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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, November 8, 2024

Members Present Lesley Wimmer, Keith Cross
Telephonically:

Staff Present: Zuri De Lucio, Credentialing Manager

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Marriage and Family Therapy Academic Review Committee was called to order on November 8, 2024, at 9:01 a.m. at 1740 West Adams Street, Conference Room 1024, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 with Ms. Wimmer presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. September 20, 2024, teleconference meeting minutes

Dr. Cross moved, seconded by Ms. Wimmer, to approve the teleconference meeting minutes for the September 20, 2024, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report from the Chair: items for review, consideration and action

None.

5. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General agency operations

None

6. Assistant Attorney General's Report:

None.

7. Supervisor exemption request: review, consideration and action

None

8. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action

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

Ms. Wimmer moved, seconded by Dr. Cross, to recommend to approve Cynthia Shembab as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Wimmer moved, seconded by Dr. Cross, to recommend to the Board to deny Patricia Jones and Sabrina Taylor based on their failure to establish that they meet minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Appeals

1. *Emily Brown, LAMFT Applicant*

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant appeared telephonically and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Wimmer moved, seconded by Dr. Cross, to accept the practicum verification form to meet the area of Supervised Practicum and to deny the appeal based on continued curriculum deficiencies. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. *Veronica Schepker, LAMFT Applicant*

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant appeared telephonically and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Wimmer moved, seconded by Dr. Cross, to accept MFT 568 under Marriage and Family Studies, MFT 557 and MFT 563 under Marriage and Family Therapy; and MFT 512 and MFT 509 under Professional Studies and to deny the appeal based on continued curriculum deficiencies. The Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Applications for educational programs: review, consideration, and action**

None

10. **Future agenda items**

None

11. **Call for public comment**

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

12. **Establishment of future meeting dates**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at 1740 West Adams St., Board Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

13. **Adjournment**

Ms. Wimmer moved, seconded by Dr. Cross, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Signature: 
Keith Cross (Jan 28, 2025 08:11 MST)

Keith Cross
Secretary

Date