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COUNSELING ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, June 18, 2021

Members Present: Janet O'Connor, Patricia Kerstner

Staff Present: Tobi Zavala, Executive Director; Erin Yabu, Deputy Director; Elma Brambila, Credentialing Manager

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on June 18, 2021 at 9:03 a.m., with Dr. Kerstner presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. April 23, 2021 general meeting minutes

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to approve the general meeting minutes for the April 23, 2021 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report from Chair

No report.

5. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General agency operations

No report.

B. Update regarding Board staff

Ms. Zavala introduced the Board's new Deputy Director, Erin Yabu.

C. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding the annual election of Chairperson and Secretary Treasurer.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to retain the current elected members in their positions. The motion passed unanimously.

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. *Carla Jackson-Morris, LAC applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- B. *Jill Birt, LAC Applicant (90-day exam extension)*
- C. *Christy Klinetobe, LAC Applicant (90-day exam extension)*
- D. *Ashleigh Malanga, LAC Applicant (90-day exam extension)*
- E. *John Lara, LPC Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- F. *Aimee Copeland, LCSW Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- G. *Akshay Mehta, LAMFT Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- H. *Laura Barbeau, LMFT Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- I. *Deborah Bachand, LPC Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- J. *Victoria Cruz, LPC Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- K. *Maria Bush, LPC Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*

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

9. Exam accommodation and/or 90-day waiver request: review, consideration and action

None

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

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

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O’Connor, to recommend Jerry Lowden Jr., and Robin Afinowich as Licensed Associate Counselors. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O’Connor, to recommend the following 10 as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam.

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| Daisy Maese | Lynda Robert | Francesca Siano |
| Danyah Subei | Aishah Tillman | Tyler Williams |
| Rosalinda Ibarra | Kevin Harvey | Catherine Duchene |
| Ramon Sepulveda | | |

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O’Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to the Board to deny Ryan Butler, Robert Soucy, Xavier Jenkins and Joel Lopez on their failure to establish they meet minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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| Paige Swan | Monserad Swanson | Rosangela Salomon |
| Duane Freeman | Blaise Silka | |

A. Appeals

1. Wesley Whittaker, LAC Applicant

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant appeared telephonically and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O’Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to accept

PSYC 718 Community to meet the area of Social and PSYC 818 Clinical Tutorial I to meet the area of Career development; and to deny the appeal based on continued deficiency in the area of Human growth and development. The motion passed unanimously.

2. *Annabella Recinos-Irizarry, LAC Applicant*
Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to accept the verification of credential from Illinois and Georgia for school counseling and to deny the appeal based on continued deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

3. *Dorothy Grandberry, LAC Applicant*
Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to deny the appeal based on continued deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

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, July 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., at 1740 West Adams St., Board Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

15. Adjournment

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Janet Lee O'Connor, EdS

Janet O'Connor
Secretary/Treasurer

09/01/2021

Date

Signature: *Janet Lee O'Connor*