be placed on the registry.
- Finding a supervisor who fails to complete their responsibilities to the supervisee guilty of unprofessional conduct.
- The Board approving or declining a supervision training plan.

Ms. Hays also discussed the "dual relationship" proposed language in R4-6-210.

The subcommittee felt that placement on the registry would be granted for 3 year intervals and after the initial 12 hours of continuing education in clinical supervision, proof of an additional 9 hours would be taken prior to the expiration of each three year term.

All supervisors requesting placement on the registry would be required to complete an exam on the Board's rules and statutes.

The subcommittee discussed requiring applicants from each discipline to have a minimum of 50% of the clinical supervision hours be provided by a licensed professional in the same discipline.

7. Stakeholders' report

See above.

8. Future agenda items

Members requested that the discussion of clinical supervision be continued at an upcoming meeting. A request was submitted to discuss options for applicants who are short on practicum hours.

9. Call for public comment

None.

10. Establishment of future meeting date(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 9 a.m., at 3443 N Central Ave, Room 908.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Lundahl, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Jessica Thomas
Secretary

Date