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Application Review Committee Virtual Meeting Draft Minutes

January 6, 2023
Held via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Dr. Mellott at 7:37 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL - Ms. Fowkes

Members Present

Ramona Mellott, Ph.D.

Linda Caterino, Ph.D., ABPP

A quorum of the Committee was confirmed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 21, 2022 Regular Session Minutes
- December 21, 2022 Executive Session Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved to approve both sets of minutes for December 21, 2022. Dr. Mellott seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

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) Peter Reynolds, 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.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the application of Dr. Peter Reynolds for approval to sit for the EPPP. Dr. Caterino seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

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

1) Kourtney Crier, Psy.D.

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 and licensure upon a passing score.

2) Samer Arar, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that several concerns: the documentation for the internship was not clear regarding who the secondary supervisor was per A.R.S. § 32-2071(F)(2), the minimum requirement for supervision does not appear to have been met per the requirements under A.R.S. § 32-2071(F)(6), and it was not clear if the internship offered opportunity for the applicant to interact with other doctoral interns per A.R.S. § 32-2071(F)(7). The Committee requested that the university or licensed psychologists who were involved with the program be approached relative to these questions. Dr. Arar arrived to the meeting after the Committee had discussed the application. Upon request, Ms. Galvin confirmed that it would be appropriate to discuss the Committee's questions with Dr. Arar. The Committee asked Dr. Arar about the questions the Committee had as noted above. Dr. Arar stated that his supervisor's spouse was a licensed psychologist and acted as the secondary supervisor, interaction with other doctoral interns occurred at the university under Dr. Rodney Goodyear which included group discussions, presentations, etc. The Committee requested documentation of the above statements.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for a formal request for additional information either from Dr. Arar or the university to include documentation regarding the secondary supervisor, the number of supervision hours and interaction with other doctoral interns as noted above. Dr. Caterino seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

3) Nessa Gulik, Psy.D.

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 reapplication to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score.

4) Jessica Lamar, Psy.D.

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 reapplication to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score.

5) Elizabeth Montgomery, 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 and licensure upon a passing score.

6) Himchan Lee, 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 and licensure upon a passing score.

7) Nina Suvagia, 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 and licensure upon a passing score.

8) Collin McFadden, Ph.D.

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 reapplication to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score.

MOTION: Dr. Caterino moved to forward the applications of Drs. Kourtney Crier, Nessa Gulik, Jessica Lamar, Elizabeth Montgomery, Himchan Lee, Nina Suvagia, and Collin McFadden to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score. Dr. Mellott seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

C

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

1) Ranada Cooper, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the number of supervision hours on postdoctoral supervised experience verification did not meet the minimum requirement per A.R.S. § 32-2071(F)(5). Additionally, the Committee wanted more information relative to the applicant's termination the applicant disclosed on the application. It was the consensus of the Committee to make a formal request for additional information and documentation as noted above.

2) Lissa Pratt, 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. Mellott moved to forward the application of Dr. Lissa Pratt to the Board for approval for licensure. Dr. Caterino seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to make a formal additional information request for Dr. Cooper as noted above. Dr. Caterino seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

D

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

1) Albert Ledet, Psy.D.

Dr. Ledet was present at the meeting. Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Ledet has a long history of issues. He was previously

licensed by the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners (BBHE), had several extreme DUIs, problems with employment, challenges with UAs, and had trouble keeping the Board informed per the consent agreement with BBHE.

Dr. Mellott made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of legal advice. Dr. Caterino seconded. The Committee went into Executive Session at 8:19 am and returned to Regular Session at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Mellott explained to Dr. Ledet that the Committee was forwarding his application to the Board for substantive review, which is typical for applications with previous Board actions.

Dr. Caterino asked when Dr. Ledet was starting his postdoctoral supervised experience (postdoc). Dr. Ledet explained that it had not started yet. Dr. Ledet also confirmed that he was doing two postdocs, one under Dr. Paul Beljan and one under Dr. Carlos Jones. Dr. Mellott stated that the Board needed a signed written training plan for both postdocs. Dr. Mellott requested that Dr. Ledet provide his employment history from 2014-present, which was not included in the application. Dr. Mellott stated it will really help the Board to know what has transpired since then.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the application of Dr. Ledet to the Board for substantive review after the additional information requested above has been received. Dr. Caterino seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

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

1) Arthur Thomas Horvath, Ph.D., ABPP

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) Mirna Mejia, Ph.D., National Register HSP

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) John O'Neil, Ph.D., CPQ

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 Drs. Arthur Thomas Horvath, Mirna Mejia and John O'Neil to the Board for approval for licensure by credential. Dr. Caterino seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

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

1) Melanie Whetstone, 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) Monique Oglesby, 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) Amber White, 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.

4) Cynthia M. Nakoski, 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.

5) Zoe Collins, 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. Mellott moved to forward the applications of Drs. Melanie Whetstine, Monique Oglesby, Amber White, Cynthia M. Nakoski, and Zoe Collins to the Board for approval for licensure. Dr. Caterino seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried unanimously.

5. **NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

No new items were requested.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Mellott motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Caterino seconded. Upon a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.