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SOCIAL WORK ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 20, 2024

Members Present: Kristi Stuckwisch, Jennifer Flack

Staff Present: Tobi Zavala, Executive Director; Polly Knape, Deputy Director; Zuri De Lucio, Credentialing Manager

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Social Work Academic Review Committee was called to order on May 20, 2024, at 9:12 a.m. at 1740 West Adams Street, Conference Room 1023, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 with Ms. Stuckwisch presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. November 20, 2023, general meeting minutes

Ms. Flack moved, seconded by Ms. Stuckwisch, to approve the general meeting minutes for the November 20, 2023, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report from Chair

None

5. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General agency operations

None

B. Discussion regarding staff's 2023 accomplishments.

Ms. Zavala gave a presentation regarding the Board's 2023 accomplishments and goals for 2024.

C. Introduction of new Deputy Director, Polly Knape.

Ms. Zavala introduced Polly Knape, the new Deputy Director, who started on March 18th.

D. Review, consideration and possible action on the 2025 Board meeting calendar

Following review and discussion, Ms. Flack moved, seconded by Ms. Stuckwisch, to approve the proposed 2025 meeting calendar. The motion passed unanimously

6. Assistant Attorney General's Report:

None

7. Supervisor exemption request: review, consideration and action

None

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

A. *Rebecca Lopatin, LCSW Applicant (60-day extension)*

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

9. Exam accommodation and/or 90 –day waiver requests: review, consideration and action

None

10. Applications for licensure: review, consideration and action

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

Ms. Flack moved, seconded by Ms. Stuckwisch, to recommend the following 11 individuals as Licensed Clinical Social Workers upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam.

Sarah Ahola	Heba Elsaad	Lisa McCann-Smiles	Kristin Mowbray
Veronica Quezada	Katherine Rasmussen	Ewana Robertson	Stephanie Russo
Ashley Shulski	Gretchen Solof	Oscar Yepiz Rios	

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Flack moved, seconded by Ms. Stuckwisch, to recommend to the Board to deny Heather Guzman, Brent Moyer, and Priscilla Velazquez based on their failure to establish that they met minimum licensure. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee requested additional information on the following applications:

Amber Block-Zambrano	Lindsey Phillips	Amy Sharp
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B. *Appeals*

1. *Katherine Miller*

Members reviewed information regarding the appeal.

The applicant, Marie Tueller, Clinical Supervisor, and the applicant’s attorney, Sara Stark, appeared telephonically and addressed the committee.

Following review and discussion by members, Ms. Flack moved, seconded by Ms. Stuckwisch to deny the appeal based on the continued clinical supervision deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Future agenda items

None

12. Call for public comment

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

13. Establishment of future meeting dates

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at 1740 W. Adams St., Board Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

14. Adjournment

Ms. Flack moved, seconded by Ms. Stuckwisch, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.



Jennifer Flack, Secretary

Jul 15, 2024

Date