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SUBSTANCE ABUSE ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, April 16, 2021

Members present: Yvonne Fortier, Sofia Hassid

Staff present: Tobi Zavala, Executive Director; Zuri De Lucio, Credentialing Specialist

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on April 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. with Ms. Fortier presiding.

**2. Roll Call**

See above

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

*A. February 19, 2021 general meeting minutes*

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to approve the general meeting minutes from the February 19, 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. Discussion regarding A.A.C. R4-6-706(B)*

Ms. Zavala discussed new rules regarding having a non-LISAC clinical supervisor with substance use disorder treatment experience provide all 100 hours of clinical supervision for LASAC supervisees.

**6. Assistant Attorney General's Report:**

No report.

**7. Supervisor exemption requests: review, consideration and action**

*A. Tara Fusillo, LASAC (Leslie Filsinger, 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 request for an outside clinical supervisor. The motion passed unanimously.

*B. Denise Bencomo, LISAC applicant (Benjamin Ayantola, LPC, clinical supervisor)*

Members reviewed information submitted regarding the request for exemption.

Following review and discussion, members requested additional information.

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

- A. *Megan Mackay, LPC applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- B. *Denise Bencomo, LPC applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- C. *Victor Flores, LPC applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- D. *Basil Argento, LAC applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- E. *Raquel Ramirez, LAC applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- F. *Marc Adams, LMSW applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- G. *Katheryn Fredman, LISAC applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*
- H. *Edwin Hurtado, LMSW applicant (90-day exam extension)*
- I. *Shannon Horton-Garcia, LAC applicant (90-day exam extension)*
- J. *Deborah Stribling, LAC applicant (90-day exam 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 Michele Napolitano, David Cottrell, and Angela Bassett as Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselors. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to recommend to approve Ylanda Lindsey and Lisa Gastaldi 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 Josephine Sbrocca as a Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselors upon receipt of a passing score of the required exam and the Board's disposition of the background investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Pio-Padilla moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to recommend to the Board to deny Elizabeth Moyer and Katelyn Sorensen on their failure to establish that they meet minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee requested additional information on the following applications:

Tracey Gilbert                      Amaryllis Benally

**B. Appeals**

- 1. *Kristal Olivares, LSAT applicant (Endorsement)*

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 June 18, 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 11:20 p.m.

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Sofia Hassid  
Secretary/Treasurer

06-29-2021

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Date

Signature:   
Sofia Hassid (Jun 29, 2021 20:23 PDT)