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COUNSELING ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, October 23, 2020

Members Present: Janet O'Connor, Patricia Kerstner

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on October 23, 2020 at 9:01 a.m., with Dr. Kerstner presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. *September 25, 2020 general meeting minutes*

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to approve the general meeting minutes for the September 25, 2020 meeting as submitted.

4. Report from Chair

No report.

5. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. *General agency operations*

No report

6. Assistant Attorney General's Report:

No report.

7. Supervisor exemption requests: review, consideration and action

A. *Lisa Holden (Kelly Ontiveros, LMFT, outside clinical supervisor)*

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the request for exemption.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner to approve the request for an outside clinical supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Kayla Soohy (Rachel Whaley, LCSW, outside clinical supervisor)*

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the request for exemption.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner to approve the request for an outside clinical supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

C. *Carrie Kray (Laurie Walker, LCSW, outside clinical supervisor)*

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the request for exemption.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner to approve the request for an outside clinical supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Ciera Dumyahn (Laurie Walker, LCSW, outside clinical supervisor)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the request for exemption.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner to approve the request for an outside clinical supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Clarissa Gibson (Laurie Walker, LCSW, outside clinical supervisor)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the request for exemption.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor to approve the request for an outside clinical supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Melissa Register (Kae Rehma, LPC, outside clinical supervisor)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the request for exemption.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner to approve the request for an outside clinical supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Viliulfo Valderrama (Joel Sadowsky, outside clinical supervisor)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the request for exemption.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner to approve the request for an outside clinical supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Kristina Hernandez (Keith Baronsky, LCSW, out of state supervisor)

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the request for exemption.

Following review and discussion, by Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner to approve the request for an out of state supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Sharla Best, LAMFT applicant (60-day deficiency extension)

B. Marci Wolinsky, LAMFT applicant (60-day deficiency extension)

C. Candace Wilkins, LAC applicant (60-day deficiency extension)

D. Blake Beams, LAC applicant (60-day deficiency extension)

E. Malaca Jones, LCSW applicant (60-day deficiency extension)

F. Marquita LaGarde, LCSW applicant (60-day deficiency extension)

G. Nyoki Cosey-Brown, LCSW applicant (60-day deficiency extension)

H. Felicia Thomas, LAC applicant (90-day examination extension)

I. Brittany Meyers, LAC applicant (90-day examination extension)

Following review and discussion, Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to approve the consent agenda items A-I. The motion passed unanimously

J. Kelli Fields, LMSW applicant (90-day examination extension)

Tabled

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

A. *Mary Passaro, LMSW applicant (exam accommodation)*

Members reviewed information regarding the request for an exam accommodation.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to approve the request for an exam accommodation. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Tonia Byers, LMSW applicant (exam accommodation)*

Members reviewed information regarding the request for an exam accommodation.

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to approve the request for an 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 Dr. Kerstner, to recommend Demi Garcia, Stefany Gustafson, Chevonne Hawkins, Jameleh Hussary and Brittany Thompson as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to recommend Erica Varner-Anderson as a Licensed Associate Counselors. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to recommend Kara Newland as a Licensed Professional Counselors. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to the Board to approve Jordan Conerly as a Licensed Associate Counselor upon receipt of the required exam and the Board's disposition of the background investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend Susan Treiber as Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to the Board to deny Michele Napolitano based on her failure to establish that she meets minimum licensure requirements for substance abuse licensure. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Candice Fellheimer
Jessica Raak

Melissa Genco

Elizabeth Hightower

The committee tabled the application of Jason Willyerd.

B. *Appeals*

1. *Amy McCall, LAC applicant*

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant appeared telephonically and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to accept PSY 711 Psychotherapy Process and Research to meet the area of Helping relationship and to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on continued curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. *Review, consideration and possible action regarding modifying the Arizona State University, Master of Counseling approved program.*

Dr. Jennifer Pereira, MC Clinical Coordinator, and Annie Baker, Program Coordinator, Arizona State University appeared telephonically and were available for questions.

Following review and discussion, members agreed that CED 591 Rotating Special Topics Seminar: Psychopharmacology for Mental Health Professionals is a counseling related course.

B. *Pepperdine University, Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology Marriage and Family Therapy Emphasis.*

Members reviewed information regarding the program.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to the Board to approve the Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology Marriage and Family Therapy Emphasis. The motion passed unanimously.

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 regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2020, 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 12:28 p.m.

Janet O'Connor
Secretary/Treasurer

Date