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Application Review Committee

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING
January 6, 2022 – 7:30 a.m.
Hosted by Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Mellott

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Dr. Mellott at 7:34 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.
Matt Meier, Psy.D.

A quorum of the Committee was confirmed.

3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS

A. Requesting Approval to Sit for the EPPP (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)

1) Charlotte Iurino, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP (Part 1).

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to recommend to the Board Charlotte Iurino, Ph.D. be approved to take the EPPP. Dr. Meier seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

B. Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP & Licensure (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)

1) Bonita Sur, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP (Part 1).

2) Lori Shirk, Psy.D. (REAPP)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP (Parts 1 and 2).

3) Lourdes G. Smith, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP (Part 1).

4) Mairead McConnell, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP (Parts 1 and 2).

5) Samantha Blake Jacobson, Psy.D. (REAPP)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP (Parts 1 and 2).

6) Lily Hammer, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP (Parts 1 and 2).

7) Veronica Poore, Ph.D. (REAPP)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP (Part 2).

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to recommend to the Board all applicants listed in section B be approved to take the EPPP as reflected on the agenda. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

C. Requesting Approval of Supervised Experience for Licensure (A.A.C. R4-26-203.02(D))

1) Melissa Korkes, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that her postdoctoral verification and written training plan fulfilled the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval for licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to recommend to the Board Melissa Korkes, Psy.D. be approved for licensure. Dr. Meier seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

D. Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver (A.R.S. §§ 32-2071, 2071.01 & 2072)

1) Gabrielle Rozio, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

2) Alissa Beard, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

3) David Giella, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The Committee noted that his coursework is deficient with respect to the required number of credit hours in content specific to ethics, research and cognitive-affective disorders, and he did not accurately represent the level of credit awarded for certain courses he completed. Additionally, the Committee observed that the first two internship verifications completed within the 24-month period required do not provide enough hours to meet the 1,500 hours requirement. Also, his third internship documentation suggests it was completed post-graduation, was not completed within the required 24-month period, and that there were not two psychologists providing the supervision as required. The Committee noted that he disclosed a DUI from many years ago which was not of concern. It was the consensus of the Committee to issue the applicant a FAIR letter advising Dr. Giella of the deficiencies in his application.

4) Sherry Craft, Ph.D.

Dr. Mellott disclosed that she previously knew Dr. Craft when she was a student in the Masters of Psychology program at Northern Arizona University, but that she is able to vote objectively on the application. Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to recommend to the Board Gabrielle Rozio, Psy.D.; Alissa Beard, Psy.D.; and Sherry Craft, Ph.D. be approved for licensure. The motion included the provision that Dr. Giella be issued a FAIR letter addressing the identified application deficiencies. Dr. Meier seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

E. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential (§§ 32-2071.01 & 2072)

1) Jemour A. Maddux, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to recommend to the Board that Jemour A. Maddux, Psy.D. be approved for licensure. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

F. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Universal Recognition (A.R.S. § 32-4302)

1) Keever Czlapinski, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to recommend to the Board that Keever Czlapinski, Ph.D. be approved for licensure. Dr. Meier seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

2) Rick Anthony Cruz, Ph.D.

Dr. Meier disclosed that he is recused from this application as they have worked together. The Committee determined to forward the application to the full Board for substantive review.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NEW WEBSITE CHANGES RELATIVE TO THE EPPP AND PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATIONS

Ms. Paakkonen explained that this agenda item provides an opportunity for the ARC members serving on this rotation to review the updated website content. Board staff recently updated this information in an effort to better assist applicants who are required to take Part 2 of the EPPP. The Committee members commented favorably on the updates, and suggested additional content to further improve the webpages. Board staff noted that they are saving time responding to inquiries by referring applicants to the pages.

5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were requested.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 a.m. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.