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Application Review Committee Virtual Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2022
Held via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL - Ms. Fowkes

Members Present

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.

Matthew Meier, Psy.D.

A quorum of the Committee was confirmed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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The minutes were not reviewed due to lack of a quorum.

4. 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) Josh J. Smith, Psy.D. (REAPP)(FAIR)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the reapplication and additional materials. 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 reapplication to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP (Part 1 & Part 2).

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the reapplication of Dr. Josh Smith for approval to sit for the EPPP (Part 1 & Part 2). Dr. Meier seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

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

1) Jennifer Weigert, Psy.D. (FAIR)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the subpoenaed records from Alliant International University and the California Board's associate license file do not have evidence that the applicant completed 1,500 hours of internship within 24 months per A.R.S. § 322071 (F)(10). In fact, the California license file had no documentation at all related to the internship under Neil Ribner. The applicant asked about the new internship verification received from Dr. Ribner which was accompanied by a letter of explanation. Ms. Fowkes reviewed the four iterations of the internship verification which were received from several different sources. The Committee discussed the many discrepancies including disparate dates and hours, and the fact that there is no evidence from any of the records reviewed to support the accuracy of any of the verifications received. Dr. Meier expressed concern that Dr. Ribner signed three very different verifications without providing the supervision records per the Board's request. Dr. Weigert acknowledged that she does not have supervision logs or any other evidence that the hours were completed. The consensus of the Committee was that all avenues to obtain the needed evidence have been exhausted. The Committee advised Dr. Weigert that without the evidence, her internship does not meet Arizona's requirements. She was also advised that her options going forward include respecialization per A.R.S. § 32-2071(L), or becoming licensed in another state for a year and then applying for licensure in Arizona under Universal Recognition.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to forward Dr. Weigert's application to the Board for denial or allow the applicant to withdraw her application. Dr. Mellott seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

2) Kristen Northup, Psy.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 & Part 2).

3) Tim Scott Hotchkiss, Psy.D. (REAPP)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the reapplication. 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 & Part 2).

4) Kourtney Crier, Psy.D. (REAPP)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the reapplication. 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 & Part 2).

5) Sabrina Pratt, Psy.D. (FAIR)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and the additional materials submitted. 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 & Part 2).

6) Michael Nash Clark, Ph.D. (REAPP)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the reapplication. 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 & Part 2).

7) Annie Girard, Ph.D. (FAIR)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and the additional materials submitted. 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 & Part 2).

8) Alicia Miller, Psy.D. (REAPP)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the reapplication with an accommodations request. 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 and accommodations to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP (Part 1 & Part 2).

9) Selena Contreras, 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 & Part 2).

10) Nicole Lebowitz, Psy.D. (REAPP)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the reapplication. 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 & Part 2).

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved the applications of Dr. Kristen Northup, Dr. Tim Scott Hotchkiss, Dr. Kourney Crier, Dr. Sabrina Pratt, Dr. Michael Nash Clark, Dr. Annie Girard, Dr. Alicia Miller, Dr. Selena Contreras, Dr. Nicole Lebowitz to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon passing scores. Dr. Mellott seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

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

1) Stephanie Salisbury, Psy.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 for licensure.

2) Sarah Emert, 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 for licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the application of Dr. Stephanie Salisbury and Dr. Sarah Emert to the Board for approval for licensure. Dr. Meier seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

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

1) Katherine VanBuskirk, Ph.D. (FAIR)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. Dr. Meier expressed concern regarding whether or not the supervisor was licensed in the state where supervision took place, which is the state where the client is located. A review of A.A.C. R4-26-111(A), Providing Supervision through Telepractice, states, "Except as otherwise provided by law, a licensee who provides psychological service or supervision by telepractice to a client or patient or supervisee located outside Arizona shall comply with not only A.R.S. § 36-3602 and this Chapter but also the laws and rules of the jurisdiction in which the client or patient or supervisee is located." After a closer reading and discussion, the Committee acknowledged that the Rule quoted doesn't apply to Dr. VanBuskirk's postdoctoral hours, since the supervisor is not an Arizona licensee, the supervisor and the applicant were not located in Arizona, and services were not provided to any clients in Arizona. The Committee also reviewed A.R.S. § 32-2071(G)(1), which states, "Supervision is conducted by a psychologist who is licensed or certified to practice psychology at the independent level in any licensing jurisdiction of the United States or Canada in which the supervision occurs...who has been licensed or certified for at least two years..." The Committee acknowledged that the applicant and supervisor attested that the applicant provided psychological services only in the states where the supervisor was licensed. The supervisor's licenses were also verified. Upon further 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 for licensure.

2) Kimberly Wells, Ph.D.

This application was removed from consideration due to the application being incomplete.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to forward the application of Dr. Katherine VanBuskirk to the Board for approval for licensure. Dr. Mellott seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

E. Requesting Approval of Supervised Temporary Licensure and to Sit for the EPPP (A.R.S. §§ 32-2073 & 2072)

1) *None in this category*

F. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential (ABPP, CPQ or National Register) (§§ 32-2071.01 & 2072)

1) James Brush, 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 for licensure.

2) Shoshana Beran, Psy.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 for licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to forward the applications of Dr. James Brush and Dr. Shoshana Beran to the Board for approval for licensure. Dr. Mellott seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

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

1) John R. Bridger, 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 for licensure.

2) Sebastian Combo Diaz, Psy.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 for licensure.

3) Karen Schoenfeld Burkhart, 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 for licensure.

4) Mark J. Starr, 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 for licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the applications of Dr. John R. Bridger, Dr. Sebastian Combo Diaz, Dr. Karen Schoenfeld Burkhart and Dr. Mark J. Starr to the Board for approval of licensure. Dr. Meier seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No new items were requested.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Meier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Mellott seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.