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COUNSELING ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, July 24, 2020

Members Present: Janet O'Connor, Patricia Kerstner

Staff Present: Donna Dalton, Deputy Director; Elma Brambila, Credentialing Manager

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on July 24, 2020 at 9:02 a.m., with Dr. Kerstner presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. May 29, 2020 general meeting minutes

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to approve the general meeting minutes for the May 29, 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

B. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding the 2021 calendar

Following review and discussion, Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner to approve the proposed 2021 meeting calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. Lisa Kavanagh (Dawn Friedman, supervision acquired outside of Arizona)

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 out of state supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- A. *Jacob Schott, LAC applicant (60 day deficiency extension)*
- B. *Lori Clinkenbeard, LPC applicant (60 day deficiency extension)*
- C. *Jessica Lambros, LPC applicant (60 day deficiency extension)*
- D. *Michele McCullough-Cruz, LCSW applicant (60 day deficiency extension)*
- E. *Bonnie Brabson, LAMFT applicant (60 day deficiency extension)*
- F. *Adriana Soto, LASAC applicant (90 day examination 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. Consent agenda: review, consideration and action regarding applications requesting review under rules prior to November 1, 2015

None

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

- A. *Shannon Horton-Garcia, LAC 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.

11. 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 the following 6 individuals as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam.

Suzette Dominguez	Mary Mecham	Amy Christy
Cassandra Curiel	Erika Frederick	Maria Aviles

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend John Lare, Tracey Givens and Karen Castro as Licensed Associate Counselors. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend the following 8 individuals as Licensed Professional Counselors.

Rhea Christorhus	Christin Emberlin	Amanda Higginbotham
Amanda Hinrichs	Annette Callahan	Leslie Relkin
Rachel Baumgardner	Rachel Higuera	

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to the Board to deny Karen Mavrikos, Erinn Hirrlinger, Robbie Petsche and Denise Bencomo based on their failure to establish they meet minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chevonne Hawkins
Antonia Clement

Christina Griffin
Patricia Caballero

Stephanie Dennison
Emily Farabaugh

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to the Board to approve Suma Hodge as a Licensed Professional Counselor upon receipt of a favorable disposition of the Board's background investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The Counseling Academic Review Committee lost quorum and could not review the applications listed below. These applications will be reviewed first during the committee's next monthly meeting on August 28, 2020.

Deena Hitzke
Christa McConaughy
Mara Richman

Jennifer Lohmeyer
Janna McGuire
Adriana Romero

Jerry Lowden, Jr
Carlos Perez

B. Appeals

1. Rhea Christorhus, LPC applicant

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, members agreed the applicant meets minimum requirements.

2. Bryce Paradis, LAC applicant

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant appeared and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion, members agreed the applicant meets minimum requirements.

3. John Lare, LAC applicant

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant was properly noticed, but did not appear.

Following review and discussion, members agreed the applicant meets minimum requirements.

4. Shira Klayman, 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 PSGE 6607 Assessment in Counseling to meet the area of Assessment and to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on continued practicum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

5. *Heather Han, 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 PSY 601 Issues in Professional Counseling to meet the area of Professional orientation; and PSY 611 Group Process to meet the area of Group work and to recommend to the Board to deny the appeal based on continued curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

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

A. *Arizona State University, Bachelor in Counseling and Applied Psychological Science (Substance Abuse and Addictions)*

Members reviewed information regarding the program.

Lisa Spanierman, Professor and Faculty Head of Counseling and Counseling Psychology; and Laura Jimenez Arista, Clinical Assistant Professor, participated telephonically and addressed the committee.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to the Board to approve the Bachelor in Counseling and Applied Psychological Science (Substance Abuse and Addictions) program as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Future agenda items

None

14. Call for public comment

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

15. Establishment of future meeting dates

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 28, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., at 1740 West Adams St., Board Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

16. Adjournment

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Janet O'Connor
Secretary/Treasurer

Date