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SUBSTANCE ABUSE ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, June 25, 2021

Members present: Yvonne Fortier, Sofia Hassid

Staff present: Zuri De Lucio, Credentialing Specialist

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on June 25, 2021 at 9:07 a.m. with Ms. Fortier presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above

3. **Minutes: review, consideration and action**

A. *April 16, 2021 general meeting minutes*

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to approve the general meeting minutes from the April 16, 2021 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Report from the Chair**

No report.

5. **Report from the Executive Director and/or staff**

A. *General agency operations*

None

B. *Staff updates*

Tabled

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

Following review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, 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**

A. *Denise Bencomo, LISAC Applicant (Benjamin Ayantola, LPC, clinical supervisor)*

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the request for exemption.

Following the review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to deny the request to provide substance abuse clinical supervision for the remaining 50 hours from a non LISAC supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Consent agenda: review, consideration and action regarding extension request for deficiencies

- A. *Xavier Jenkins, LISAC Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- B. *Luisa Williams, LISAC Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- C. *Denise Bencomo, LPC Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- D. *Elizabeth Ohman, LAC Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- E. *Christina Acheson-Hayes, LCSW Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Exam extensions and/or exam accommodation request: review, consideration and action
None

10. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action

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

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to recommend to approve Amaryllis Benally, Nadia Lambert, and Katheryn Fredman as Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselors. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to recommend to approve Sheeba Divakaran, Kristy Padilla, and Kathryn Trautmann as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of a passing score of the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to recommend to approve Meghan Levitte as a Licensed Substance Abuse Technician upon receipt of a passing score of the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to recommend to the Board to deny Jillian Vanselow based on her failure to establish meeting minimum requirements pending the Board's disposition of the background investigation while final action on the application cannot be taken until investigation is complete. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee requested additional information on the following applications:

Valentine De Anda Coleen Nolan

B. Appeals

- 1. *Christine Urban, LISAC Applicant*

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear

Following review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to deny the appeal based on continued deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Applications for educational programs: review, consideration and action.
None

12. Future agenda items

None

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 meeting is scheduled for Friday August 20, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., at 1740 West Adams St, Board Room C, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

15. Adjournment

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Sofia Hassid, LCSW

Sofia Hassid
Secretary/Treasurer

08/23/2021

Date

Signature: _____


Sofia Hassid (Aug 23, 2021 11:26 PDT)